Eastside Winter Shelter

515 116th Ave NE "Lincoln Center"

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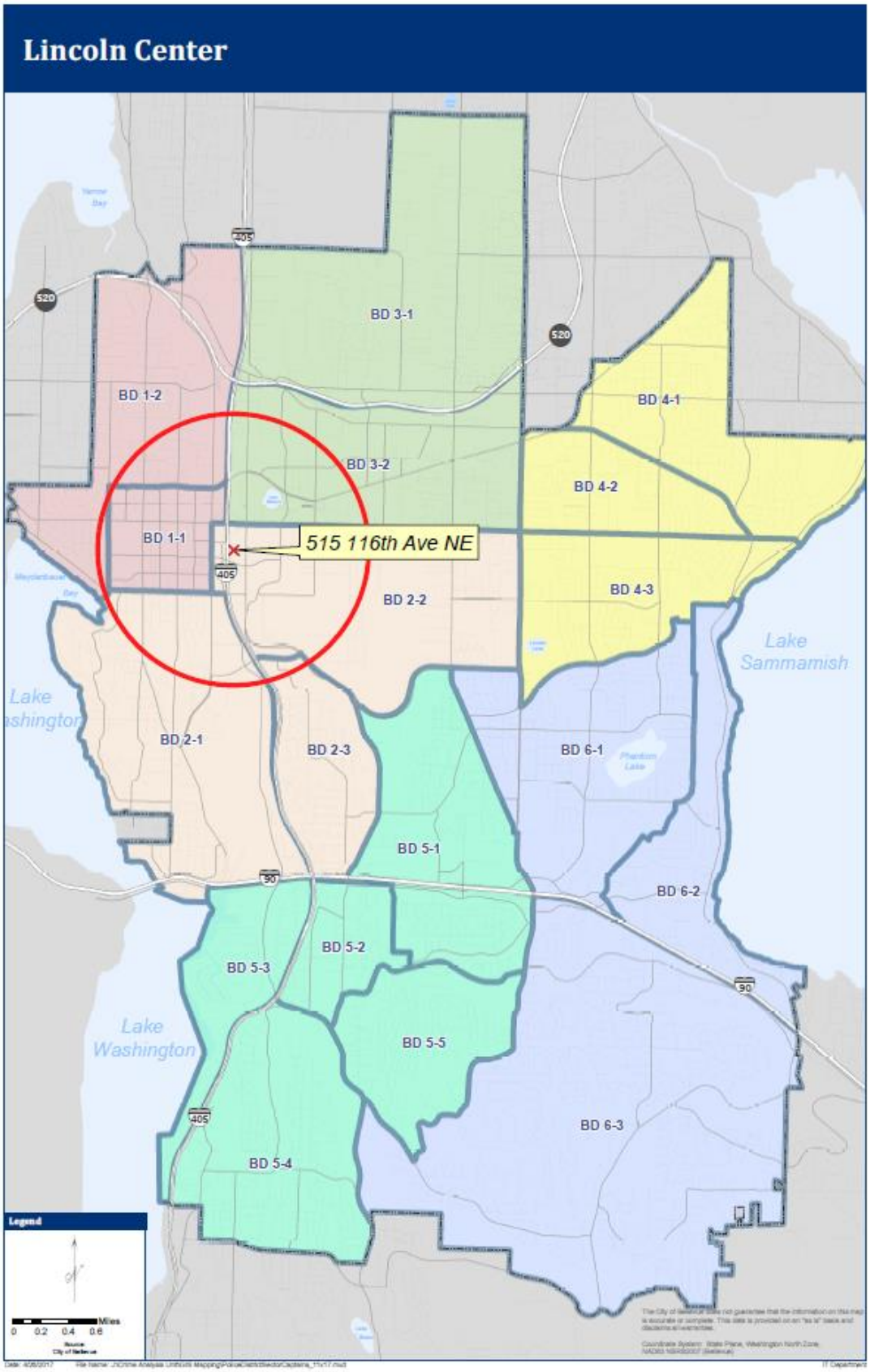
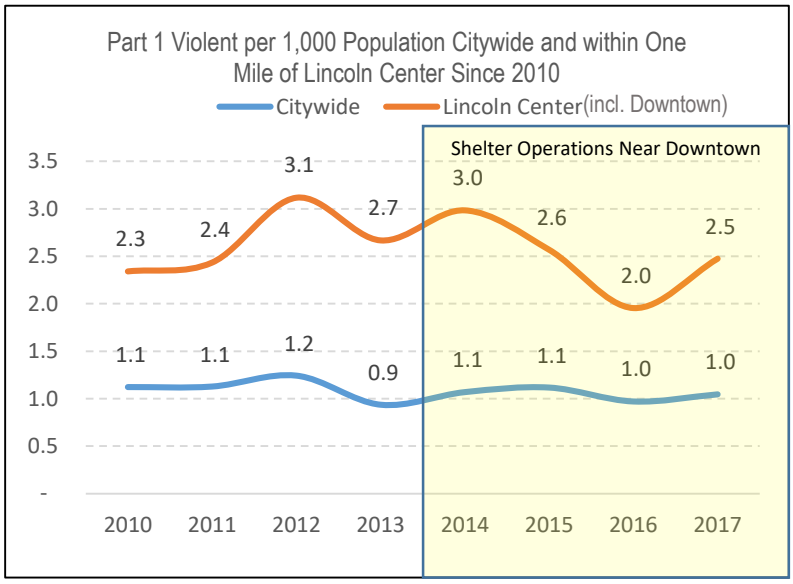


