

# Progressive prosecutors and public safety: the data



# Progressive prosecutors are proving better at securing public safety than the Old Guard

- In Brooklyn, New York...
- In St. Louis, Missouri...
- In Chicago, Illinois...
- In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

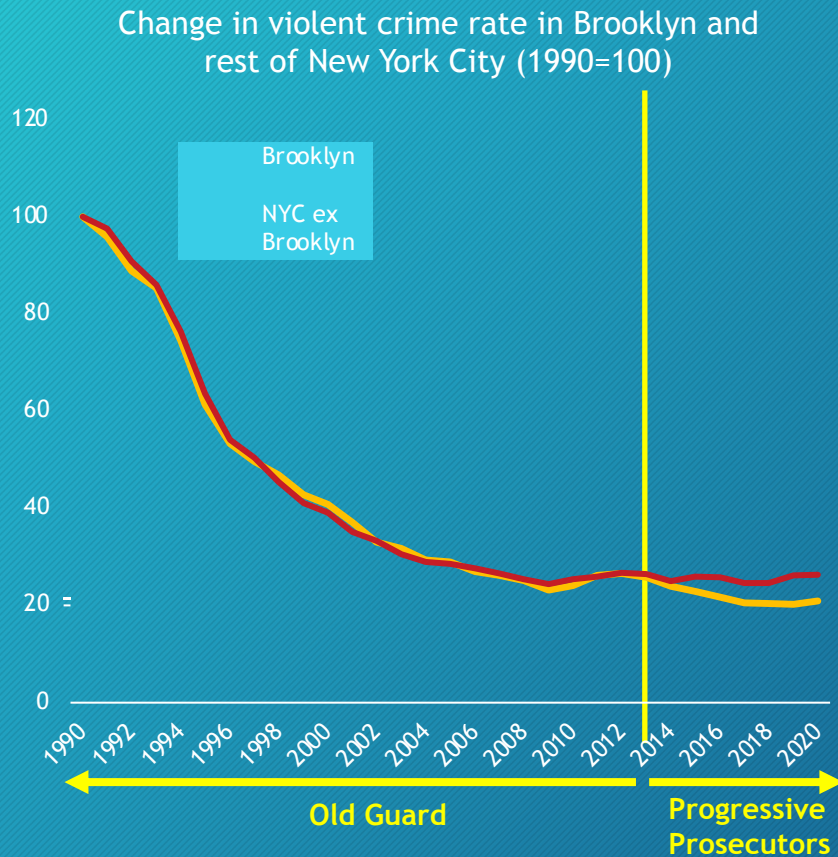
Progressive prosecutors are presiding over greater reductions in violent crime than old-guard prosecutors in the rest of their cities and states.

Surprised? Look at the data on the next four pages.



Brooklyn, New York

# Greater reduction in violent crime



Charles “Joe” Hynes served as DA in Brooklyn from 1990 to 2013 when a progressive challenger, Ken Thompson, unseated him—the first time a challenger had defeated an incumbent Brooklyn DA for more than a hundred years. Thompson, age 50, died of cancer after just two years in office. His deputy, Eric Gonzales, succeeded him and then won his own election in 2017. They were respectively Brooklyn’s first Black and Latino District Attorneys.

From their first year, these two progressives saw Brooklyn break away from the rest of the city, with steeper reductions in violent crime.

