The Problem
Worcester, MA is more dangerous than 89% of the cities in the United States.

- **Violent Crimes**: Murder, rape, robbery, assault
- **Property Crimes**: Burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft
- **Total Crimes**: Violent Crimes + Property Crimes

Risk Factors of Gang Membership & Youth Violence

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Our Objective
To keep kids in Worcester off the streets after school, and direct them towards the multiple programs offered.

Did You Know...

- **2014 Violent Crimes per 1,000 Residents**: United States = 3.90, Worcester = 9.64
- **Risk Factors of Gang Membership**: Great Brook Valley, Oak Hill, Union Hill/Vernon Hill, Worcester
- **Age of Arrest**: Youngest to oldest: 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

Arrest Totals by Age in Three Crime Types in Worcester, MA, 2009-2012

Programs in Worcester
- **Girls Inc.**
- **Boys & Girls Club**
- **Worcester Youth Center**
- **YMCA (Central Community Branch)**
- **YMCA (Greendale Family Branch)**
- **YWCA**
- **Friendly House**
- **You Inc.**

Our Goal
To create a transportation system that commutes students from the schools located in neighborhoods with high crime activity, to the various programs located throughout Worcester, and back home if needed. The problem isn't that there aren't enough effective programs in Worcester; the problem is that kids have no way of getting to these programs.

Steps Taken to Reach Our Goal
1. Contact programs to ask questions, and get viewpoints.
2. Create informative website to raise awareness of programs: [Theguysinbowties.weebly.com](http://Theguysinbowties.weebly.com)
3. Propose problem and website to the Chief of Staff of Worcester.
4. Reach out to schools to expose website, and have parents fill out the website's survey.

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