515 116th Ave NE "Lincoln Center" Winter Shelter – Summary of Findings

The Eastside Winter Shelter was relocated to 515 116th Ave NE on November 1, 2016. In its second year of operation, the site is commonly referred to as "Lincoln Center." In keeping with previous reviews of shelter operations and potential sites, data was gathered within a 1-mile radius of this location. The area encompasses the downtown core, the busiest neighborhood of the city, where there are already higher levels of Police Department of activity.

The raw numbers for the 1-mile radius around Lincoln Center were analyzed and are too small for any meaningful interpretation. A per capita analysis going back to 2010 provides an appropriate comparison to determine if the shelter impacted crime rates (e.g. before and after). Because the address for City Hall (450 110th Ave NE) falls within this search radius, all calls and cases with that address have been removed from the per capita analysis. On average there are approximately 250 calls for service per month with the City Hall address.



Violent Crime

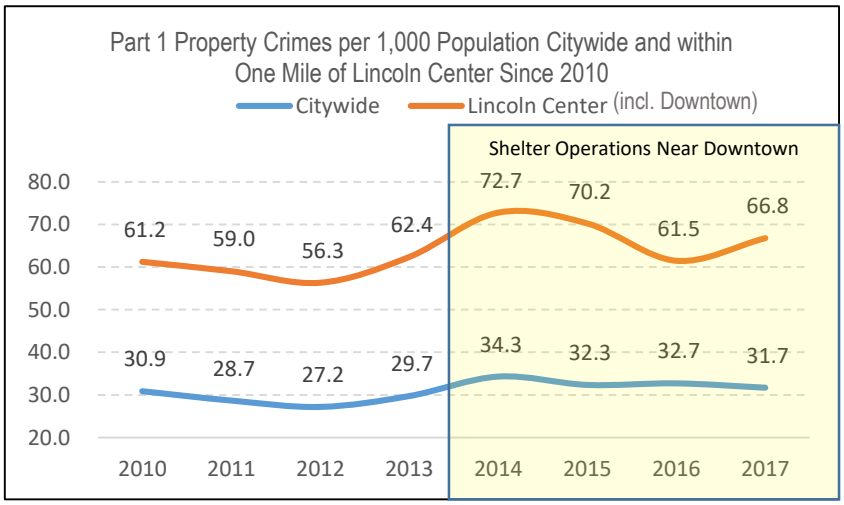
Includes homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

Comparing the rate of violent crime per capita within 1-mile of Lincoln Center to the citywide rate shows that there is a pre-existing higher level of violent crime in the downtown area. This fact is shown to be true prior to any type of shelter operation near the downtown area.[1] While there was a marginal increase in rates in 2014 when the first shelter went into operation in Crossroads, they are consistent with data from prior years. This suggests that the shelter does not have a meaningful impact on the violent crime data in the downtown area.