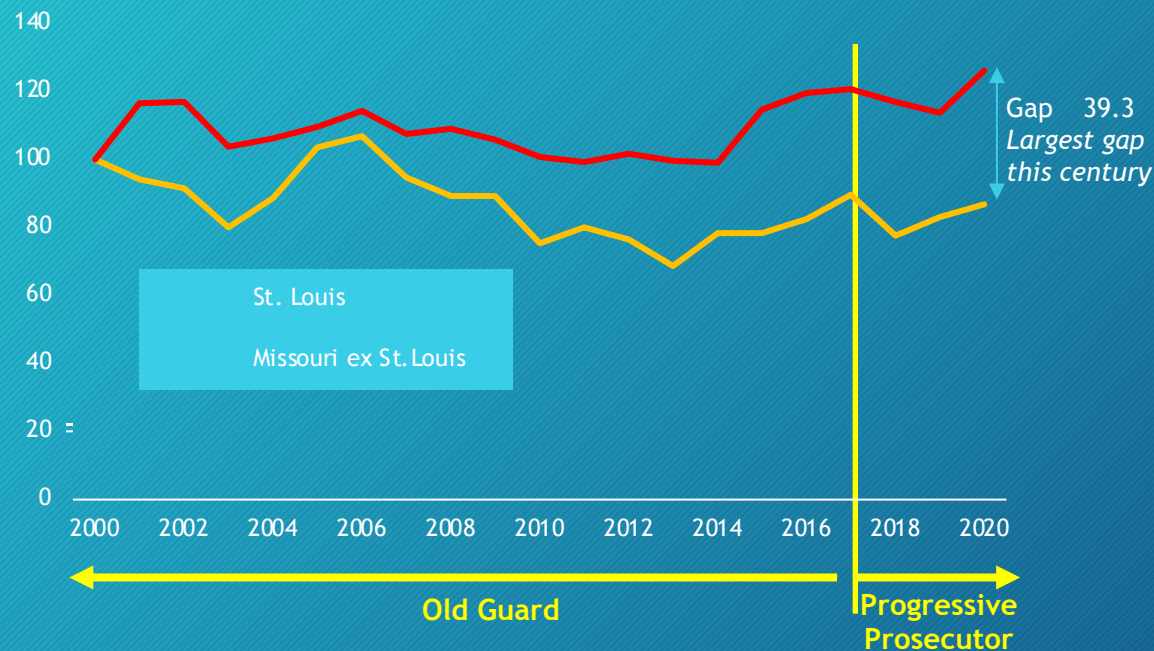
Data Source: FBI, Uniform Crime Reports



St. Louis, Missouri

# Widest violent-crime-rate gap this century

Change in violent crime rate in St. Louis  
and the rest of Missouri, 2000-2020  
(2000=100)



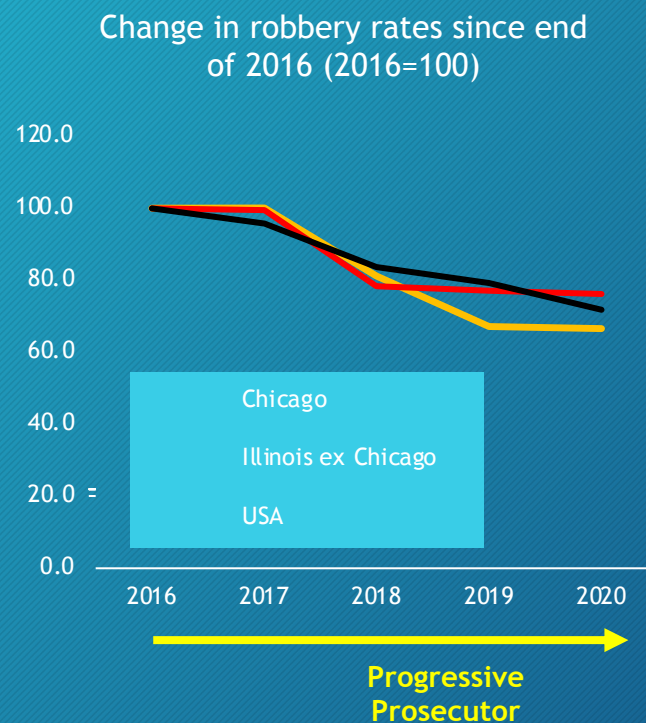
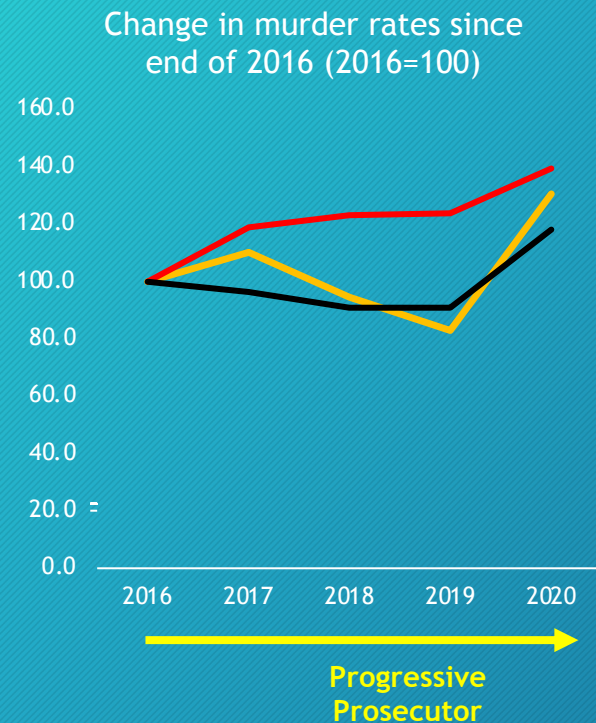
Kim Gardner was elected as the chief prosecutor in the city of St. Louis in 2016 and took office in January 2017, the first Black person to hold that office. While implementing a wide array of progressive policies, she has seen the violent crime rate remain well below the 2000 benchmark, while the rate in the rest of the state has climbed well above it. In 2020, she fought off a primary challenge and then beat her opponent in the general election with 74% of the vote.

