

2024 Q1 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 Q1 2024 are listed below. This data is sourced from the 8 King County jurisdictions with a historical prevalence of over 90% of the firearm violence in the county, as well as data from 12 smaller jurisdictions in the county. This data does not include suicides, confirmed self-inflicted shootings, self-defense or officer involved shootings.

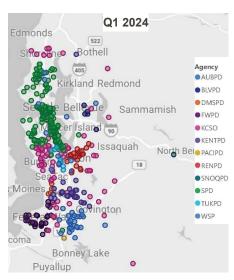






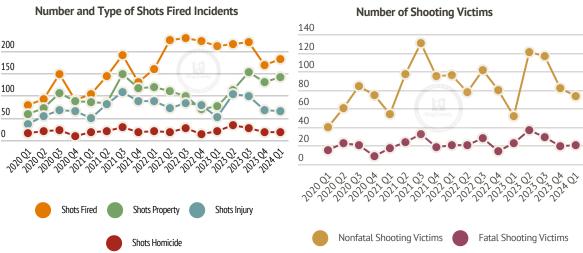
Geographic Distribution

Shooting incidents in King County are not evenly distributed across the county but rather are more concentrated in certain areas of the county. The data included here represents the jurisdictions that account for roughly 80% of the King County population and is provided by the following 8 agencies: Seattle, Auburn, Des Moines, Federal Way, and the King County Sheriff's Office which represents unincorporated King County, 13 contract cities, 2 transit agencies, and the AARF. The data provided by these agencies shows that in Q1 of 2024 55% of the total shots fired incidents and 50% of both firearm homicide victims and nonfatal shooting victims were located outside of the City of Seattle.



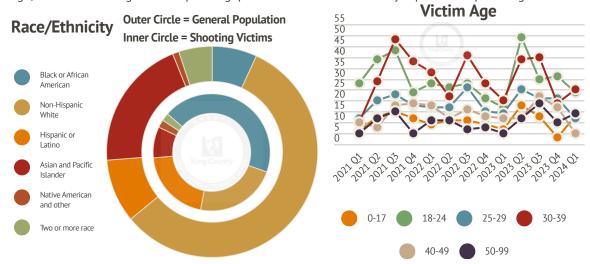
Historical Comparisons

The graphs depict the number of shots fired incidents broken down by type of incident and the numbers of fatal and non-fatal shooting victims from 2020-2024. Compared to the previous five quarter average, Q1 shots fired incidents (407) decreased by 2.6% (-11) and the number of shooting victims (93) decreased by 19% (-22). More specifically, when compared to the average of the previous five quarters of data, fatal shooting victims decreased by approximately 17% (-4) and nonfatal shooting victims decreased by approximately 19% (-17).



Shooting Victim Demographics

Of the 93 total shooting victims in Q1,85% were male; 26% were aged between 18-24; and 77% were people of color. Despite drops in the average number of incidents, common in first quarters, total shots fired remain high; a concern heading into the upcoming quarters which have historically experienced spikes in gun violence.



^{**} 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.

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