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EVERYSHOT 2025 IN REVIEW

UNDERSTANDING GUN VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

A comprehensive AI-driven analysis of 38,368 incidents nationwide

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Methodology: This report analyzes gun violence incidents documented by EveryShot from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, based on automated monitoring of public news reports across the United States.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As policymakers, researchers, and advocates across the country seek to reduce gun violence and identify the policies and prevention strategies that will have the greatest impact, a clear, timely understanding of national patterns and trends is critical. This report provides a detailed overview of gun violence in the United States using the most recently available data tracked by EveryShot.

EveryShot is a near real-time AI tool that tracks gun violence incidents across the U.S. It draws on data from news articles about gun violence from thousands of newspapers, local television stations, and other news providers using a news aggregation service and then deploys AI to summarize the articles and group them into types of shooting incidents. The below findings have been generated using an AI analysis of EveryShot's publicly reported incidents of gun violence between January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 across the United States and have been vetted by Everytown researchers.

Please note that the data reported by EveryShot differ to some degree from data used in other Everytown Research reports that rely predominately on federal data sources via the CDC, FBI, and other agencies, whereas EveryShot draws on data from news articles about gun violence. Data from federal data sources typically lag by approximately 12-18 months, while EveryShot is able to provide near-real time data. It should also be noted that incidents of gun violence that go unreported are not captured in EveryShot or this analysis.

Key Data Points

- EveryShot documented 38,368 incidents of gun violence in the U.S. in 2025, resulting in 13,926 deaths and 21,686 injuries.
- Among the 50 states, Louisiana had the highest death rate, at 10.2 deaths per 100,000 residents, followed by Mississippi (9.3 deaths per 100,000) and Alabama (9.1 deaths per 100,000).
- May 2025 saw the highest number of incidents (3,791), while January 2025 had the fewest (2,695).
- Incidents were most likely to occur on a street, accounting for 40% of all incidents.
- Escalating altercations comprised the most common incident type with 12,672 incidents, resulting in 4,379 deaths and 7,146 injuries.
- When firearm type was identified (40% of incidents), a handgun was the most common, used in 13,707 incidents.
- There were 2,469 incidents involving intimate partner violence, resulting in 1,754 deaths.
- There were 485 mass shooting incidents, resulting in 493 deaths.
- There were 937 unintentional shootings, resulting in 213 deaths.
- Road rage accounted for 883 incidents and 114 deaths.
- Police shootings by officers comprised 2,548 incidents, resulting in 1,407 deaths.
- Police shootings of officers involved 731 incidents and 304 deaths.

NATIONAL OVERVIEW

Based on systematic monitoring of public news reports across the United States, EveryShot documented 38,368 gun violence incidents in 2025. These incidents resulted in 13,926 deaths and 21,686 injuries. While EveryShot identified 1,152 incidents involving suicide in 2025, this number is vastly understated given that public reporting rarely includes gun suicides. The same is true of gun injuries which often go unreported in the news.
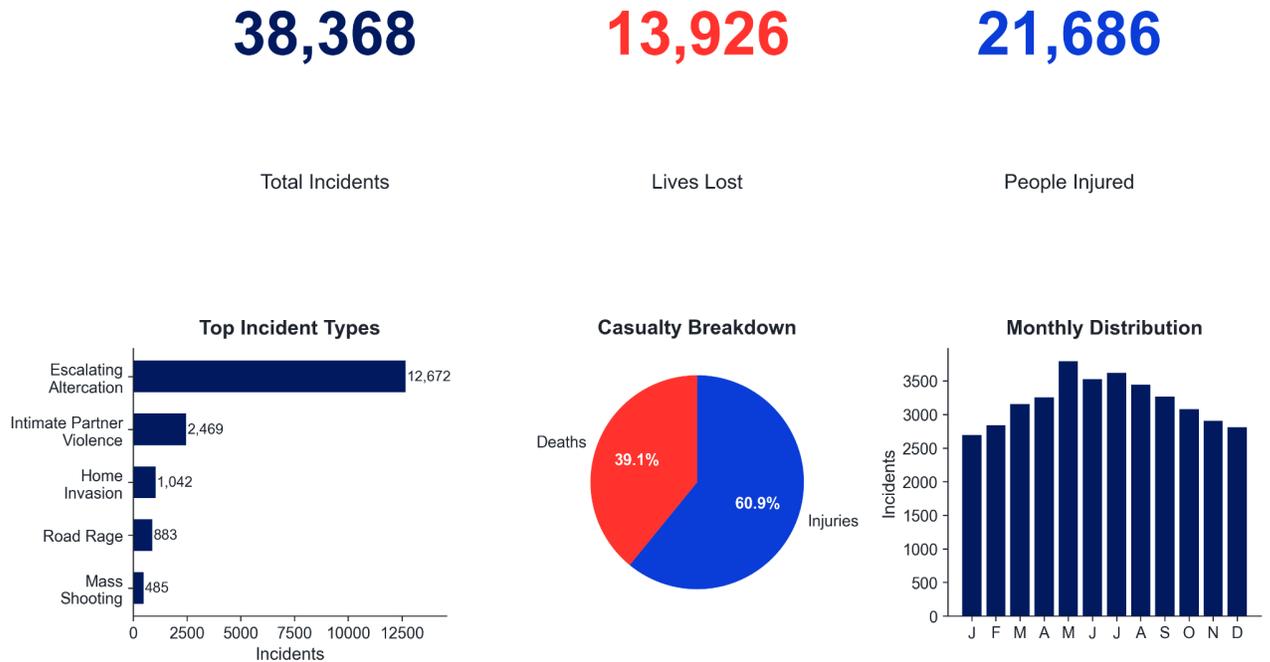
Gun Violence Impact in 2025

38,368	13,926	21,686
Total Incidents	Lives Lost	People Injured

Figure 1: Overall Impact of Gun Violence in 2025

MONTHLY TRENDS

Gun violence incidents documented from public news reports varied throughout 2025. May had the highest number of incidents with 3,791 documented incidents, while January had the fewest with 2,695 incidents.

In terms of fatalities, May saw the highest number of deaths (1,260), while October had the lowest (1,061). The table and chart below show monthly trends for incidents, deaths, and injuries throughout the year.

