

2020 King County Firearm Violence Q1

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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 2020 Q1 is 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.

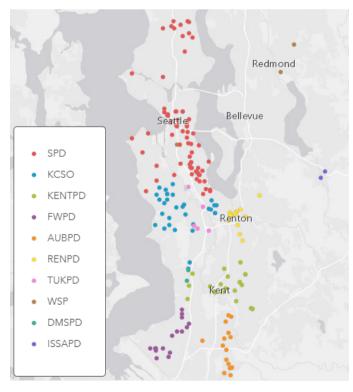
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Firearm Homicide
Victims

50 Nonfatal Shooting Victims 188
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 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 2020 Q1, 60% of the total shots fired incidents and 61% of the shooting victims (both firearm homicide victims and non-fatal shooting victims) were from agencies outside of Seattle. Both of these are similar to the three-year average for 2017-2019 in which 60% of all shots fired incidents and 58% of all shooting victims were from agencies outside of Seattle.

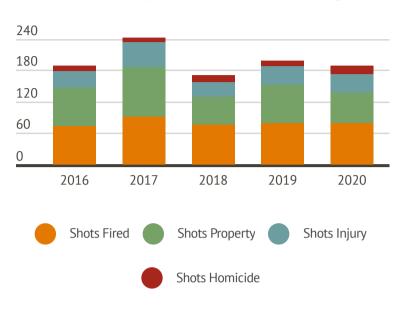
Shots Fired by Agency 2020 Q1



Historical Comparisons

This graph displays the total number of shots fired incidents for Q1 from 2016-2020. 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). This data allows us to compare shots fired incidents over time and helps to place current levels of shots fired incidents in perspective.

Number and Type of Shots Fired Incidents Q1



Shooting Victim Demographics

Of the 65 shooting victims from 2020 Q1, 86% were male; 41% were under the age of 25; and 75% were people of color. This is similar to the three year average for shooting victims where 86% were male; 45% were under the age of 25; and 80% were people of color.