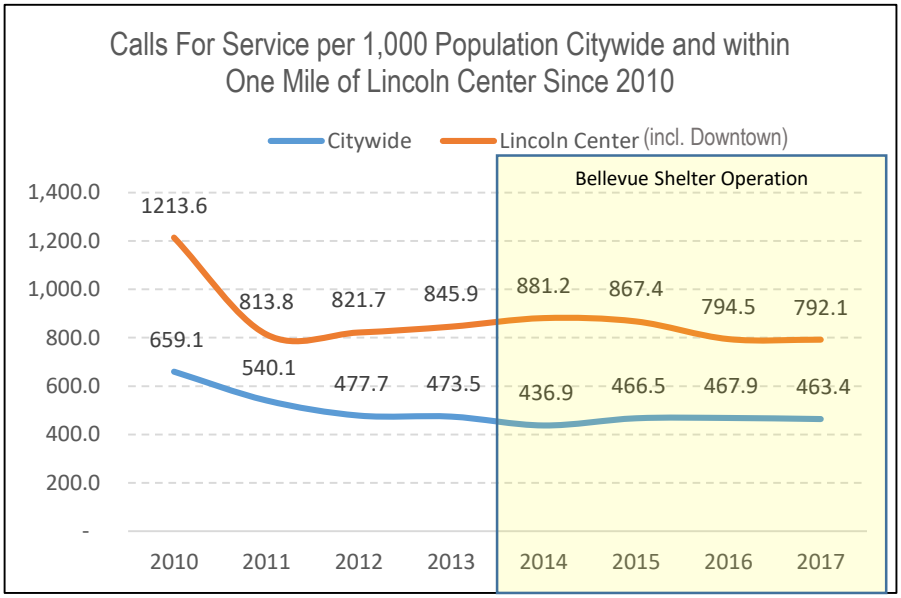
Property Crime

Includes arson, burglary, motor vehicle theft, motor vehicle prowls and theft.

Per capita, property crimes within 1-mile of Lincoln Center are nearly double what is observed citywide. This has been the case since 2010 and illustrates how much activity is reported in this part of Bellevue. An increase in property crimes is observed in 2014, however the rate for the last two years reflects levels seen prior to that time. The vast majority of property crimes in the downtown area are shoplifts from area retailers, thefts and motor vehicle prowls. Through a review of the case files, no specific data ties were observed that suggest the shelter contributed in a significant way to property crimes within the 1-mile radius.



[1] The shelter relocated to the Bel-Red area (1899 120th Ave NE) from the Crossroads area in 2014



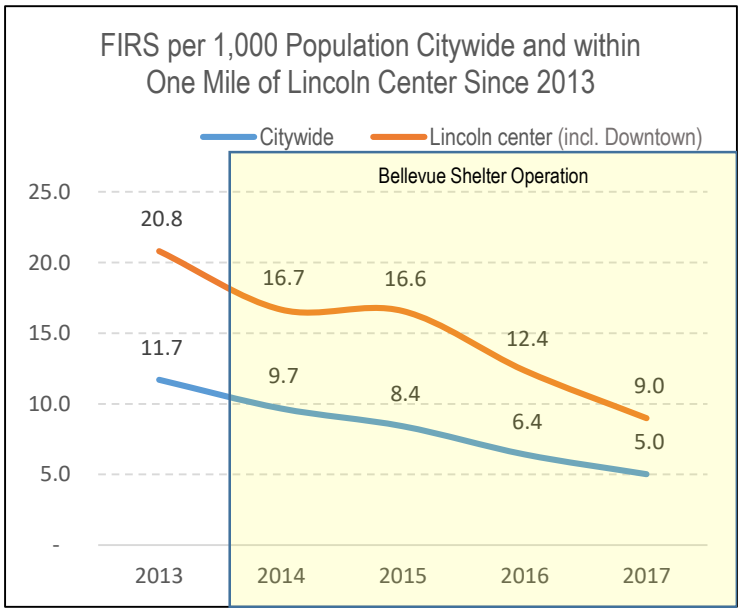
Calls for Service

"Calls for service" indicate any time an officer is called to a location regardless of whether or not a crime has actually occurred. The calls may be indicative of activity that is not otherwise captured in police reports. Reflective of the activity in the downtown area, there are a larger number of calls for service within one mile of Lincoln Center. However, it also reflects the broader citywide trend of declining or fewer calls.[2]

Between November 1, 2017 and February 28, 2018 there were 65 calls for service at Lincoln Center, nine of which appear to be self initiated by individual officers. Of these calls for service there were 17 case numbers drawn. From November 2016 to April 2017 there were 94 calls for service at the Lincoln Center, 34 of which had case numbers. These cases typically involved individuals being escorted away from the location (trespass) for causing some type of disturbance.

Field Interview Reports (FIRS)

Field Interview Reports (FIRS) reflect a police officer's social contact with individuals that does not typically rise to the level of crime, but the officer deems worthy of noting due to the nature of the interaction. In keeping with the other categories, the Lincoln Center area shows a higher rate per capita but is also following the same decline that is observed citywide.



[2] In 2015 the Police Department started utilizing CopLogic, which allows citizens to self report certain crimes. This may account for some of the reduced number of calls for service.

