



2024 Year End King County Firearm Violence Report

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Total Shootings and Shots Fired Incidents

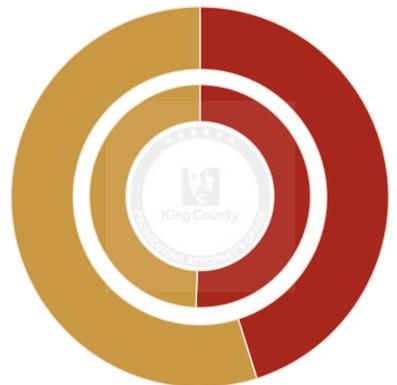
The numbers of firearm homicide victims, nonfatal shooting victims, and total shots fired incidents for 2024 are listed below. This data is sourced from the 8 King County jurisdictions with a historical prevalence of over 90% of the firearm violence in the county, as well as data from 12 smaller jurisdictions in the county. This data does not include suicides, confirmed self-inflicted shootings, self-defense or officer involved shootings.



Geographic Distribution

The data included here represents the jurisdictions that account for roughly 80% of the King County population and is primarily provided by the following 8 agencies: Seattle, Auburn, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Renton, Tukwila, and the King County Sheriff's Office which represents unincorporated King County, 13 contract cities, 2 transit agencies and the AARF. According to the data provided in 2024, 45% of the total shots fired incidents and 51% of both firearm homicide victims and nonfatal shooting victims occurred in the City of Seattle while the remaining incidents were largely concentrated in the south of the county.

Outer Circle = Shots Fired Incidents
Inner Circle = Shooting Victims

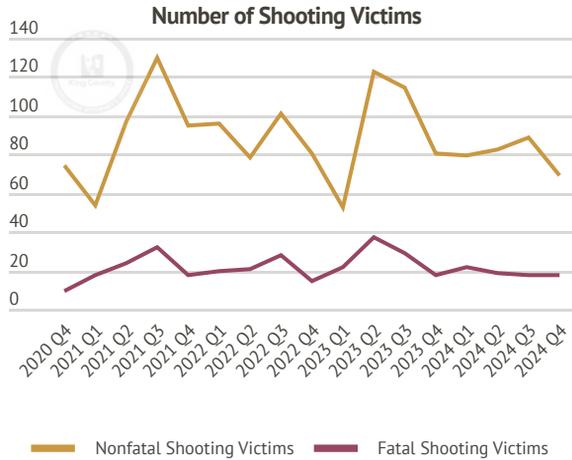
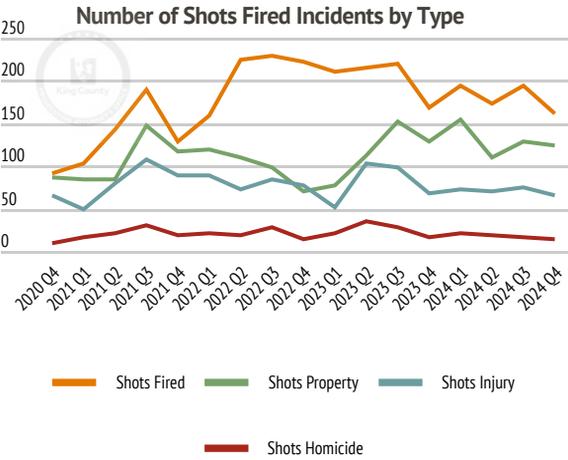


● Seattle ● Rest of King County

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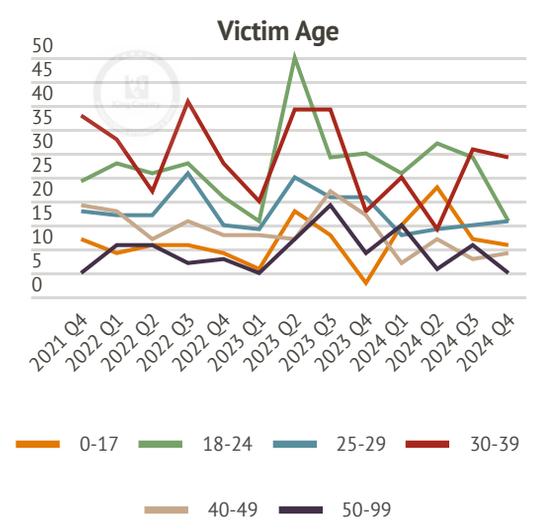
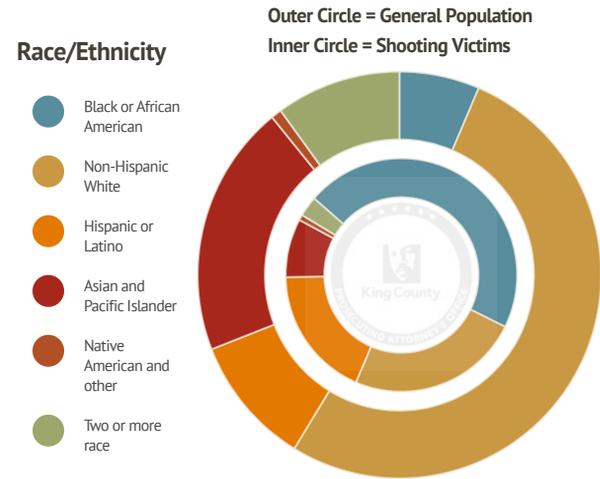
Historical Comparisons

