

**Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative
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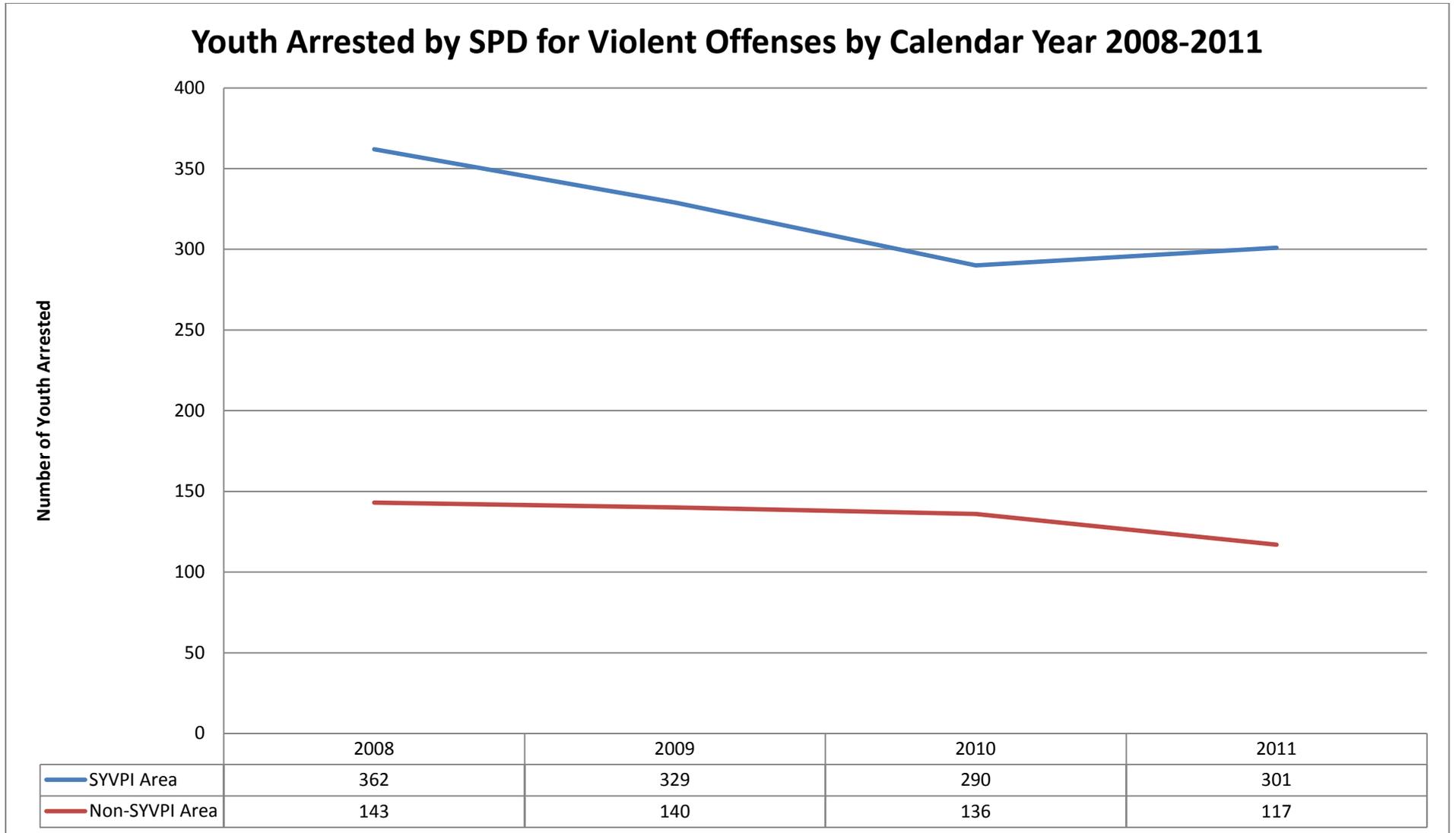
Overview

The Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative has two defined annual outcomes: to reduce by 10% the number of juvenile court referrals and the number of disciplinary actions in select middle schools for violence. At the end of 2010, data indicated a downward trend in both of these measures as they relate to SYVPI catchment areas of SE, SW and Central Seattle.

