CAMPAIGN ZERO

REPORT: OVER-POLICING, RACIAL DISPARITY IN POLICING, AND POLICE KILLINGS OVER LOW-LEVEL OFFENSES IN COLORADO

OVER POLICING

Since 2013 in Colorado, 71% of arrests have been for low-level offenses. (Low-level offenses do not include crimes against people, sex offenses, weapons offenses, or property offenses other than vandalism.)



RACIAL DISPARITY IN POLICING & POLICE VIOLENCE



Colorado is <u>5th in the nation</u> for rate of police killings of Black people

8X

In Colorado, Black people are arrested at a rate 8 times higher than white people per population for lower-level offense.

12X

Between 2013 and 2019, **Black Coloradans were arrested for drug possession at a rate** 12 times higher
than white people per population.

4X

From 2013-2020 **police in Colorado killed Black people at a rate 4 times higher** per population than white people.

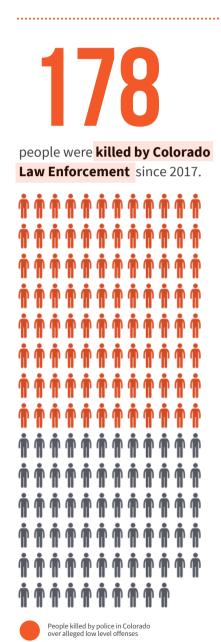
2X

From 2013-2020 police in Colorado killed Latinx people at a rate 2x times higher per population than white people.

POLICE KILLINGS IN COLORADO



Colorado is <u>6th in the nation</u> for overall rate of police killings

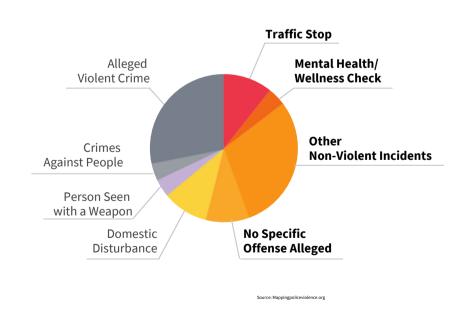


54%

Over half of the 178 police killings in Colorado (96 killings) involved incidents that began in response to an alleged low-level offense, traffic violation, mental health call or situation where no crime was alleged.

NONE of these alleged offenses include crimes against people, sex offenses, weapons offenses, or property offenses other than vandalism.

REPORTED REASON FOR POLICE RESPONSE



Restricting the power of police officers to arrest people in low-level situations would make a substantial impact in reducing the likelihood that these encounters escalate to deadly force.