Key Crime types Per Capita
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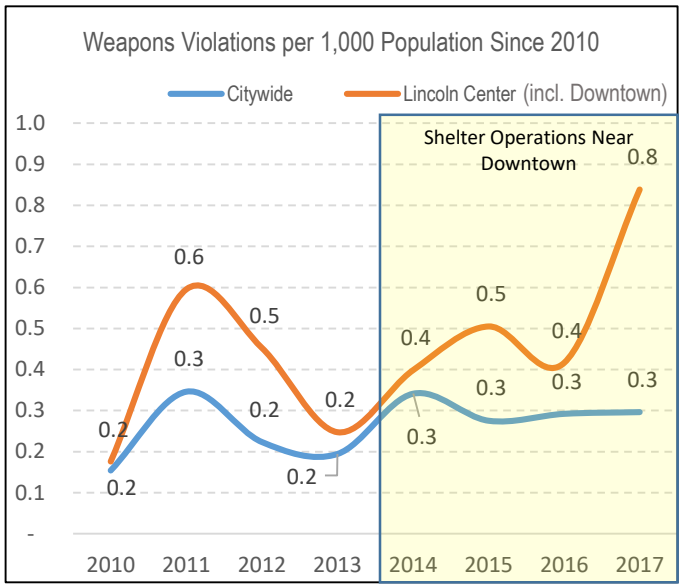