At the date of this report, the juvenile court data update for 2011 is not yet finalized, although we do have SPD arrest data for youth who reside in our focus neighborhoods. The 2011 data (see attached graph) indicate that youth arrests for violence are up from the previous year although still lower than our baseline year of 2008. Without further in-depth analysis and more specific information about the arrests, it is difficult to identify possible causes for this increase. SPD notes however that some cyclical fluctuation in crime rates is expected and that the increase in violent crimes is not limited to the juvenile population.

Data on middle school disciplinary actions for violence has been analyzed (see attached charts). The number of disciplinary actions increased more steeply for SYVPI neighborhood schools than other middle schools from 2008 to 2011, 12% and 7% respectively. Given the increase in the student population however, the percentage of students with select discipline actions has remained fairly flat over time and shows a decrease in the last semester. In consultation with school district staff, data were identified to be collected and analyzed to better understand why this is happening. At first look, student enrollment seems to be a factor as a number of schools with increased student enrollment and over-enrollment saw significant increases in school disciplinary actions. We will also seek to analyze grade level and other available demographic information. The school district has offered to provide school security reports to assist with information about time of day and location of violent incidents.

Seattle Police Department Data Update on Youth Arrests for Violent Offenses



**Seattle Police Department
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Offenses
2008 - 2011**

SYVPI Area

ARRESTED	2008	2009	2010	2011
Distinct Incidents	349	316	293	313
Distinct Arrested	362	329	290	301
Violent Offenses	442	383	351	348

Non-SYVPI Area

ARRESTED	2008	2009	2010	2011
Distinct Incidents	155	137	153	135
Distinct Arrested	143	140	136	117
Violent Offenses	195	167	171	148

City-Wide

ARRESTED	2008	2009	2010	2011
Distinct Incidents	504	453	446	448
Distinct Arrested	505	469	426	418
Violent Offenses	637	550	522	496

Definitions

Incident: a police report is written

Arrested: person is arrested on the call

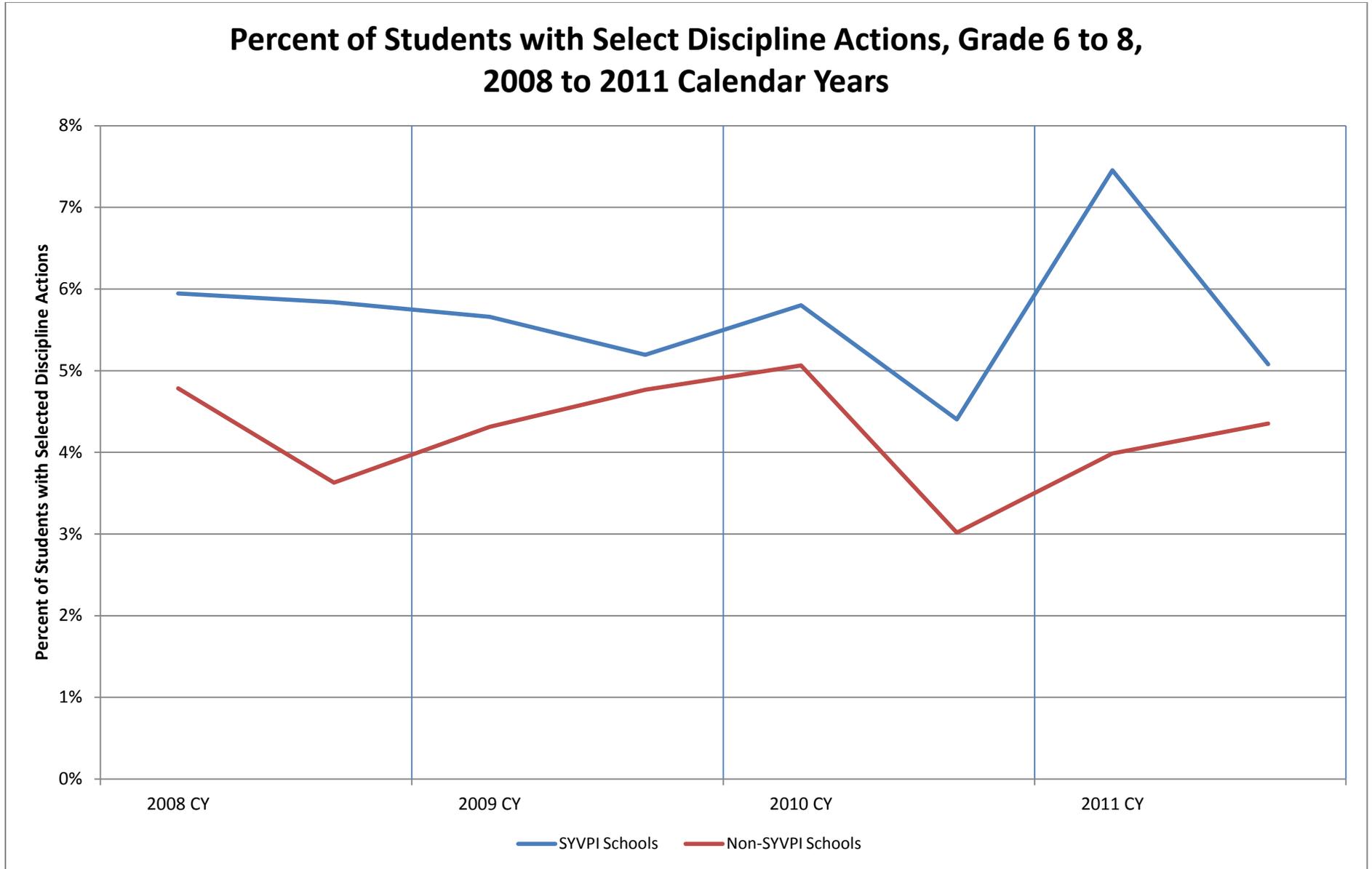
Violent Offenses: see Violent Offense Classification List

