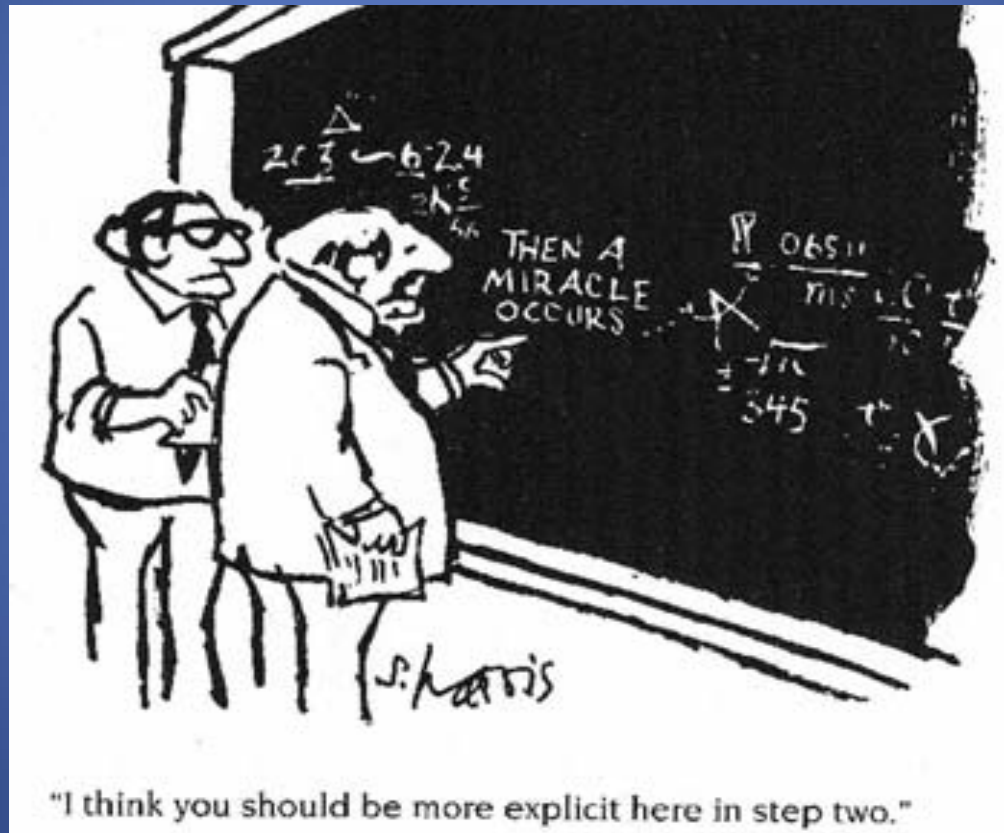


Best Practices in Justice Programming

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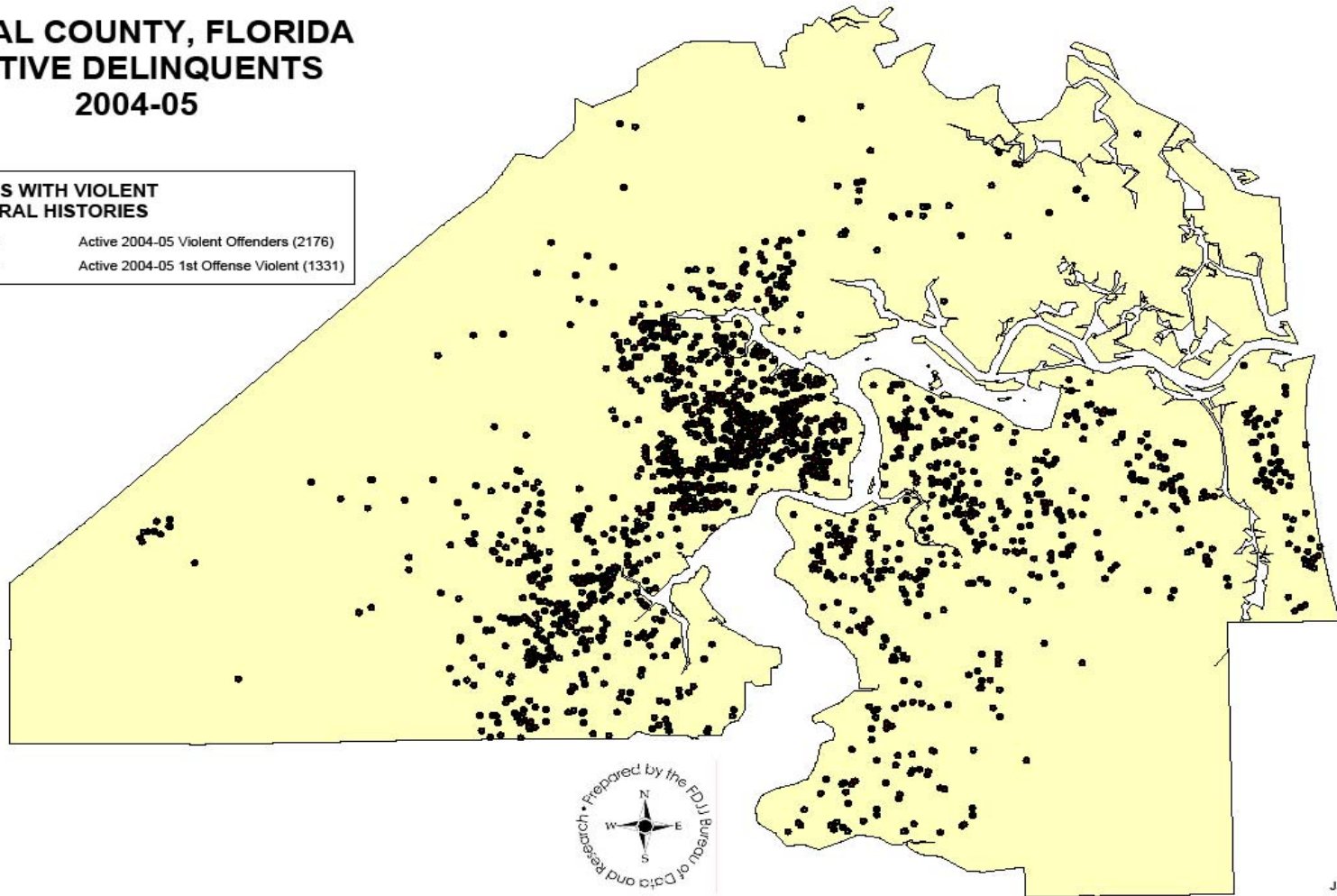


Jacksonville Violence

DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA ACTIVE DELINQUENTS 2004-05

YOUTHS WITH VIOLENT REFERRAL HISTORIES

- Active 2004-05 Violent Offenders (2176)
- Active 2004-05 1st Offense Violent (1331)

