2026 Q1 King County Quarterly Shots Fired Report

Total Reported Shots Fired Incidents and Shooting Victims

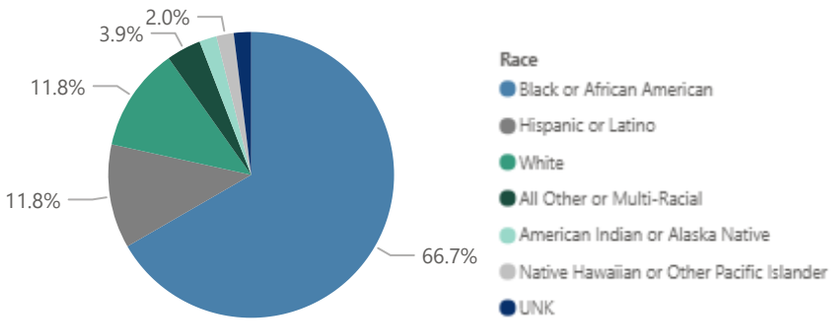
The number of shooting homicide victims, non-fatal shooting victims, and total shots fired in King County for Q1 2026 are listed below. This data was reported to the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office by the following King County police agencies: Auburn, Bellevue, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Kirkland, King County Sheriff's Office, Renton, Seattle, Tukwila, and Washington State Patrol. This data does not include suicides or officer involved shootings. Individuals shot in confirmed self-defense cases and confirmed self-inflicted shootings are not counted toward the total fatal and non-fatal victim count.

Fatal Shooting Victims	Non-Fatal Shooting Victims	Total Shots Fired Incidents
9	42	204

Shooting Victim Demographics

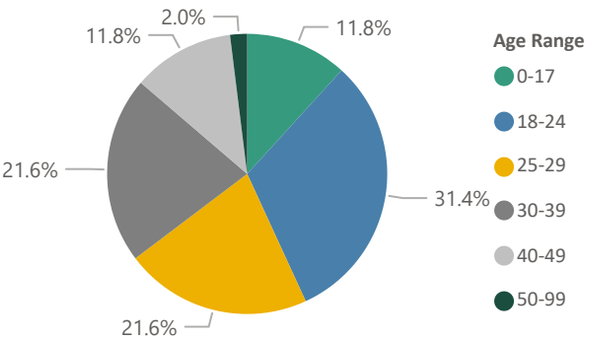
Of the 51 shooting victims in Q1, 67% were identified as Black or African American, 84% were identified as male, and a majority of victims were between the ages of 18-39. As seen in Q1 of the last five years, Black or African American males remained the majority of shooting victims although the overall number of shooting victims has continued to decrease.

Shooting Victim Race/Ethnicity Q1 2026



*American Indian or Alaska native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific islander and UNK (unknown) victims each represented 2% of the total number of shooting victims, respectively

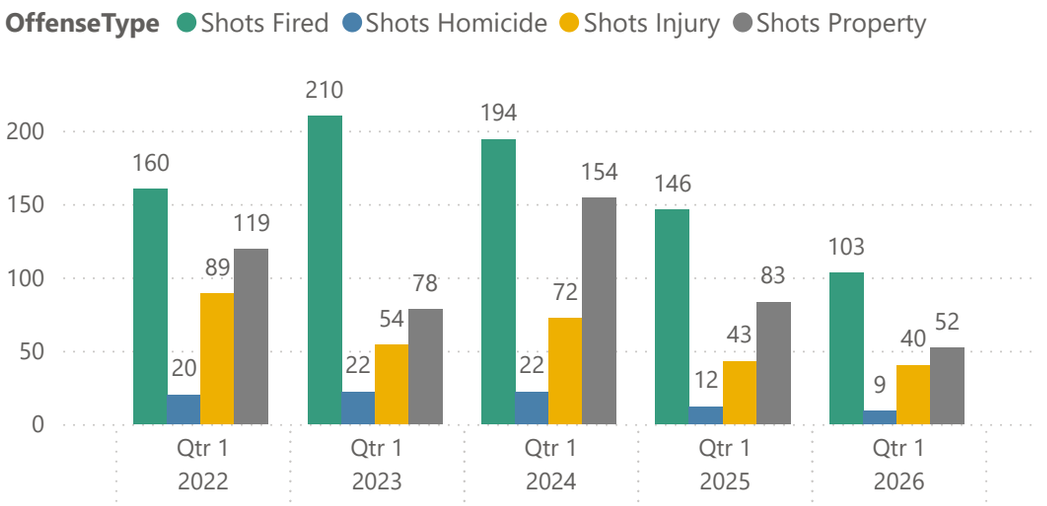
Shooting Victim Age Range Q1 2026



**The 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.*

Historical Comparisons for Q1

Number and Type of Shots Fired Incidents Q1 2022-2026



Q1 of 2026 saw the lowest number of *all types* of shots fired incidents compared to Q1 of the last 4 years, with *shots fired* and *shots homicide* incident numbers experiencing over a 50% decrease from their peak numbers in Q1 of 2023.

Overall shots fired incidents in Q1 of 2026 (204) slightly decreased from Q1 of last year (284) by 28% and were the lowest they have been since Q1 of 2020. Compared to Q1 of 2024, there was 54% decrease in *overall* shots fired incidents.