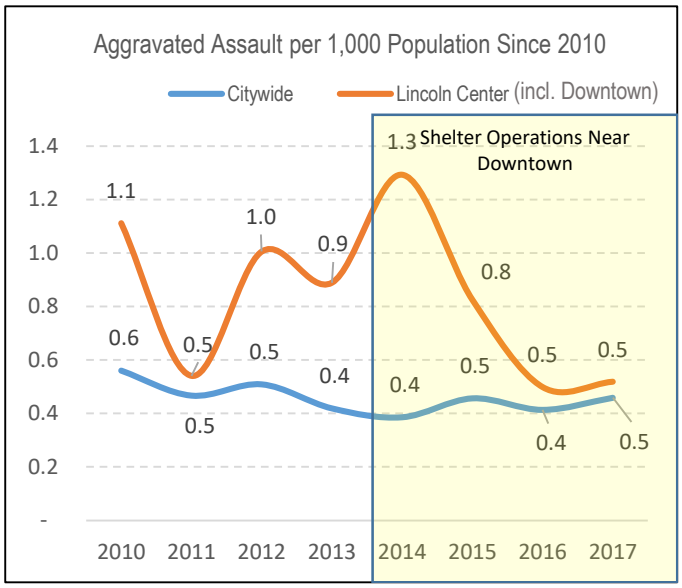

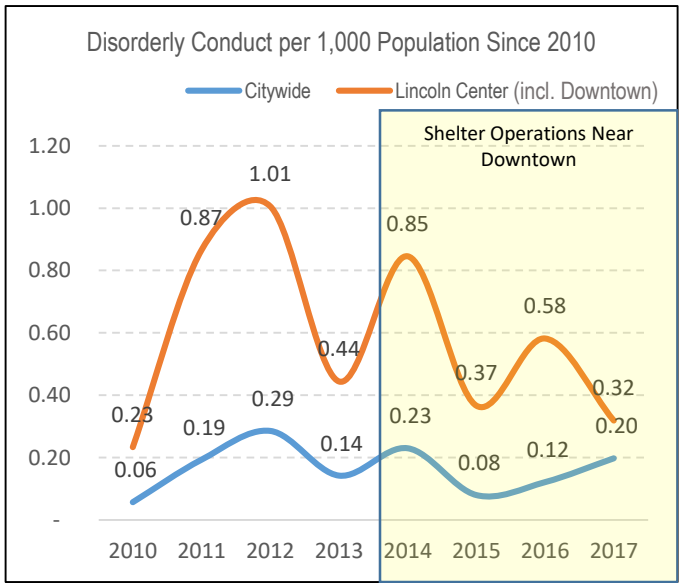

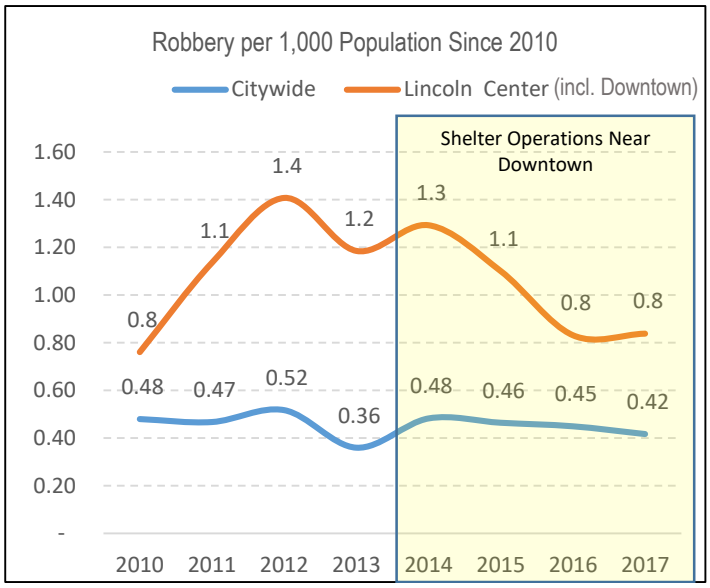

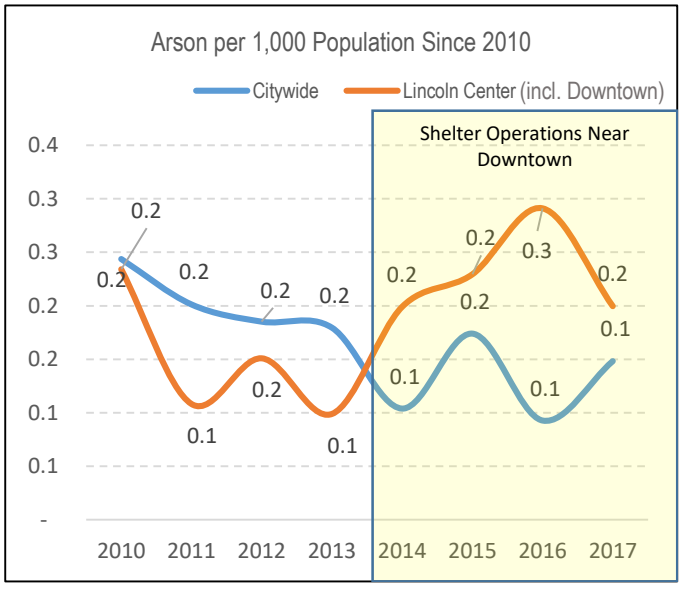

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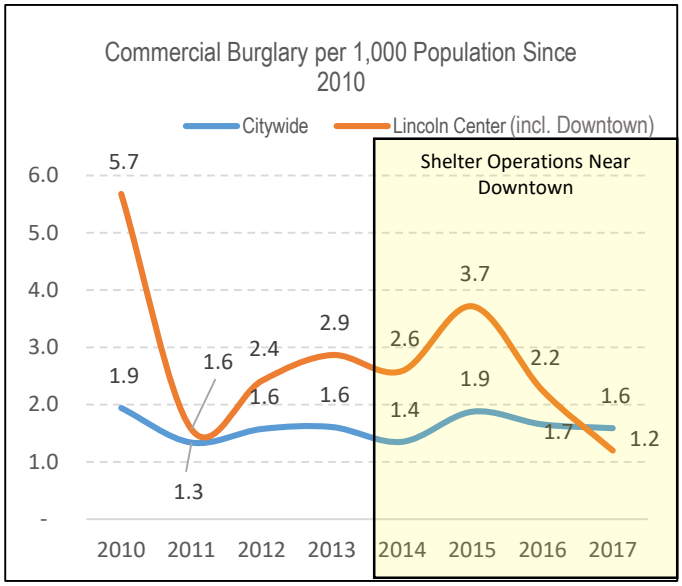