Seattle Police Department Violent Offense Classification List

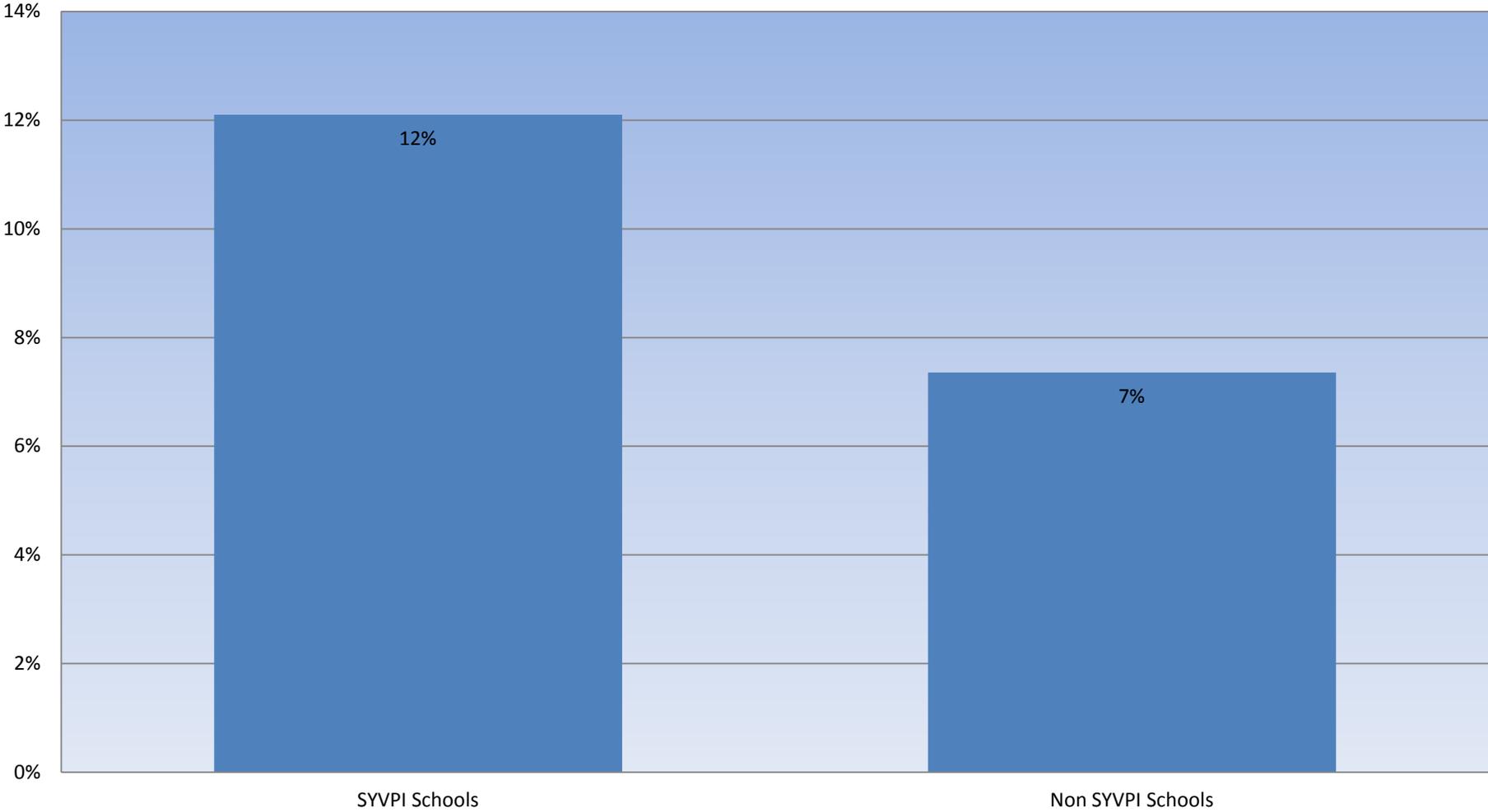
ARSON-BUSINESS	EXTORTION	ROBBERY-BUSINESS-BODYFORCE
ARSON-OTHER	HARASSMENT	ROBBERY-BUSINESS-GUN
ARSON-RESIDENCE	HOMICIDE-JUST-GUN	ROBBERY-BUSINESS-WEAPON
ARSON-VEHICLE	HOMICIDE-JUST-STRONGARM	ROBBERY-RESIDENCE-BODYFORCE
ASSLT-AGG-BODYFORCE	HOMICIDE-JUST-WEAPON	ROBBERY-RESIDENCE-GUN
ASSLT-AGG-CHILD-BODYFORCE	HOMICIDE-NEG-MANS-BODYFORCE	ROBBERY-RESIDENCE-WEAPON
ASSLT-AGG-DV-BODYFORCE	HOMICIDE-NEG-MANS-GUN	ROBBERY-STREET-BODYFORCE
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ASSLT-AGG-GUN	HOMICIDE-PREMEDITATED-BODYFORCE	SEX ABUSE MINOR-COMMERCIAL
ASSLT-AGG-POLICE-BODYFORCE	HOMICIDE-PREMEDITATED-GUN	SEX ABUSE MINOR-PROMO COMMERC
ASSLT-AGG-POLICE-GUN	HOMICIDE-PREMEDITATED-WEAPON	SEXOFF-FAIL TO REGISTER
ASSLT-AGG-POLICE-WEAPON	HUMAN-TRAFFICKING-SEX	SEXOFF-OTHER OBJECT
ASSLT-AGG-WEAPON	INTERFERE WITH REPORT-DV	SEXOFF-SODOMY
ASSLT-NONAGG	INTIMIDATING-WITNESS	STALKING
ASSLT-NONAGG-DV	KIDNAP-ADULT	THREATS-BOMB