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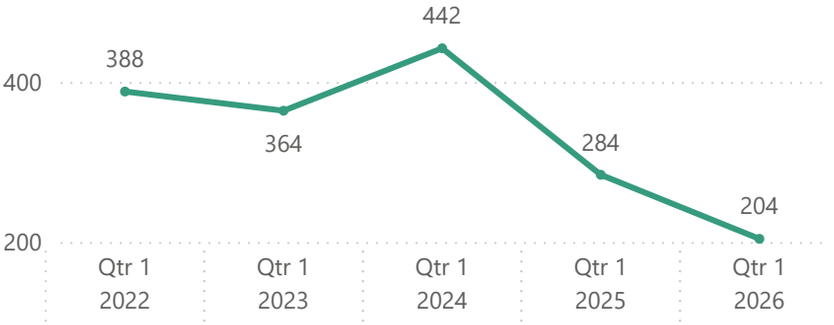
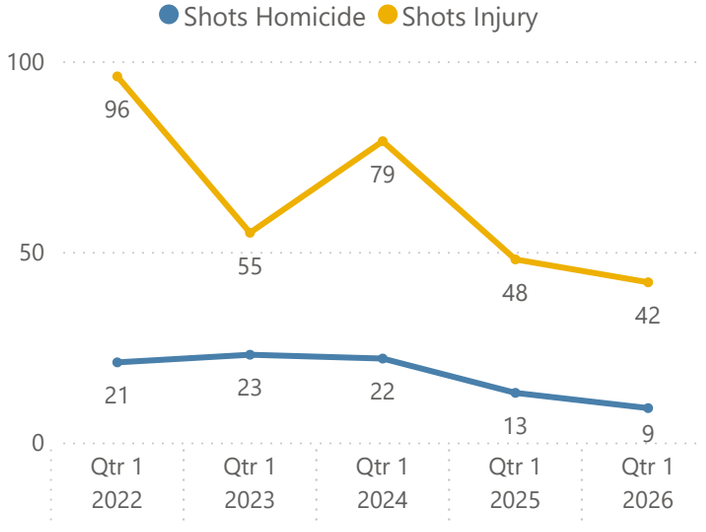
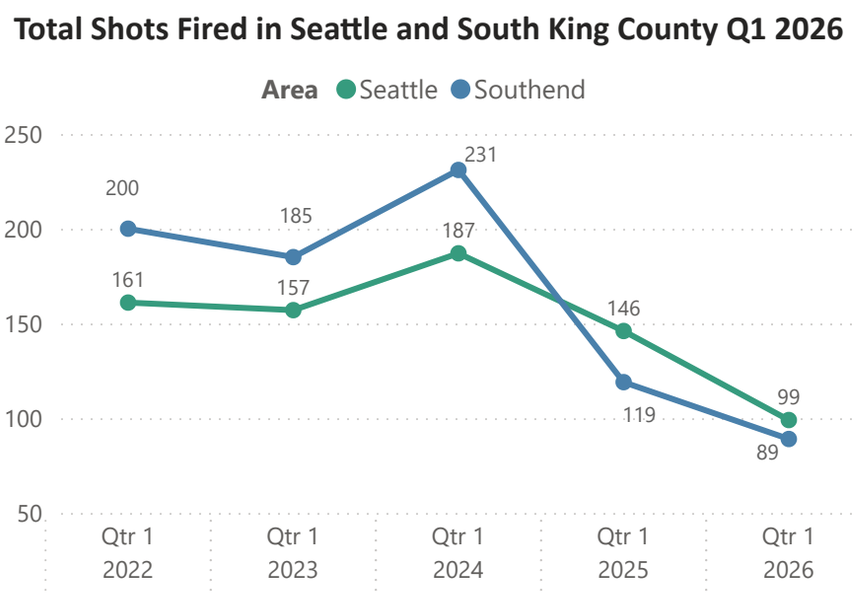


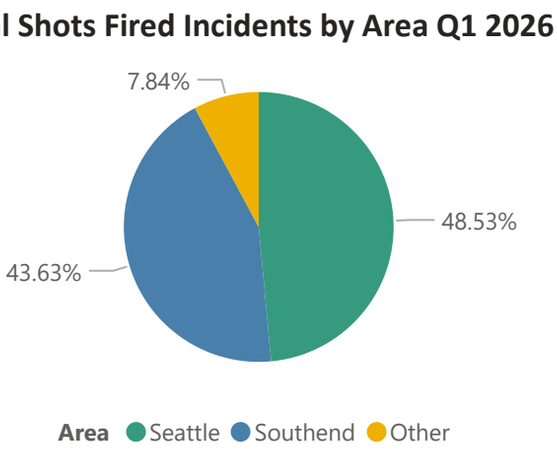
Number of Shooting Victims Q1 2022-2026



The number of *shots homicide* and *shots injury victims* in Q1 of 2026 has continued to trend downward with both numbers being the lowest they have been in the last four years. The number of *shots injury victims* in Q1 of 2026 experienced a **decrease of 56%** from its peak Q1 number in 2022 while the number of *shots homicide victims* experienced a **61% decrease** compared to its peak Q1 in 2023- reaching a low that has not been seen in Q1 of the last eight years.

Area Comparisons for Q1





In Q1 of 2026, 49% of overall shots fired incidents took place in the Seattle area and 44% occurred in south King County. As seen with Q1 of last year, there continues to be slightly more shots fired incidents taking place in the Seattle area compared to south King County. However, both areas have experienced a continuous decline of incidents compared to Q1 of the last few years, with south King County experiencing a 61% decrease and the Seattle area experiencing a 47% decrease since their peak Q1 numbers in 2024, respectively.

Thank you to these law enforcement agencies for sharing their shots fired data with us for Q1 2026:

**The data represented in this report is reported to us directly from the listed police agencies and includes data from each participating police agency. We encourage every police agency to submit data to the KCPAO, which is the only agency that keeps a county-wide report with this level of detail, and we strive to provide the most accurate and complete information possible. This information is being regularly reviewed and updated by the KCPAO. This data may be updated.*