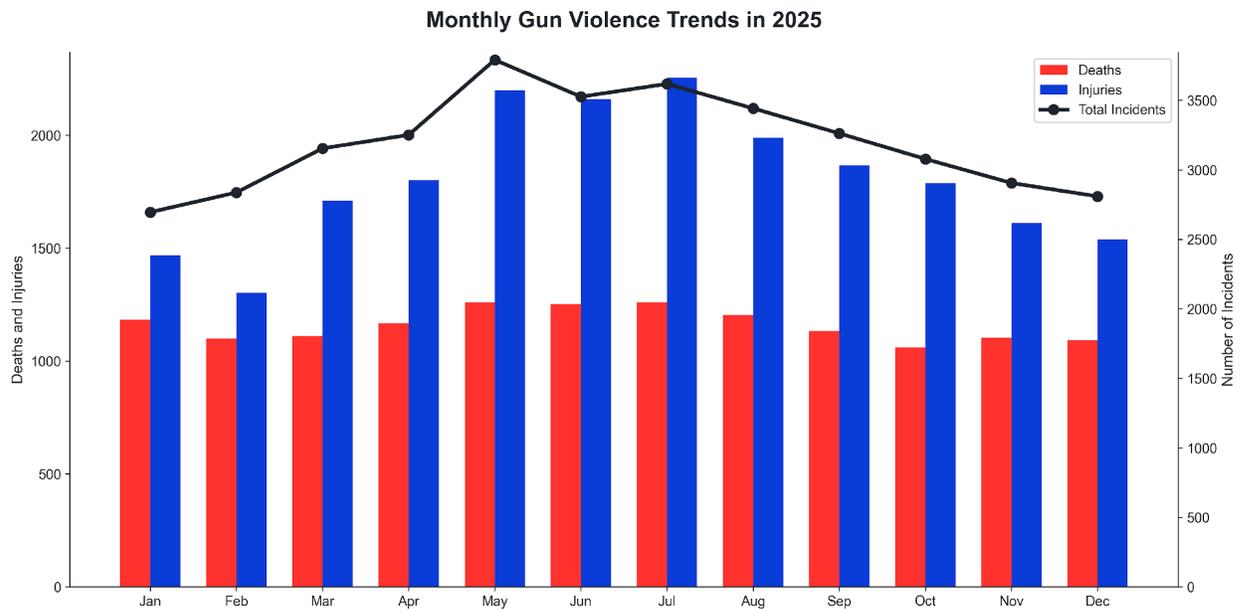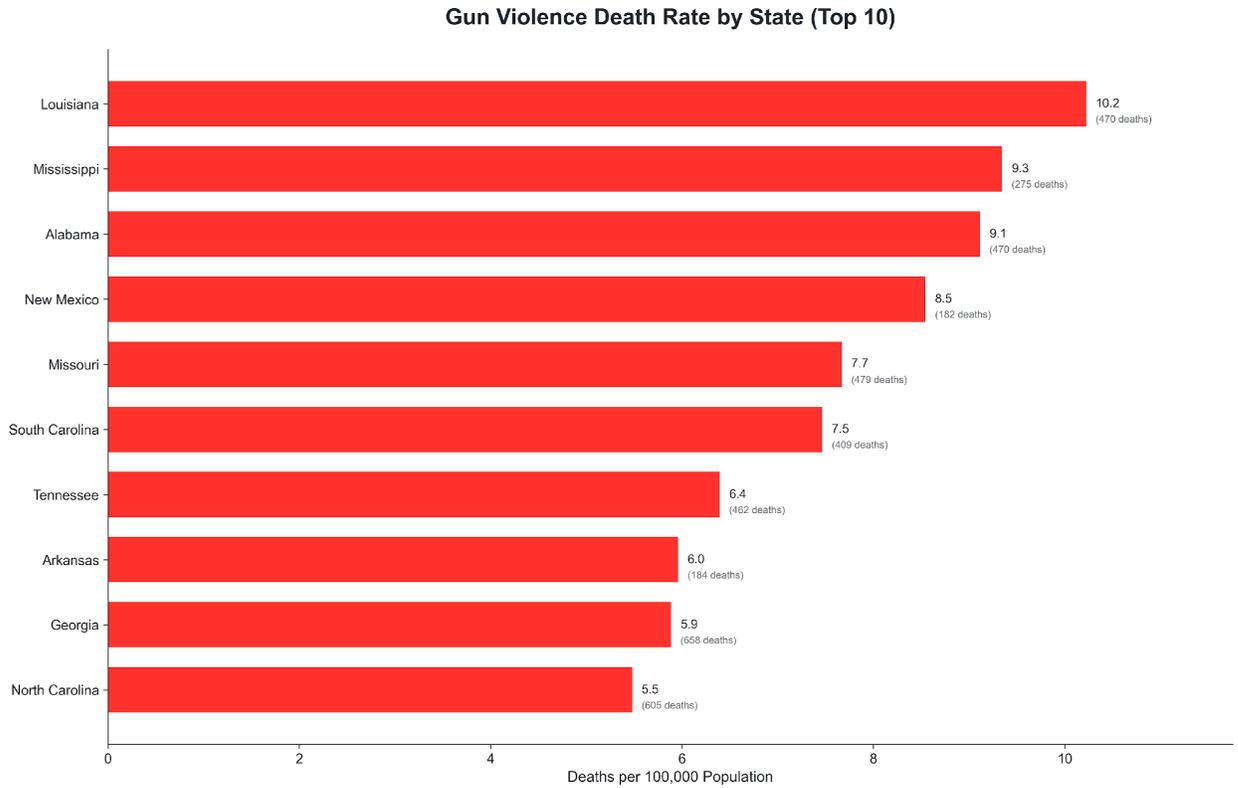| Month (2025)	Incidents	Deaths	Injuries
January	2,695	1,183	1,468
February	2,837	1,100	1,302
March	3,154	1,111	1,709
April	3,251	1,167	1,801
May	3,791	1,260	2,198
June	3,526	1,253	2,160
July	3,618	1,259	2,255
August	3,442	1,204	1,990
September	3,262	1,133	1,866
October	3,078	1,061	1,787
November	2,905	1,104	1,612
December	2,809	1,091	1,538

Figure 2: Monthly Trends in Gun Violence Incidents, Deaths, and Injuries

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Gun violence incidents documented from public news reports were identified across all 50 states. When adjusted for population using 2024 Census estimates, the five states with the highest gun death rates per 100,000 residents were Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, New Mexico, and Missouri.

