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Newark, New Jersey is one of the historic spots in the Northeast of United States. The city is renowned for its culture and is divided into five wards which include Central, East, North, South, and West. There are many historical sites in the central ward of Newark which include Metropolitan Baptist Church, the Krueger, mansion, the Abyssinian church, etc. The central ward is not only known for its historic places but also for the colleges and universities. However, Newark has one of the highest homicide death rates in the United States which is a major concern for the people living in Newark, New Jersey.

It has been observed that since 1980s many gangs have emerged in Newark. Newark has the highest robbery rate among the five biggest cities of New Jersey in 2014. There has been an intense increase in the number of murders in Newark from 2011 to 2012. In 2012, researchers found out that there was 92 murders rate per 33.1 murders for every 100000 citizens in Newark (Street Gangs in Newark, 2019). Newark is the 7th deadliest city in the United States due to the increase in the murder rates. There are several gangs which were involved in these crimes which include 4 Corner Gangster Bloods, 59 Brisms, 93 blood, Bloodstone Villains, Brick city brims, etc. (Street Gangs in Newark, 2019). These are the names of some gangs which were involved in the different crimes in Newark, but there were many more gangs which were also involved in different crimes.

 The crime rate in Newark is higher than the average crime rate across all communities in the United States. It has been observed that the crime rate is about 34 crimes per one thousand residents. However, it is not that much high crime rate but still a huge concern for the Newark. According to the report of FBI, Newark is not considered as a safe place in the United States because of its crime rate. Moreover, when the crime rate of Newark was compared with New Jersey, it was observed that it has almost 92 percent more crime rate as compared to New Jersey (NeighborhoodScout, 2019). Researchers found out that Newark is one of the very dangerous cities in the United States which is among the top 100 cities in the United States (NeighborhoodScout, 2019).

However, when Newark was compared with the other communities having the same population size, it was observed that the crime rate in Newark, New Jersey is apparently lower than the average (NeighborhoodScout, 2019). From some analysis, it was found that Newark is not that much dangerous place in the United States as it is considered by the people. Some most violent offenses which were observed in Newark include rape, murder, robbery, and assault with a deadly weapon (NeighborhoodScout, 2019). However, still according to the FBI report on crime data in Newark revealed that an individual might have a chance to become a victim from 110 people of these above-mentioned crimes (NeighborhoodScout, 2019).

Another major reason in the increase of crimes in Newark is due to the increase in the youth gangs. Youth gangs are using social media to threaten people and are involved in several crimes. They are even doing crimes for fun and have seen doing a live stream of their crimes. Law enforcement officials found that not only teenagers are involved in different crimes but also several kids are also involved who are below 8 (O'Dea, 2019). Researchers found out that from 2015 to 2017, there was a rapid increase of 26 percent in the number of young people who were arrested (O'Dea, 2019).

According to FBI, one in four residents live in poverty which is one of the main reason why gangs are increasing day by day in Newark. However, it has been observed that thefts were slightly down to 1089 from 1160 recently. Still, the number of reported rapes has been increased and doubled than before. According to research, from the major five cities in the united states, Newark still has been involved in more crimes as compared to the other cities due to increasing in the gangs (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2012). Street gangs are growing at a high rate in Newark because young kids are being provided with the guns which they are using to taunt their enemies with the help of social media. These teen gangs have been involved in most number of murders just to show their power and loyalty with their gangs. Law enforcement officials also stated that it had been observed that teens in Newark brought guns to their schools which is a terrifying situation (Pizarro & McGloin, 2006).

It is a real concern currently to how to control this gang mafia situation in Newark to control the crimes. Children as young as 8 or 12 years should not be allowed to use guns, and law enforcement agencies have to make sure that teens are not given weapons in teenage. The dynamics of these gangs are a real threat for the communities as the old gangs were focused on drug activities, but these young blood gangs are being involved in murders and are creating a terrifying situation for the people of Newark. Law enforcement agencies need to create a report on all the problems and suggest solutions for the future on how to stop this gang mafia and control crimes in Newark.

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