ASSLT-NONAGG-POLICE	KIDNAP-ADULT-FOR-SEX-ASSAULT	THREATS-DIGNITARY
ASSLT-POLICE ANIMAL	KIDNAP-MINOR	THREATS-KILL
CHILD-ENDANGERMENT	KIDNAP-MINOR-FOR-SEX-ASSAULT	THREATS-OTHER
COLLISION - HIT AND RUN	OBSTRUCT	THREATS-WEAPON
COLLISION - HIT AND RUN - INJU	PROSTITUTION-ASSIST-PROMOTE	VIOL-COURT ORDER
COLLISION - HIT AND RUN -FATAL	RAPE-GUN	VIOL-DV ORDER
COLLISION - VEHICULAR ASSAULT	RAPE-STRONGARM	WEAPON-CONCEALED
COLLISION - VEHICULAR HOMICIDE	RAPE-WEAPON	WEAPON-DISCHARGE
ELUDING-FELONY FLIGHT	ROBBERY-BANK-BODYFORCE	WEAPON-POSSESSION
ENDANGERMENT	ROBBERY-BANK-GUN	WEAPON-SELLING
ESCAPE	ROBBERY-BANK-WEAPON	WEAPON-UNLAWFUL USE

Note: Aligns offenses listed in SYVPI Appendix B with SPD offense list as closely as possible. It should be noted that Burglary was not used in our offense list because SPD's report system doesn't differentiate at the General Offense (GO) report level between a burglary with violence involved (Example: home invasion burglary) and a burglary without violence (example: Burglary while no one is home).