Gun Violence Death Rate by State (Top 10)

State	Rate	Deaths
Louisiana	10.2	(470 deaths)
Mississippi	9.3	(275 deaths)
Alabama	9.1	(470 deaths)
New Mexico	8.5	(182 deaths)
Missouri	7.7	(479 deaths)
South Carolina	7.5	(409 deaths)
Tennessee	6.4	(462 deaths)
Arkansas	6.0	(184 deaths)
Georgia	5.9	(658 deaths)
North Carolina	5.5	(605 deaths)

Deaths per 100,000 Population

Figure 3: Top 10 States by Gun Death Rate per 100,000 Population

Incidents, Deaths, Injuries, and Rates per 100,000 Population

State	Death Rate	Deaths	Injury Rate	Injuries	Incident Rate	Incidents
Louisiana	10.2	470	16.5	757	26.5	1,218
Mississippi	9.3	275	12.9	381	20.3	596
Alabama	9.1	470	11.1	572	20.2	1,041
New Mexico	8.5	182	7.3	156	14.6	310
Missouri	7.7	479	8.3	520	16.3	1,016
South Carolina	7.5	409	13.7	752	23.7	1,298
Tennessee	6.4	462	13.5	975	21.2	1,530
Arkansas	6.0	184	5.3	164	10.2	315
Georgia	5.9	658	9.5	1,058	14.3	1,602
North Carolina	5.5	605	9.7	1,073	16.0	1,766
Kentucky	5.5	251	9.4	430	15.3	700
Indiana	5.3	366	9.9	686	15.0	1,036
Wyoming	5.3	31	2.0	12	8.0	47
Alaska	5.3	39	3.5	26	10.4	77
Maryland	4.9	310	9.4	588	17.6	1,103
Nevada	4.9	161	4.4	143	9.9	325
Illinois	4.8	610	10.1	1,283	15.8	2,014
Arizona	4.8	361	4.6	351	8.9	676
Oklahoma	4.5	186	6.7	274	10.2	419
Ohio	4.5	538	8.4	994	13.3	1,584
Delaware	4.5	47	6.7	70	18.6	196
Texas	4.3	1,343	4.9	1,538	8.9	2,776
Wisconsin	4.3	255	8.3	492	12.4	738
Kansas	4.1	123	6.5	193	11.7	347
Montana	4.1	47	3.1	35	10.6	120
Virginia	3.9	340	5.4	474	9.8	862
Colorado	3.7	223	5.1	303	10.5	628
Vermont	3.7	24	2.8	18	10.3	67
Pennsylvania	3.6	477	8.1	1,058	12.1	1,577
Florida	3.3	766	4.5	1,056	8.4	1,967
Michigan	3.3	332	5.7	583	9.1	927
West Virginia	3.2	57	4.4	77	8.9	158
Washington	3.0	238	4.2	332	9.3	744
California	2.9	1,160	3.8	1,480	7.7	3,040
Minnesota	2.9	166	4.7	271	7.2	420
Nebraska	2.8	57	6.1	122	10.0	201
Oregon	2.8	118	3.7	156	8.8	376
North Dakota	2.8	22	3.0	24	9.0	72
Idaho	2.5	51	1.9	39	6.2	125

Utah	2.4	83	2.2	77	7.0	245
Iowa	2.3	75	4.7	152	8.9	290
Rhode Island	2.2	25	3.5	39	5.5	61
Maine	2.1	29	2.6	36	9.0	127
South Dakota	2.1	19	3.8	35	12.1	112
New York	1.8	355	4.3	845	7.7	1,522
New Hampshire	1.6	23	2.7	38	6.0	84
Connecticut	1.6	57	5.4	200	9.8	359
New Jersey	1.3	126	2.2	207	5.2	493
Massachusetts	1.3	90	3.4	240	7.3	518
Hawaii	1.2	17	3.2	46	6.5	94

Notes: Rates are per 100,000 population. Sorted by Death Rate (descending). Population from 2024 U.S. Census estimates https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest.html. Data source: EveryShot.

INCIDENT LOCATIONS

Based on public news reports, 29,336 incidents in 2025 had an identifiable location. Among these, 52.8% (15,485) occurred on a street, 24.6% (7,219) occurred at home, and 14.4% (4,238) occurred at a business.