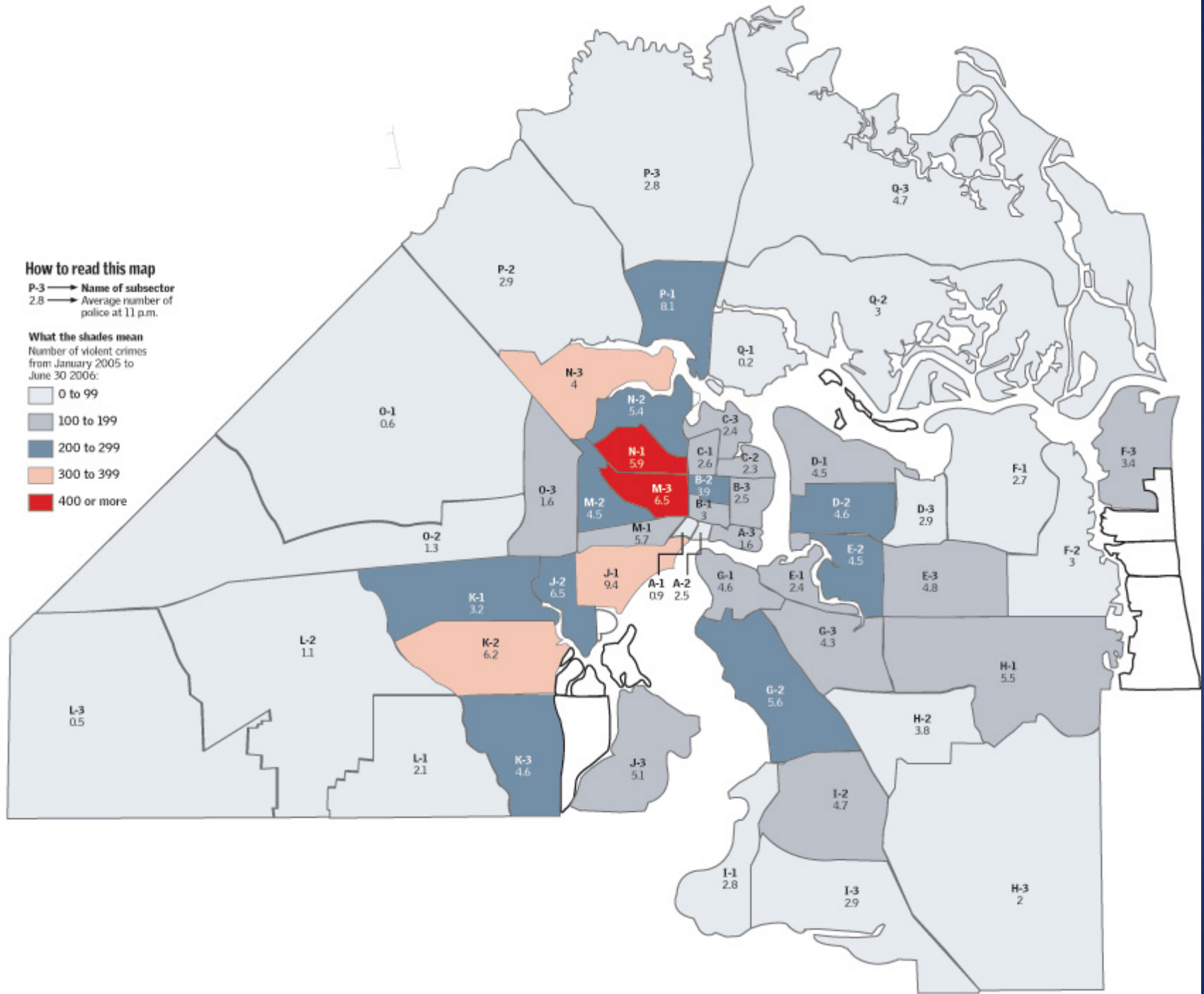
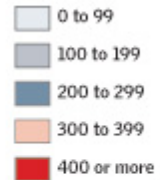


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How to read this map

P-3 → Name of subsector
2.8 → Average number of police at 11 p.m.

What the shades mean
Number of violent crimes from January 2005 to June 30 2006:



Design/Evaluation Issues

Is program outcome-based and does it reach appropriate target population?

Does program deliver measurable outcomes with explicit completion rates?

Does program delineate what resources are necessary for each element of program structure?

Does program define success through data collection/program evaluation?

Accountability Measures

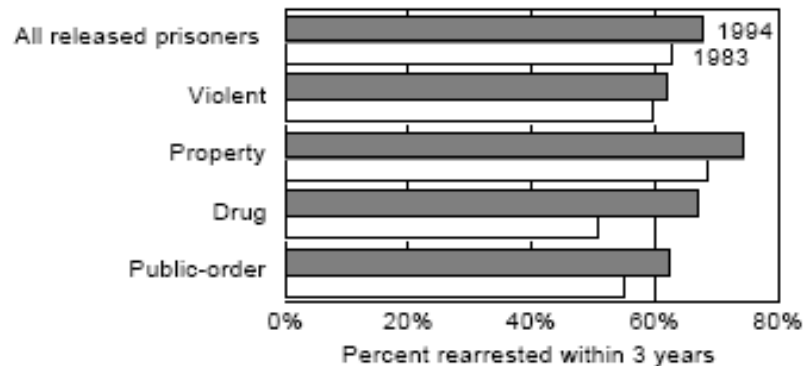
- Does program utilize data/measurement practices to inform practice?
- Due diligence in placing ex-offenders?
- Are costs tied to outcome units?
- Limited resources, problems beyond limits: data-driven strategies, targeted interventions, collaborative oversight

Government Failure

Highlights

Among nearly 300,000 prisoners released in 15 States in 1994, 67.5% were rearrested within 3 years. A study of 1983 releases estimated 62.5%.