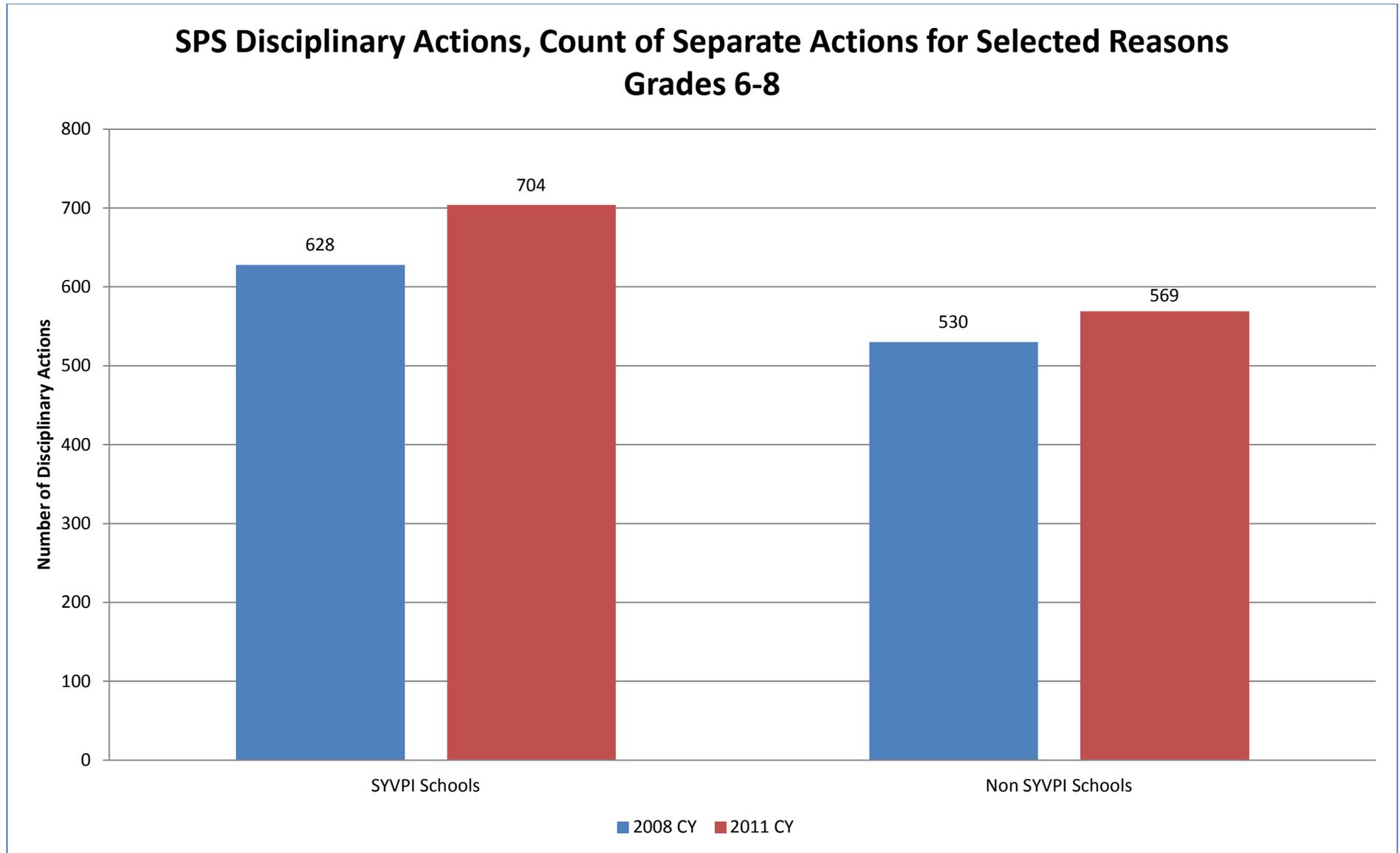
Seattle Public Schools Data Update on Disciplinary Actions



Percent Change in SPS Selected Disciplinary Actions, 2008 to 2011 Calendar Years, Grades 6-8



Seattle Public Schools Report on Disciplinary Actions



Seattle Public Schools Number of Disciplinary Actions by Calendar Year

Number of Disciplinary Actions

	SYVPI Schools	Non SYVPI Schools
2008 CY	628	530
2009 CY	557	555
2010 CY	558	547
2011 CY	704	569

Change in Percentage in Number of Disciplinary Actions

	SYVPI Schools	Non SYVPI Schools
2008 - 10	-11%	3%
2008 - 11	12%	7%

DISCIPLINE REASON
Arranging Fights
Arson
Assault
Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
Dangerous Weapons
Fighting
Firearm
Gang/Hate Group Activity
Robbery
Threats of Violence
Verbal Assault