



### **Murder rate cut in half when bars close early**

#### **Researchers estimate more than 200 lives have been saved**

After years of staying open around the clock, nightclubs and bars began closing at 11 p.m. and in just two years, homicides in this Brazilian town outside of Sao Paulo dropped from an average of 22 a month to 12. This new study examines the changes that affected the decline in murders as well as other alcohol-control policies.

## **PIRE SPOTLIGHT**

Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE) is one of the nation's preeminent independent, nonprofit organizations focusing on individual and social problems associated with the use of alcohol and other drugs. PIRE is dedicated to merging scientific knowledge and proven practice to create solutions that improve the health, safety, and well-being of individuals, communities, nations and the world. The Institute has a significant national presence in the area of prevention, with funded research projects at its ten [research centers](#) located around the country.

### **Focus**

PIRE scientists and practitioners continually focus on the design and implementation of complex program evaluation strategies and the conduct of research related to health and social issues, including criminal justice. PIRE provides training and technical assistance in many health-related areas to states and communities that are attempting to mitigate the effects of alcohol and other drug abuse.

In all its work, PIRE maintains a commitment to the application of research findings in solution of real-world problems, achieved, in part, by translating scientific knowledge into practical guidance for policymakers and practitioners.

### **History**

PIRE was founded in the early 1970s when a group of allied scientists were among the first to recognize the dangers inherent in the emergence of widespread drug use. The Institute developed and disseminated some of the earliest prevention strategies. Since then, PIRE has broadened its scope to encompass many of the most serious threats to human health and safety.

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