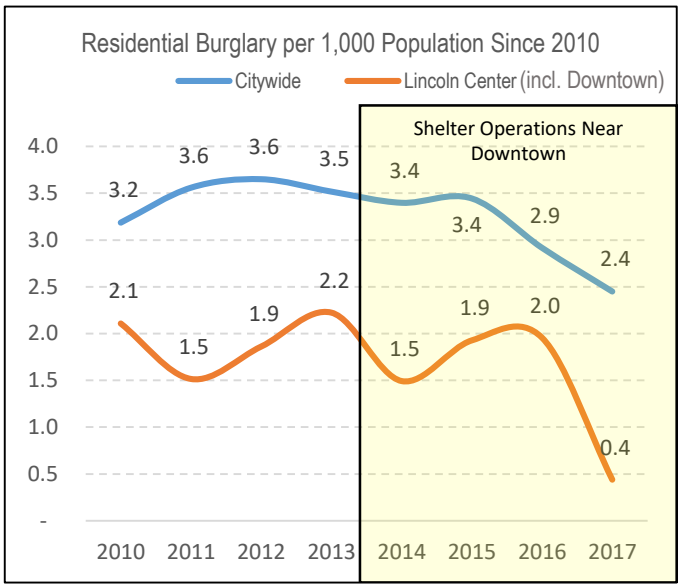

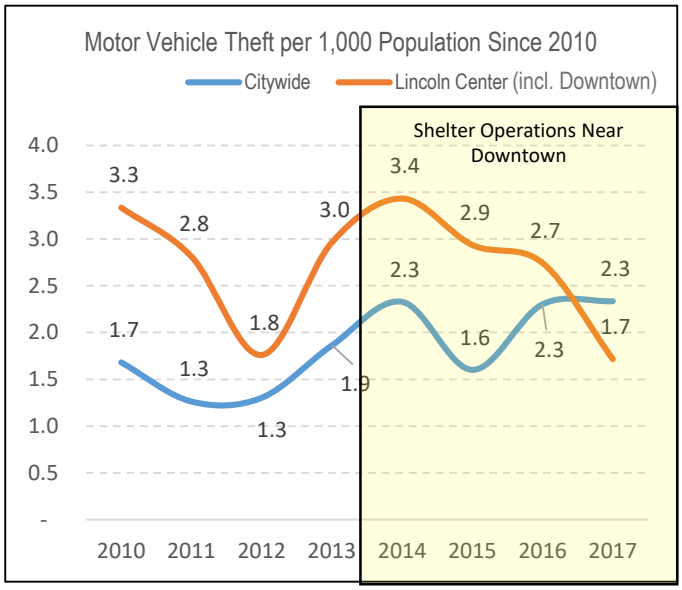

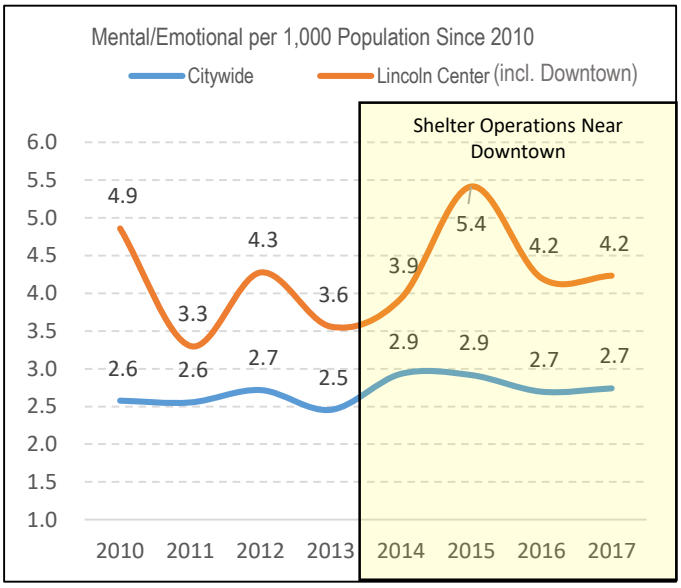

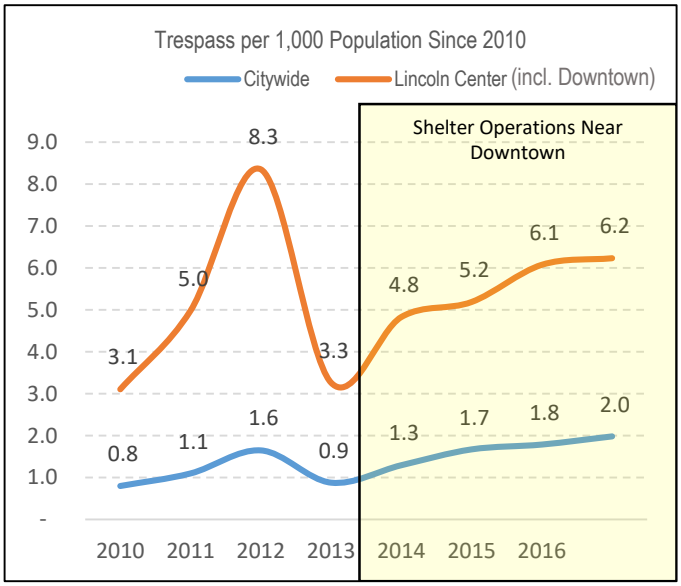