Street was the deadliest location type, with 4,854 deaths recorded.
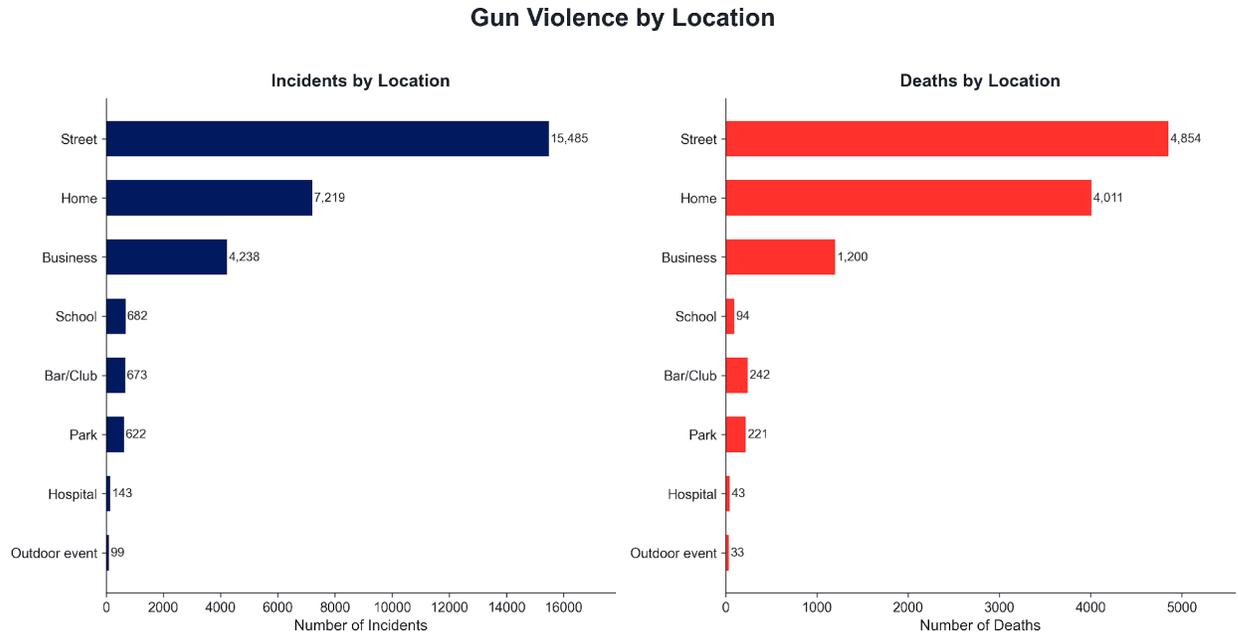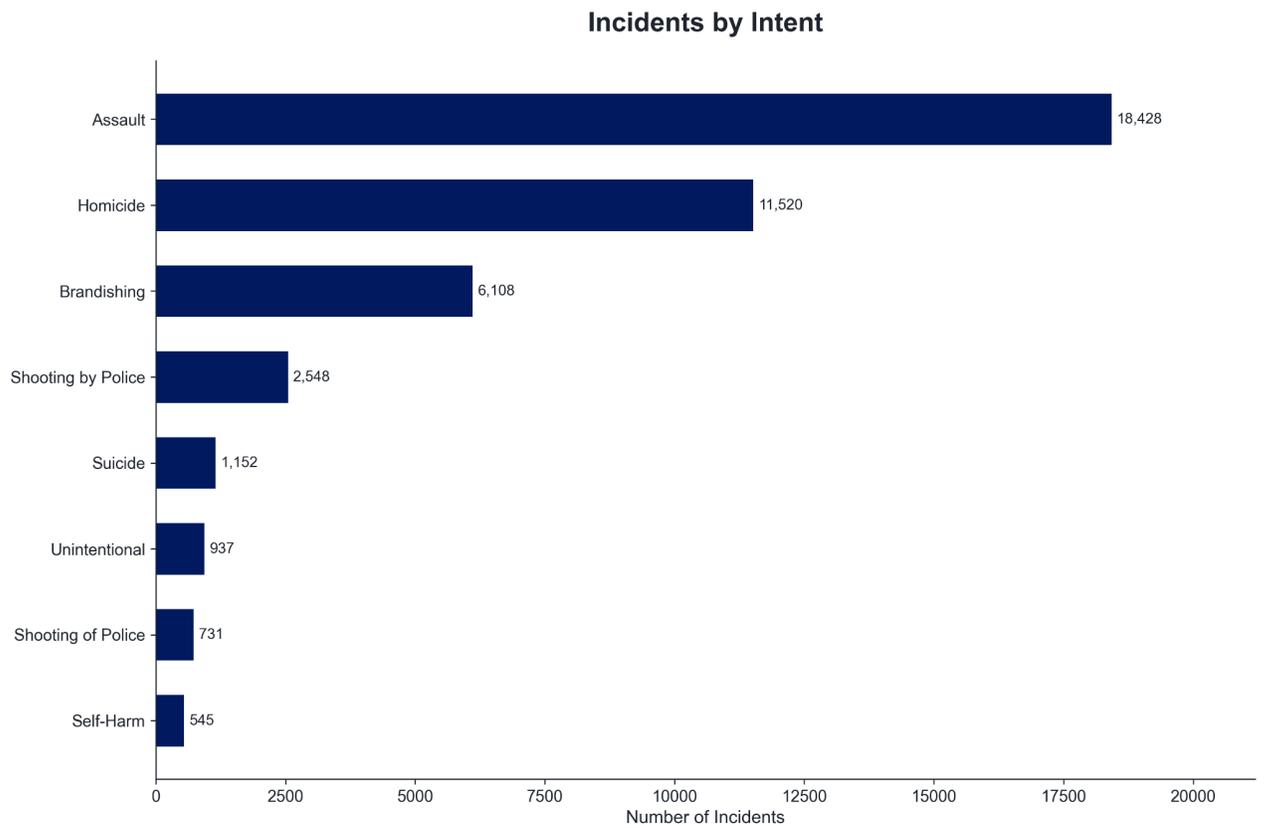
Gun Violence by Location

Figure 5: Gun Violence Incidents by Location Type

INCIDENT INTENT

Each incident in the EveryShot database is categorized by intent based on information available in public news reports. An incident may have multiple intents if applicable.

Assault was the most common intent category, accounting for 18,428 incidents. Homicide was the second most common with 11,520 incidents.

Incidents by Intent

Intent	Number of Incidents
Assault	18,428
Homicide	11,520
Brandishing	6,108
Shooting by Police	2,548
Suicide	1,152
Unintentional	937
Shooting of Police	731
Self-Harm	545

Figure 6: Distribution of Incidents by Intent

INCIDENT TYPES

EveryShot categorizes incidents using binary variables that indicate whether specific circumstances apply. An incident may have multiple categories if applicable.

The most common incident type was Escalating Altercation with 12,672 incidents, followed by intimate partner violence with 2,469 incidents.

