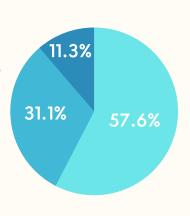
Examining the Impact of a Victim Specialist Program Within a Police Department in Central New York

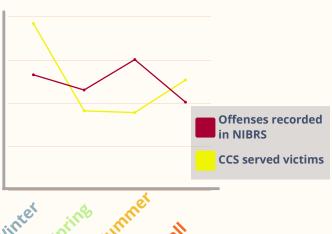
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Using National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) data from 2019 and 2020, APD reported that: Most offenses against persons occurred in the **summer**, but CCS served more victims in the **winter**.

Perpetrators were most often:

- family members (intimate partner, parent, child),
- followed by acquaintances,
- and lastly, strangers.





Larceny was the most common criminal offense.



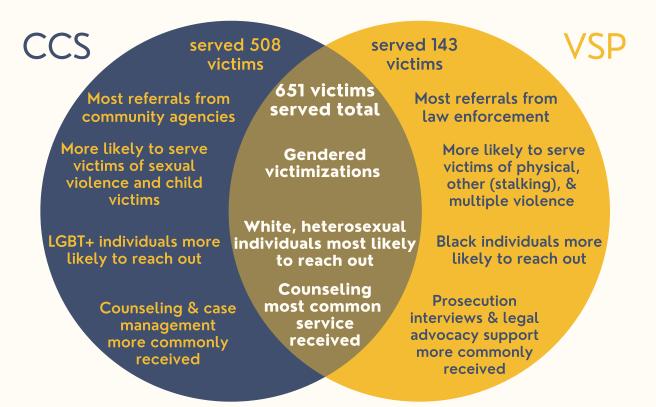
White individuals comprise about 85.5% of Auburn's population and most victims (84.8%) were White.

8.7% of Auburn's population, yet 14% of victims were Black.





Using CCS data and APD's Victim Services Program (VSP) 2020 data:



With the introduction of the VSP in ADP:



Different victims were reached than victims already served by CCS.



More victims engaged with the police, obtained orders of protection, and participated in other justice processes.

Implications for Policy & Practice

- Increase trauma-informed training and awareness of the VSP, so
 officers can share resources on-scene, even if police calls for
 service do not result in criminal charges.
- Consider outreach for financial or property crime victims. Though larceny was the most common offense, these victims were underrepresented among those served by the VSP.

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