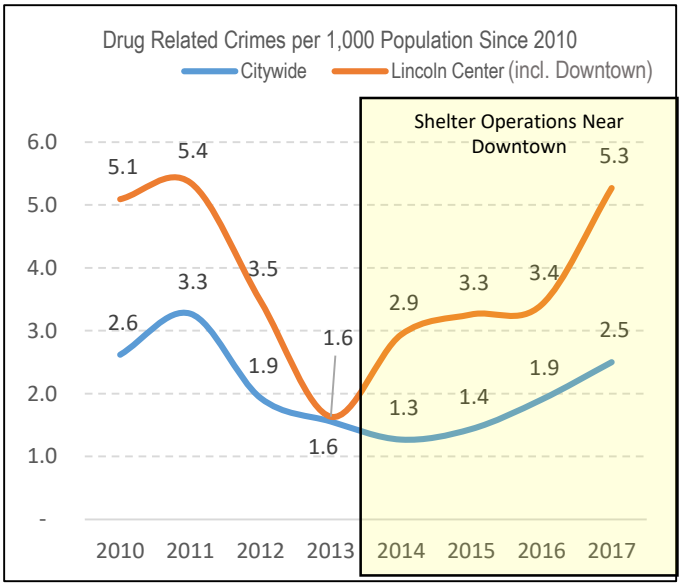

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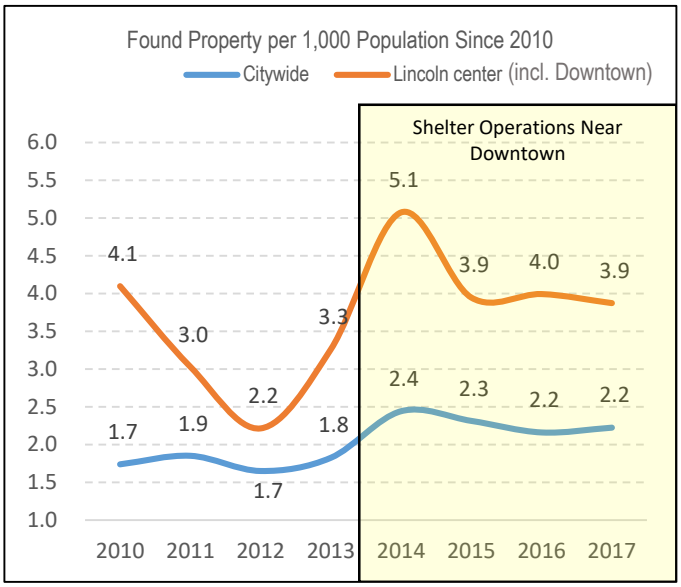