The types being tracked by EveryShot include: Escalating Altercation, Extremism, Hate Crime, Home Invasion, Intimate Partner Violence, LGBTQ+, Mass Shooting, Murder-Suicide, Political Violence, Road Rage, Trans-Involved, and Workplace Shooting.
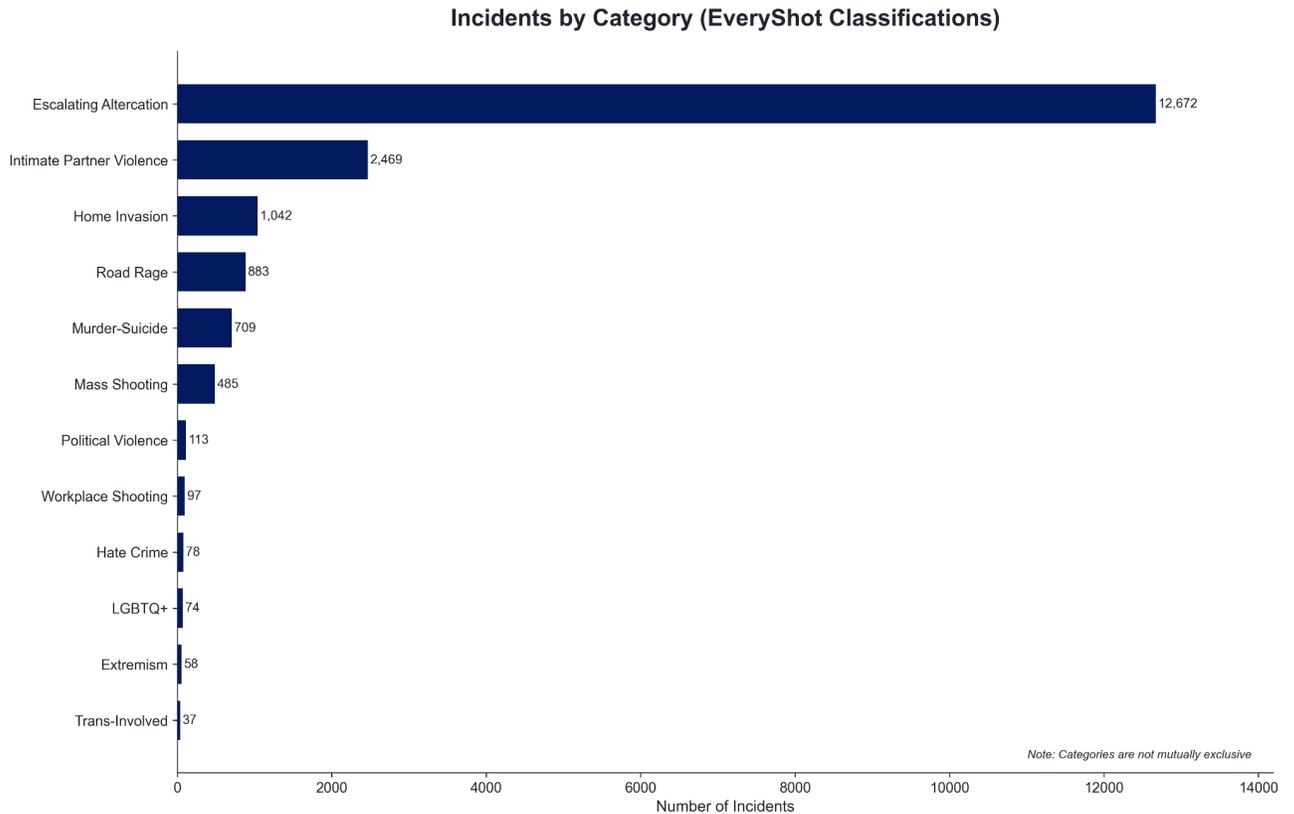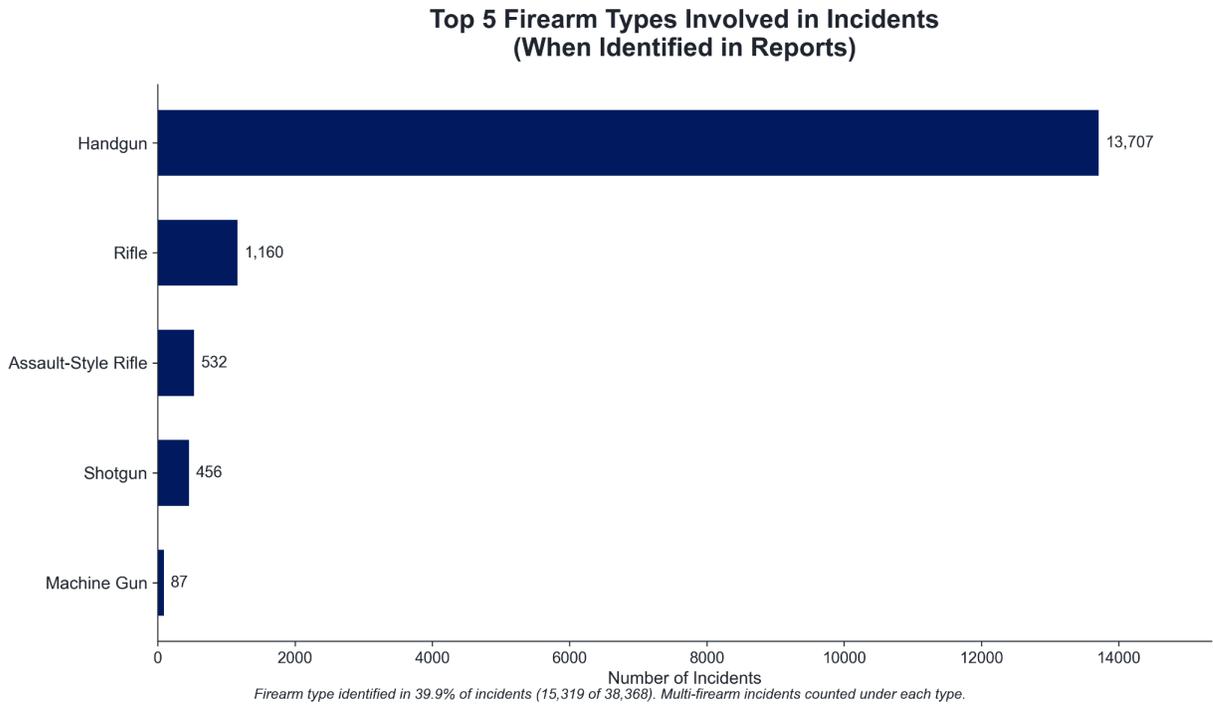
Incidents by Category (EveryShot Classifications)

Category	Number of Incidents
Escalating Altercation	12,672
Intimate Partner Violence	2,469
Home Invasion	1,042
Road Rage	883
Murder-Suicide	709
Mass Shooting	485
Political Violence	113
Workplace Shooting	97
Hate Crime	78
LGBTQ+	74
Extremism	58
Trans-Involved	37

Note: Categories are not mutually exclusive

Figure 7: Incidents by Type Category

FIREARM TYPES

Firearm type was identified in 39.9% of incidents (15,319 of 38,368).

Among incidents where firearm type was identified, handguns were the most common, present in 89.5% of cases (13,707 incidents). Rifles accounted for 7.6% (1,160 incidents), followed by assault-style rifles at 3.5% (532 incidents).

Multiple firearm types were reported (e.g., "Handgun, Rifle") in 205 of the incidents. These incidents are counted under each applicable firearm type, so the total percentages may sum to more than 100%.