Data Source: FBI, Uniform Crime Reports



Chicago, Illinois

# Beating the rest of Illinois on murder and robbery



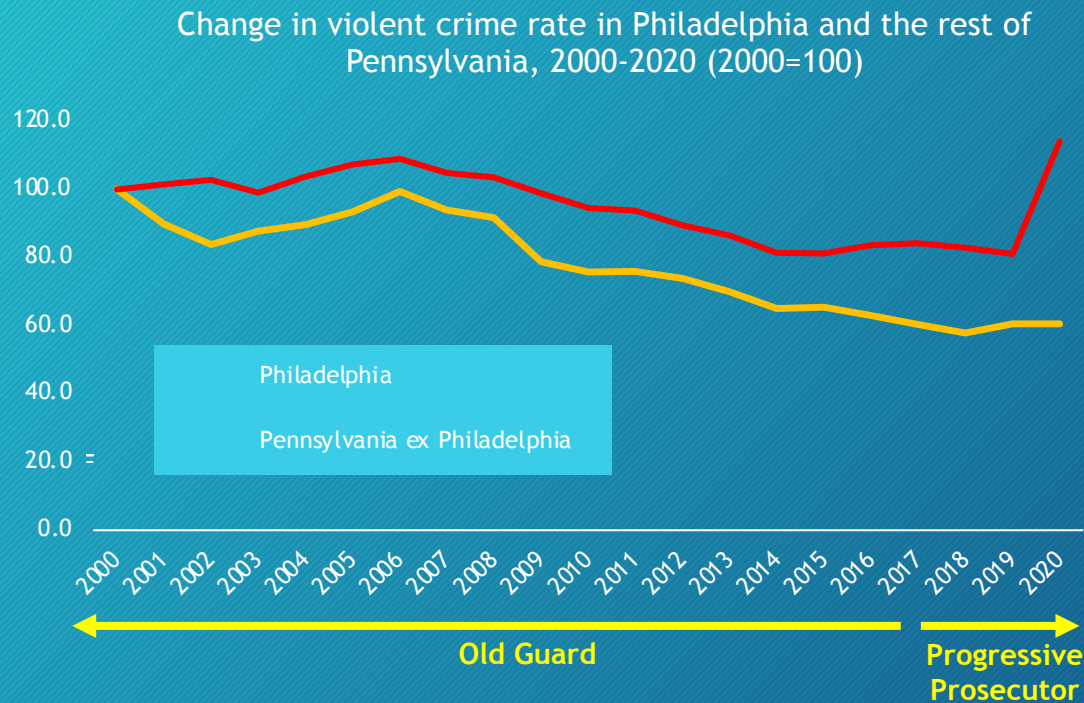
Kim Foxx successfully challenged the incumbent State's Attorney for Chicago in 2016 and took office in December that year, introducing a wide range of progressive policies. Since then, she has seen robbery rates decline faster than elsewhere in Illinois and faster than the USA as a whole. While murder rates are up, as they are across the USA, they have risen less in Chicago than in the rest of Illinois since she took office. In 2020, she was re-elected, beating challengers in both the primary and the general election.

Data Source: FBI, Uniform Crime Reports



Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

# Maintaining gains on violence against the tide



Larry Krasner was elected District Attorney of Philadelphia as an outspoken progressive and took office in January 2018. Despite a rise in homicide and gun crime in Philadelphia during his term, violent crime overall in Philadelphia remains at record lows, even as it has rebounded above the 2000 benchmark in the rest of Pennsylvania. In 2021, Krasner was re-elected, defeating challengers both in the primary and in the general election.

Data Sources: FBI, Uniform Crime Reports, Philadelphia Police Department, US Bureau of the Census



# Progressive prosecutors rebuild confidence

Public safety is the top priority. But it's just the start of how progressive prosecutors are rebuilding confidence in the American criminal justice system.

- By re-investigating the cases of the wrongly convicted...
- By holding all law enforcement officers to higher standards...
- By joining with others to reduce the over-use of jail and prison...

progressive prosecutors are working to break the cycle of despair and restore hope for justice.