Offense of prisoners released in 1983 and 1994



Florida Recidivism

Recidivism Rates in Florida

- **115,000 offenders enter the Florida Corrections System each year.**
- **43,000 of these offenders have never been in the Florida Corrections System**
- **63% recidivism rate for all types of offenses**

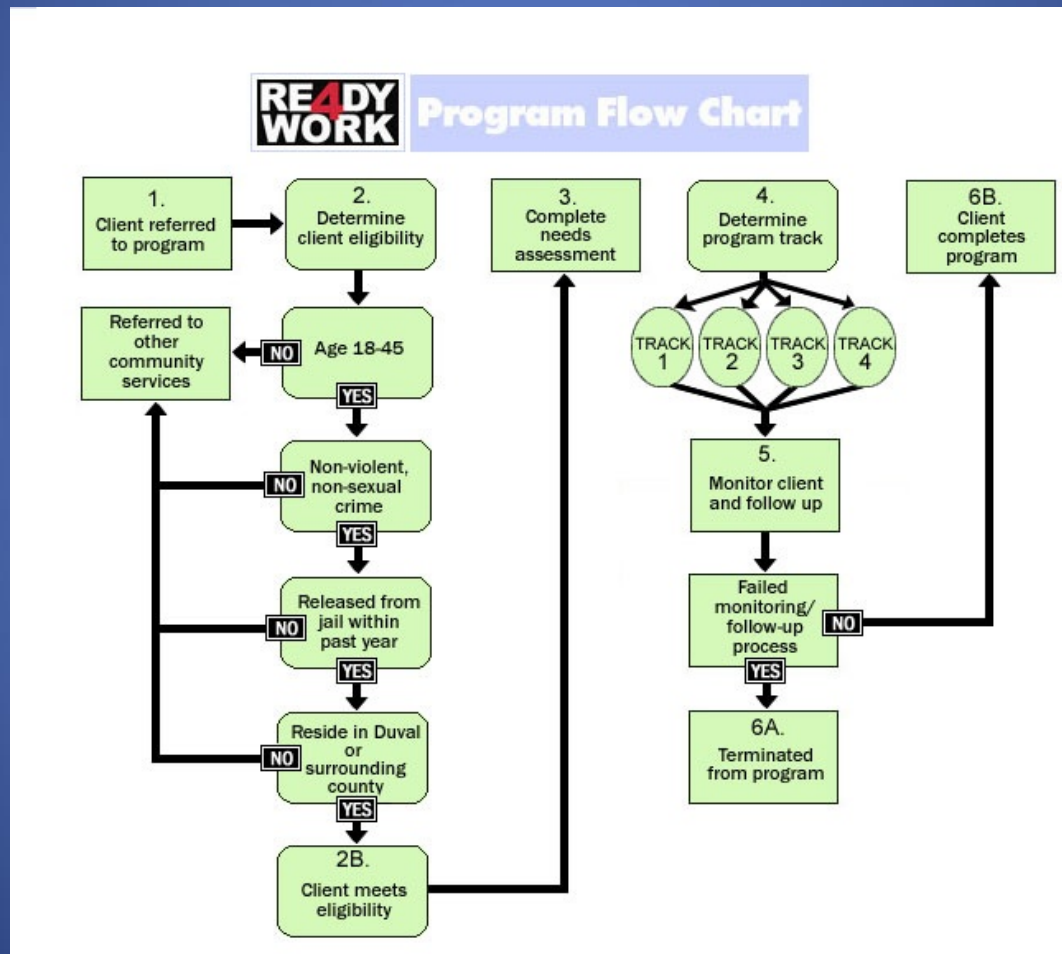
Expanding Assets for Crime Fighting

- Prevention
- Intervention
- Law Enforcement
- Bloomberg: “Educate prisoners, targeted enforcement, options for ex-offenders, prosecute gun crimes.”
- Criminal Justice expenditures rival other governmental priorities; public unaware

NYC Lowest Homicide in History

- “This year, we will build more classrooms at Rikers Island and make going to school there more attractive. And to keep inmates on the right path once they leave, we will link them to the benefits they need immediately upon release. They've paid their debt--but with no prospects, sadly, too many of them will return to jail. Let's help them build their future--which will help keep all of us safe.” Source: State of the City speech Jan 17, 2008

Data-driven Process



Moving Ahead

- Move beyond “#1 in homicide issue”; violent index crime
- Legislative change: mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent drug crime; technical violations on probation/parole.
- Safer Jacksonville Plan; oversight body outside government; fully fund law enf
- Goals: cost increases will slow, Exodus will stop

Investment/Return

Total ad valorem taxes for 2006 in Florida Cities with over 100,000 population

Taxes assessed by government to pay for essential services



2006 ad valorem millage rates obtained from County Property Appraiser's/Tax Collector's Office.