Top 5 Firearm Types Involved in Incidents
(When Identified in Reports)

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Figure 8: Distribution of Firearm Types When Identified

DEEP DIVES: INCIDENT CATEGORIES

The following sections provide detailed analysis of specific incident categories documented by EveryShot.

Police Shootings

Public news reports documented two categories of police-involved shootings:

• Police Shootings BY Officers: 2,548 incidents resulting in 1,407 deaths
• Police Shootings OF Officers: 731 incidents resulting in 304 deaths

Police-Involved Shootings

Shootings BY Police

2,548

1,407 deaths

Shootings OF Police

731

304 deaths
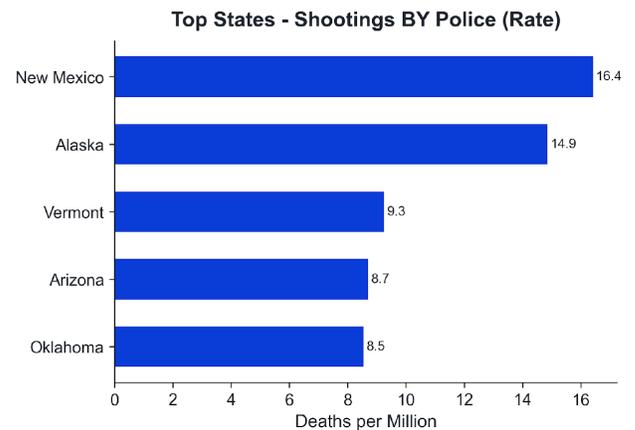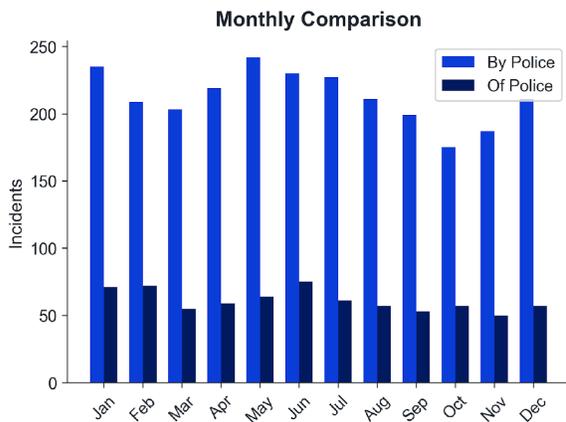
Figure 9: Police Shooting Incidents

Intimate Partner Violence

Public news reports documented 2,469 intimate partner violence incidents, resulting in 1,754 deaths.

Figure 10: Intimate Partner Violence Monthly Trends and Top States

Unintentional Shootings

Public news reports documented 937 unintentional shootings, resulting in 213 deaths.

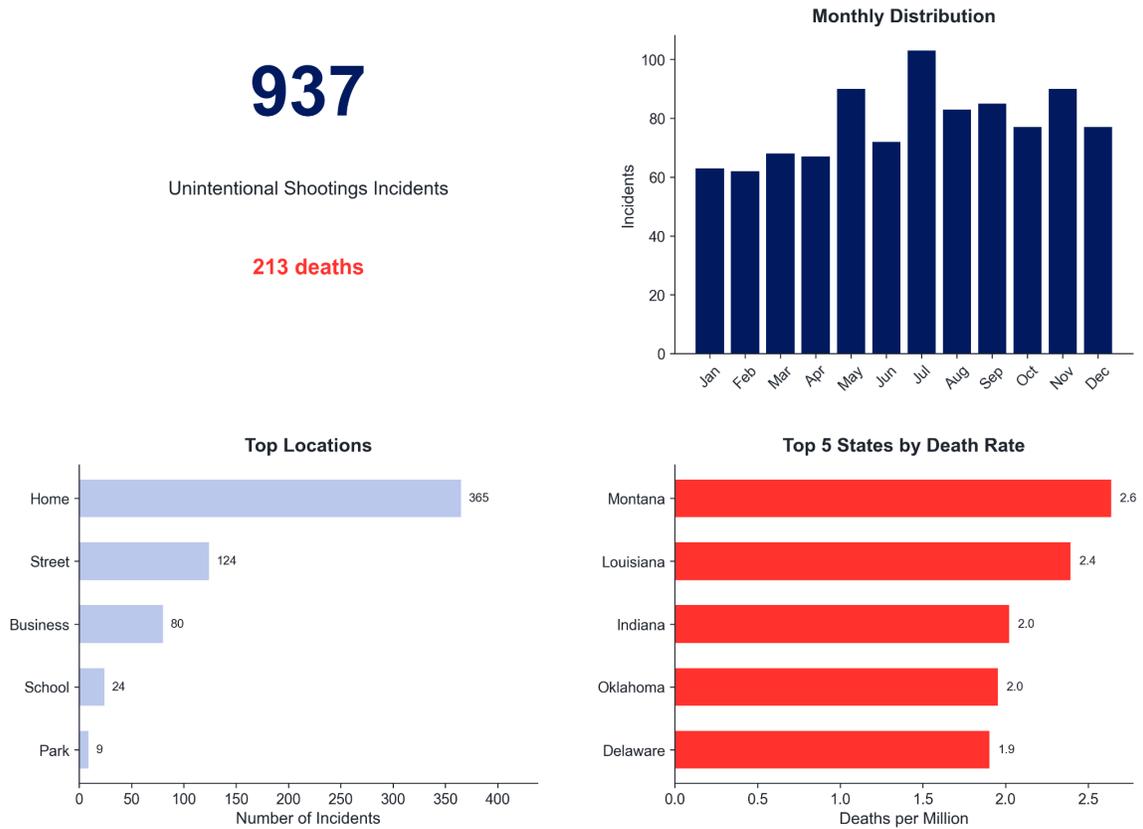**Unintentional Shootings Analysis**

Figure 11: Unintentional Shootings Monthly Trends and Top States

Road Rage Incidents

Public news reports documented 883 road rage incidents involving firearms, resulting in 114 deaths.