The graphs below depict the number of shots fired incidents broken down by type and the number of nonfatal and fatal shooting victims from the end of 2020 through 2024. Compared to the average number of shots fired incidents for the previous five years, incidents in 2024 (1591) were up 37% (+430) and the number of shooting victims (394) were up by just 1% (+3). The number of fatal shooting victims (75) decreased 5% (-4) and nonfatal shooting victims (369) increased 2% (+7) over the five year average.



Shooting Victim Demographics

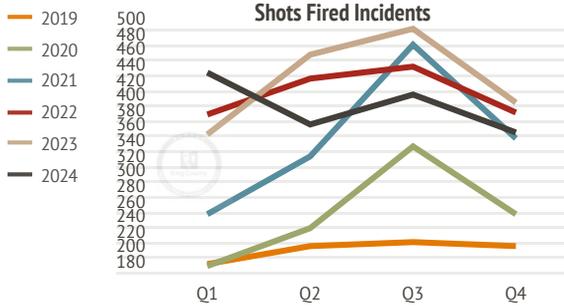
Of the 394 shooting victims, 82% were male; 26% were aged between 18-24; and 76% were people of color. While overall gun violence has been increasing since 2018, there was a decrease in the number of shooting victims from 2023, which has fallen to under 400 for the first time since 2020.



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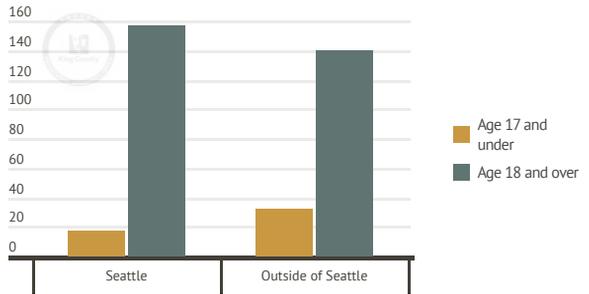
Gun Violence Trends

The below charts highlight that while the amount of gun violence in King County has remained significantly higher than pre-2020 levels, gun violence levels in regard to shots fired incidents has trended downward for the first time since 2018. More data is still required to confirm a sustained decline in gun violence but this potentially signals a mirroring of decreasing gun violence trends nationally over the past few years. It is likely that multiple factors and developments around King County have contributed to this decline.



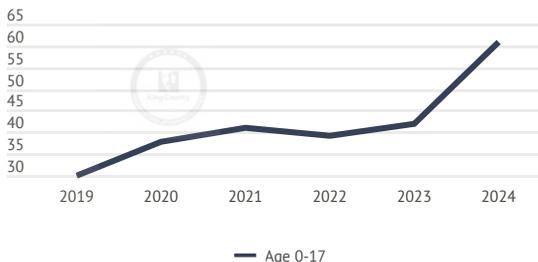
Youth Gun Violence

Concerning trends persist with youth gun violence, which continues to remain high. The number of shooting victims in 2024 aged between 0-17 represented 15% of total shooting victims, compared to 9% in 2023. Additionally, the number of youth shooting victims (61) in 2024 has doubled from 2019 numbers and increased sharply by 45% (+19) since 2023.

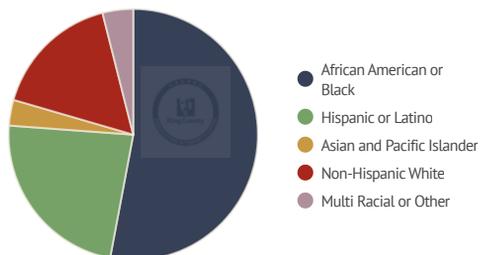


Of the total number of shooting victims in 2024 under the age of 18, 65% were shot in areas outside of Seattle in King County while 35% were shot in Seattle. Inversely, 47% of victims age 18 and older were shot in areas outside of Seattle and 53% shot in the Seattle area, respectively.

Number of Youth Shooting Victims



Youth Shooting Victims by Race/Ethnicity



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