



2019 King County Firearm Violence - Year End Report

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Total Shootings and Shots Fired Incidents

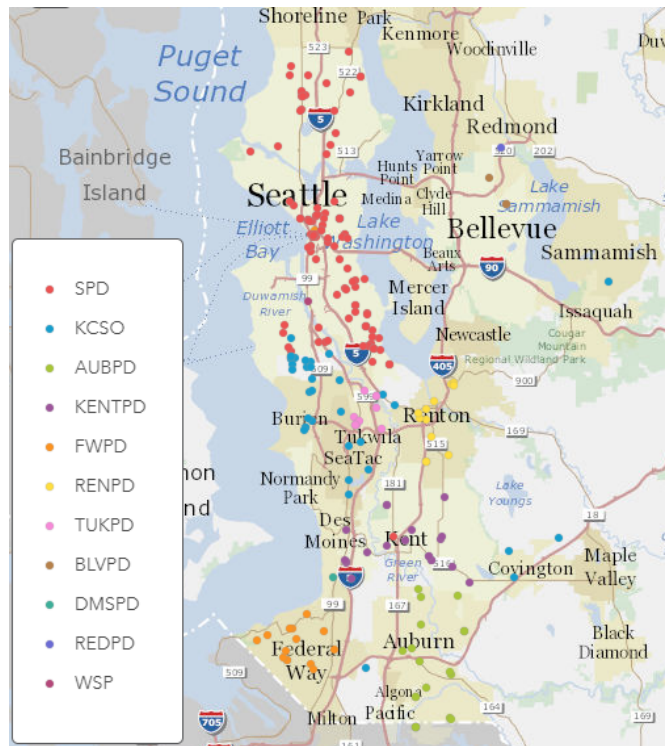
The numbers of firearm homicide victims, nonfatal shooting victims, and total shots fired incidents for 2019 are listed below. This data primarily comes from the 8 jurisdictions in King County (listed below) that have historically had over 90% of firearm violence, but also now includes data from many of the smaller jurisdictions in King County. This data does not include suicides or officer involved shootings.



Geographic Distribution

Shootings in King County are not evenly distributed by jurisdiction. We currently collect data from over 20 law enforcement agencies, but a majority of our 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/agencies). These 8 agencies account for roughly 79% of King County's population. In 2019, 59% of the total shots fired incidents and 54% of the shooting victims (both firearm homicide victims and non-fatal shooting victims) were from agencies outside of Seattle. The percentage for total shots fired is similar to 2017 and 2018, but the percentage for shooting victims is lower than 2018 (63%) or 2017 (58%).

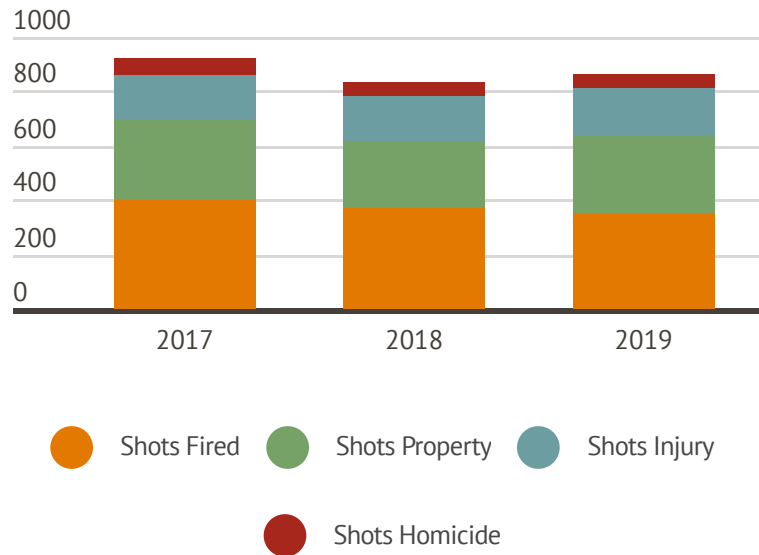
Shooting Victims by Agency 2019



Historical Comparisons

This graph displays the total number of shots fired incidents from 2017-2019. The data is broken down into the four types of shootings that we collect: Shots Homicide (shootings where the victim dies as a result of the shooting); Shots Injury (shootings where the victim is struck by a bullet but survives his/her injury); Shots Property (shootings where the only evidence is property damage from a bullet strike); and Shots Fired (where the only evidence is found shell casings and/or eyewitness accounts). The total number of shots fired incidents in 2019 (858) is slightly higher than the total number of incidents in 2018 (832); however, much of that increase can be attributed to the increase in the number of agencies that now report their shooting data.

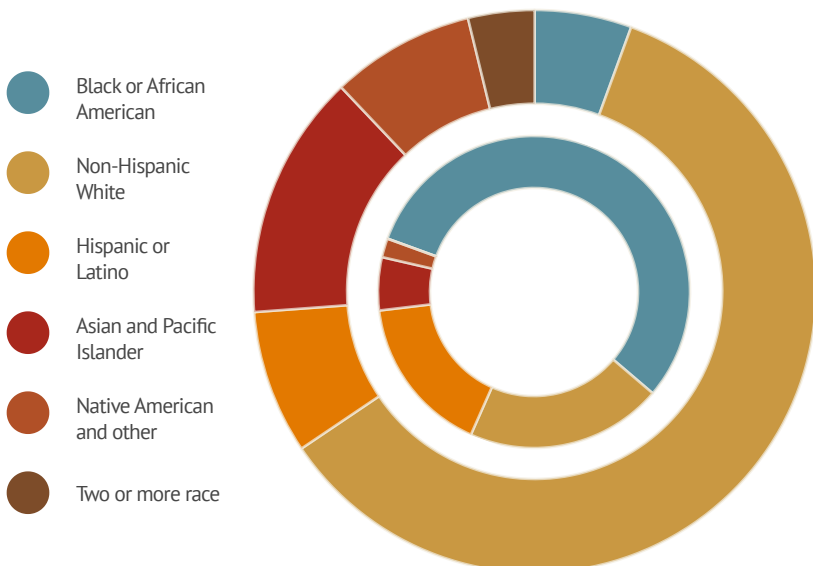
Number and Type of Shots Fired Incidents 2017-2019



Shooting Victim Demographics

Of the 255 shooting victims in 2019 (both firearm homicide victims and non-fatal shooting victims); 89% were male; 47% were under the age of 25; and 80% were people of color. As depicted in the graph below, it is particularly striking that 35% of King County's shooting victims in 2019 were between the ages of 18-24.

Race/Ethnicity
Outer Circle = General Population
Inner Circle = Shooting Victims



Victim Age

