

# 2021 Q1-Q3 King County Firearm Violence Report

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#### **Total Shootings and Shots Fired Incidents**

The numbers of firearm homicide victims, non-fatal shooting victims, and total shots fired incidents for Q1-Q3 2021 are listed below. This data primarily comes from the 8 jurisdictions in King County (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.

73
Firearm Homicide
Victims

283
Nonfatal Shooting
Victims

1036
Total Shots Fired
Incidents

## **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 16 contract cities). These 8 agencies account for roughly 79% of King County's population. In Q1-Q3 2021, 61% of the total shots fired incidents and 60% of the shooting victims (both firearm homicide victims and non-fatal shooting victims) were from agencies outside of Seattle. Both of these are slightly higher than the four-year average for 2017-2020 in which 60% of all shots fired incidents and 58% of all shooting victims were from agencies outside of Seattle.

- SPD
- KCSO
- KENTPD
- FWPD
- RENPD
- TUKPD

AUBPD

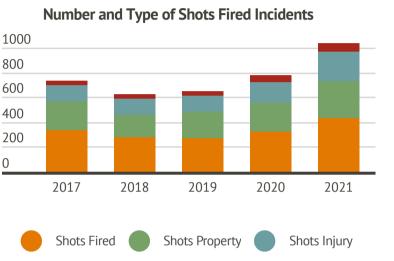
DMSPD

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- WSP
- BLVPD
- KIRKPD
- NPPD

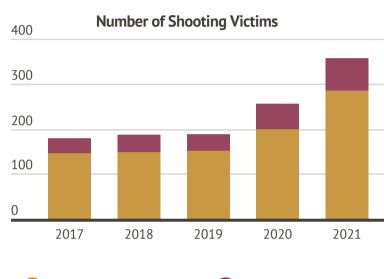


#### **Historical Comparisons**

The graphs below depict the total number of shots fired incidents broken down by type for Q1-Q3 2017-2021 and the total number of non-fatal and fatal shooting victims from Q1-Q3 2017-2021. The total number of shots fired incidents in Q1-Q3 2021 (1036) was up around 48% and the number of overall shooting victims (356) was up 76% over the four-year average for Q1-Q3 2017-2020. More specifically, the number of fatal shooting victims (73) was up 71% while the number of nonfatal shooting victims (283) was up 77% over the four-year average. There have been 14 more fatal shooting victims and 86 more non-fatal shooting victims in 2021 as compared to the same time period in 2020.



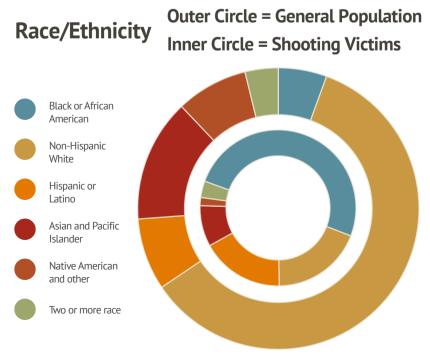
Shots Homicide

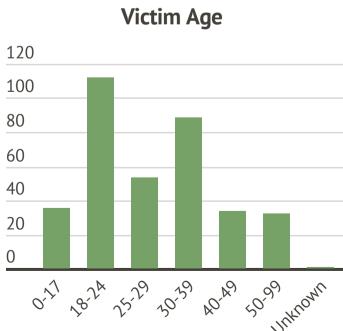


Non-Fatal Shooting Victims

## **Shooting Victim Demographics**

Of the 356 shooting victims in Q1-Q3 2021, 85% were male (302); 32% were between the ages of 18-24 (112); and 81% were people of color (289). Similar to previous years, 50% of the shooting victims, both fatal and non-fatal, were Black or African American (178).





Fatal Shooting Victims