Road Rage Analysis

883

Road Rage Incidents

114 deaths

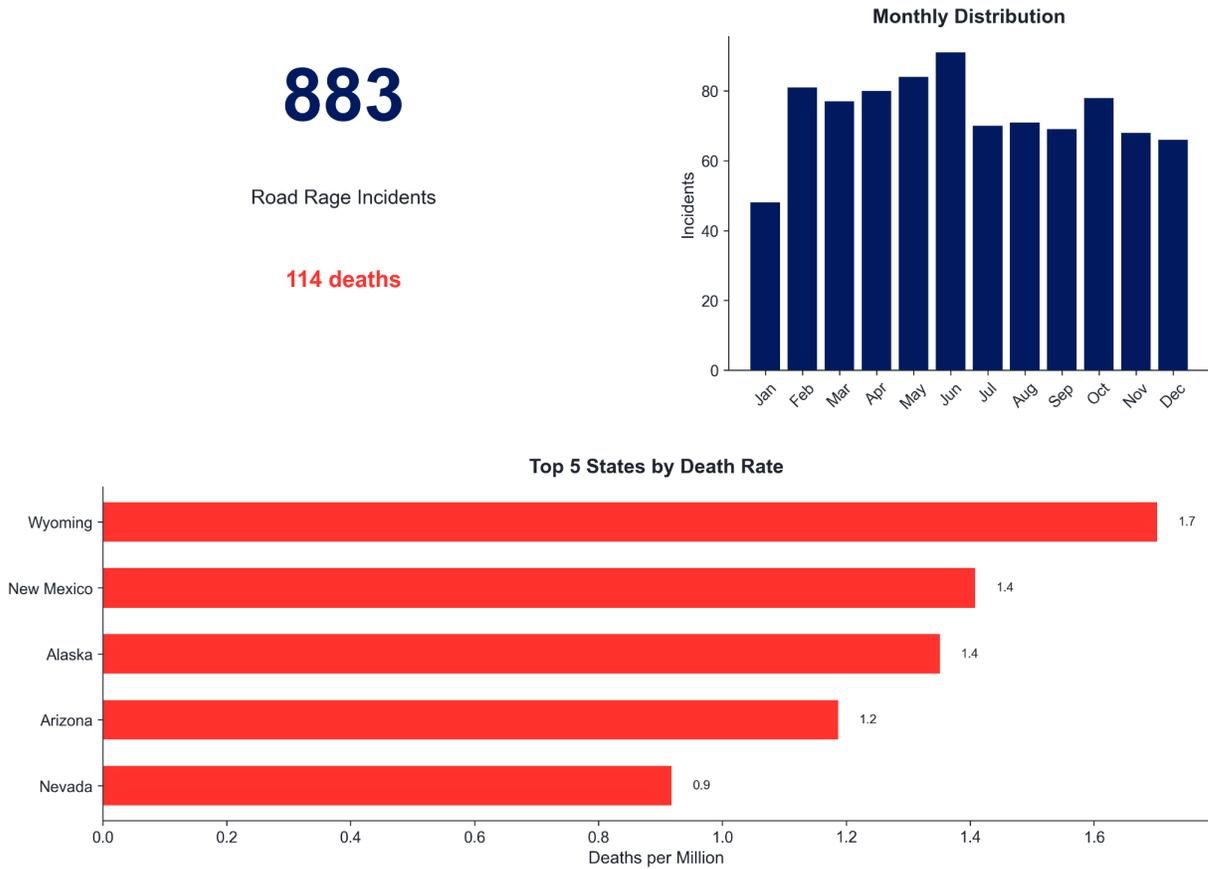**Monthly Distribution**

Top 5 States by Death Rate

Figure 12: Road Rage Incidents Monthly Trends and Top States

Escalating Altercations

Based on public news reports, 12,672 incidents (33.0% of all documented incidents) involved escalating altercations, resulting in 4,379 deaths. An escalating altercation is defined as an incident in which a fight, argument, disagreement, or dispute preceded and led to the shooting.
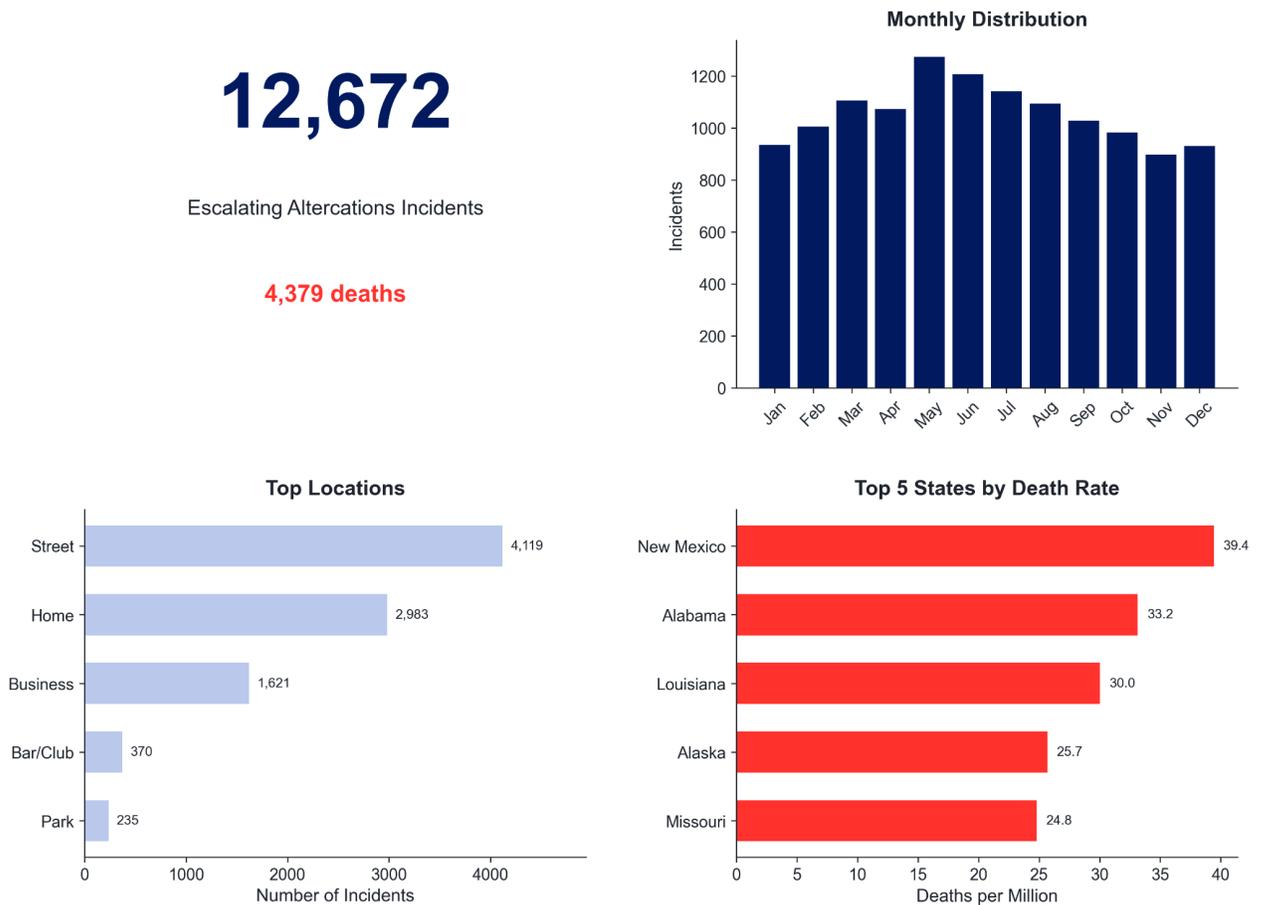
Escalating Altercations Analysis