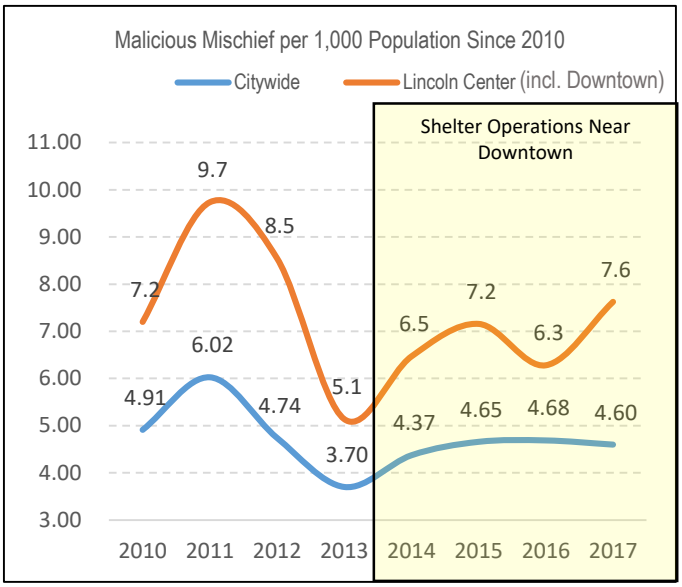

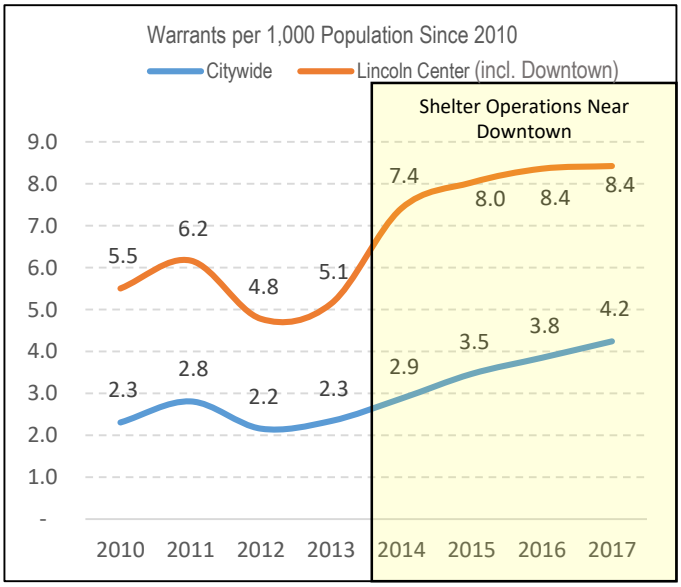
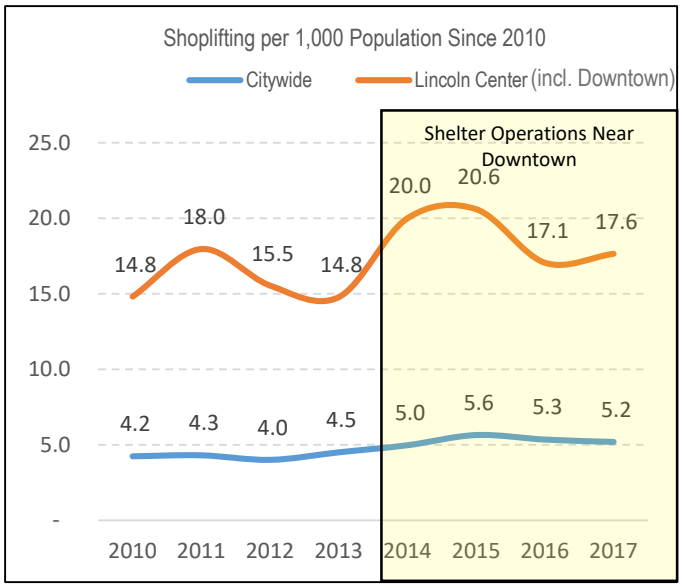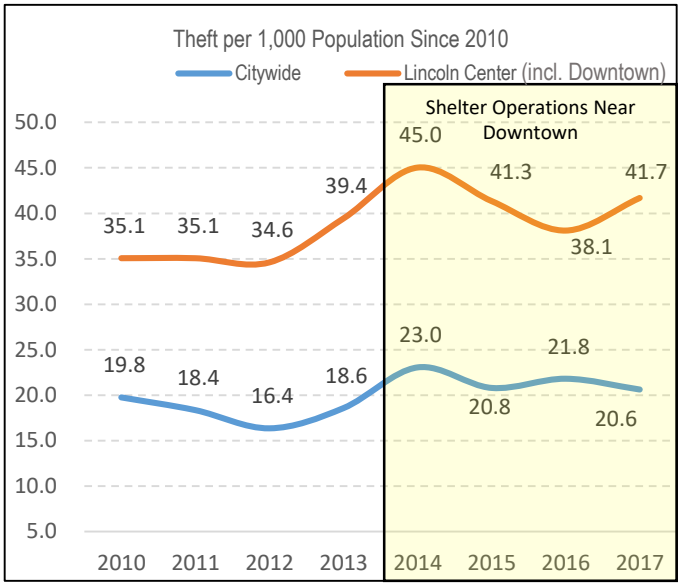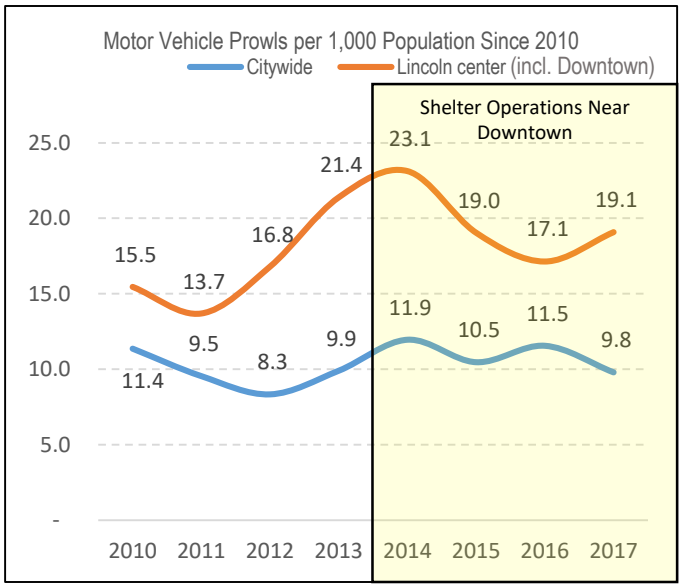
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