



# 2023 Q2 King County Firearm Violence Report

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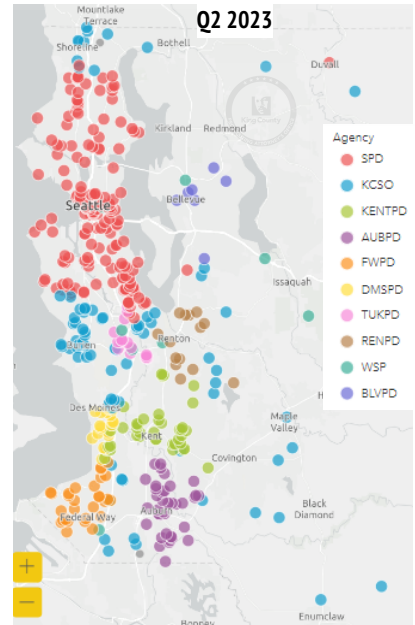
## Total Shootings and Shots Fired Incidents

The numbers of firearm homicide victims, nonfatal shooting victims, and total shots fired incidents for Q2 2023 are listed below. This data comes from the 8 jurisdictions in King County (listed below) that have historically had over 90% of firearm violence, but also includes data from many of the smaller jurisdictions in King County. This does not include suicides, confirmed self-inflicted shootings, or officer involved shootings.



## Geographic Distribution

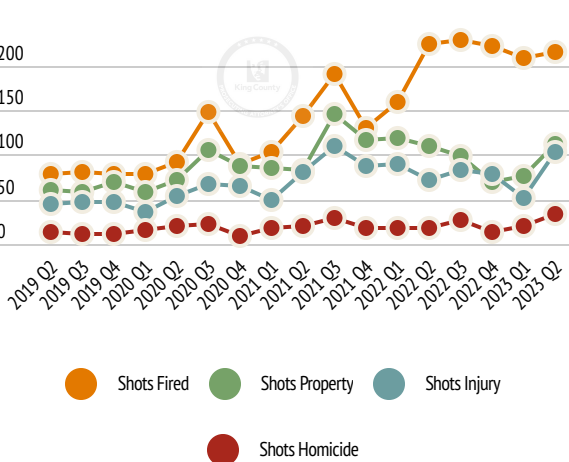
Shootings in King County are not evenly distributed by jurisdiction. We currently collect data from over 20 agencies, but a majority of the data comes from 8 agencies: Seattle, Auburn, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Renton, Tukwila, and the King County Sheriff's Office (including unincorporated King County and 13 Contract Cities, 2 Transit Agencies and 1 AARF). These 8 agencies account for roughly 80% of King County's population. In Q2 2023, 60% of the total shots fired incidents and 57% of the shooting victims (both firearm homicide victims and nonfatal shooting victims) were from agencies outside of Seattle.



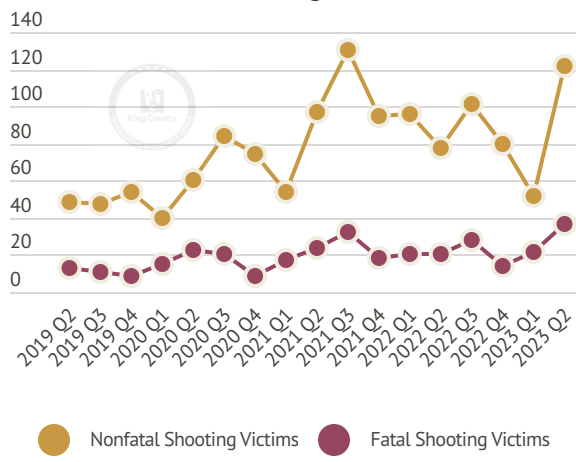
# Historical Comparisons

The graphs below depict the number of shots fired incidents broken down by type from 2019-2023 and the number of non-fatal & fatal shooting victims from 2019-2023. Compared to the average of the previous five quarters of data, shots fired incidents in Q2 (465) were up 17% (+68) and the number of shooting victims (159) were up 55% (+57). More specifically, the number of fatal shooting victims increased 76% (+16) and nonfatal shooting victims increased 50% (+41) over those averages.

**Number and Type of Shots Fired Incidents**



**Number of Shooting Victims**



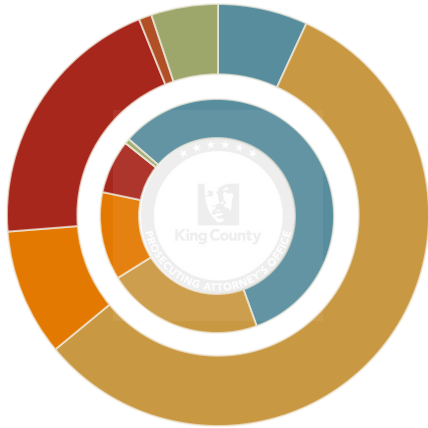
# Shooting Victim Demographics

Of the 159 shooting victims, 89% were male; 31% were aged between 18-24; and 80% were people of color. The alarming increase in Q2 shooting victims was due to a record high number of quarterly victims under 30 (93), a 13% (+12) increase from the previous highest total; with 18-24 victims nearly quadrupling from Q1.

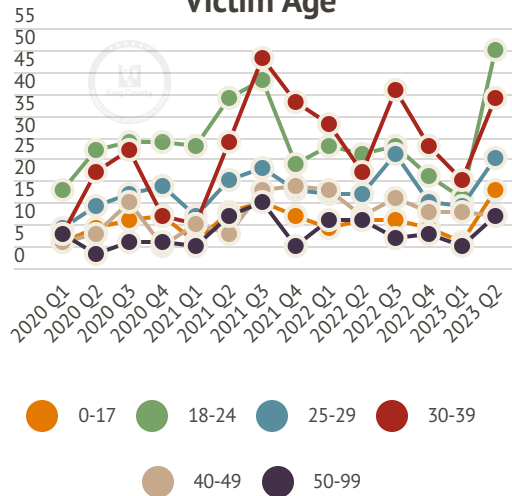
**Race/Ethnicity**

- Black or African American
- Non-Hispanic White
- Hispanic or Latino
- Asian and Pacific Islander
- Native American and other
- Two or more race

**Outer Circle = General Population**  
**Inner Circle = Shooting Victims**



**Victim Age**



\*\* KCPAO relies on law enforcement reports for the demographic information about victims, including race/ethnicity. Each law enforcement agency has separate policies and systems for collecting demographic data, which can result in varying levels of reporting. KCPAO is aware that this race/ethnicity data may not accurately reflect the demographics of victims of gun violence in our community.