12,672

Escalating Altercations Incidents

4,379 deaths

Monthly Distribution

Top Locations

Location	Number of Incidents
Street	4,119
Home	2,983
Business	1,621
Bar/Club	370
Park	235

Top 5 States by Death Rate

State	Deaths per Million
New Mexico	39.4
Alabama	33.2
Louisiana	30.0
Alaska	25.7
Missouri	24.8

Figure 13: Escalating Altercations Monthly Trends and Top States

Mass Shootings

Mass shootings are defined as incidents with four or more people shot (not including the shooter). EveryShot documented 485 mass shooting incidents, resulting in 493 deaths.
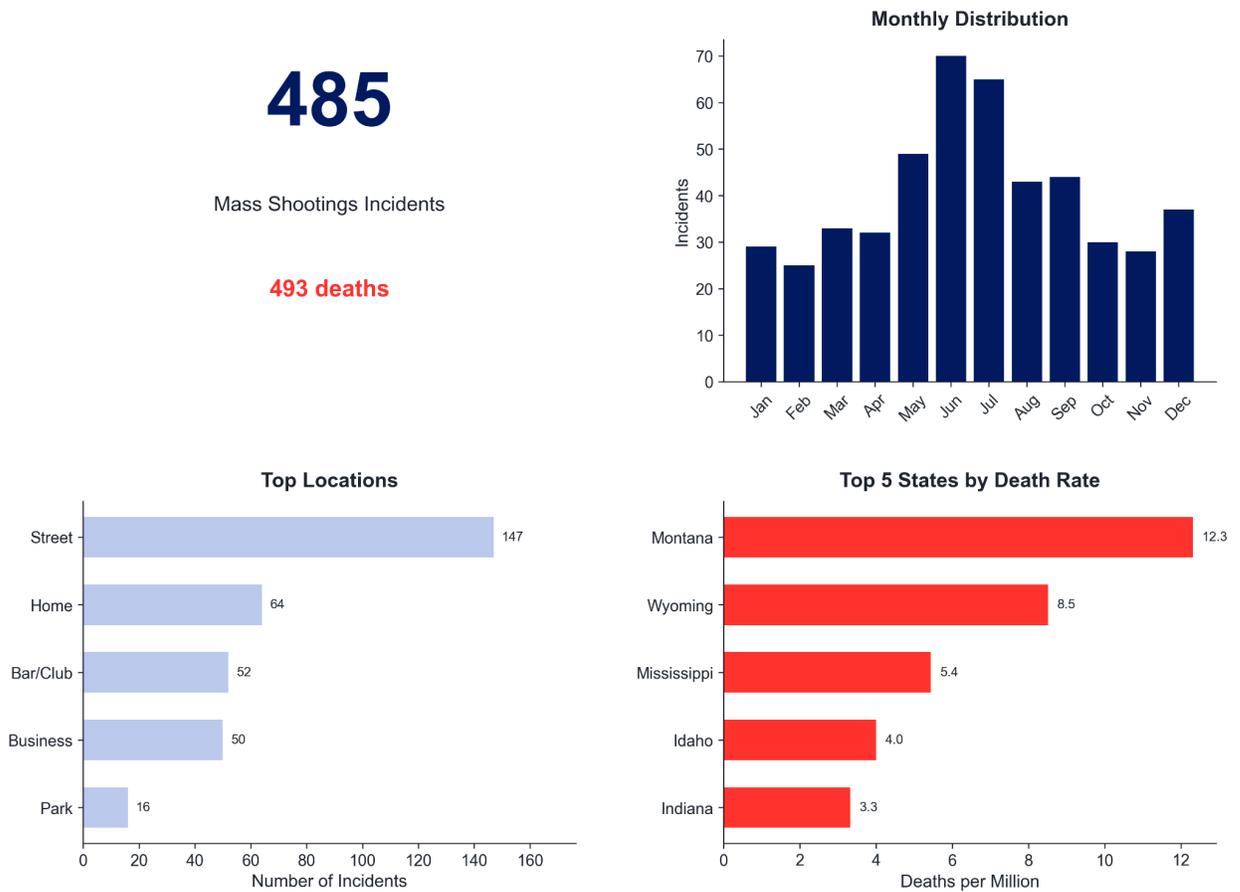
Mass Shootings Analysis

485

Mass Shootings Incidents

493 deaths

Figure 14: Mass Shooting Incidents Monthly Trends and Top States

METHODOLOGY AND LIMITATIONS

Data Collection:
EveryShot documents gun violence incidents through systematic monitoring of public news reports across the United States. Incidents are recorded with available details including location, date, time, casualties, and contextual information.

Data Classification:
Incidents are categorized using binary variables that indicate whether specific circumstances apply (e.g., intimate partner violence, road rage, mass shooting). An incident may be assigned multiple categories when applicable.

Limitations:
This data is subject to the inherent limitations of media reporting. Incidents that receive less or no media coverage may be underrepresented or not included in this dataset. The geographic and demographic patterns observed may reflect variations in media coverage as well as actual patterns of gun violence. State death rates are calculated using 2024 Census population estimates.

Categories like firearm type, time of day, and specific circumstances are only available when included in news reports. For some incidents, this information is unavailable; its absence should not be interpreted as indicating that it is not applicable.

Report generated from EveryShot data. All statistics are derived from incident counts documented in public news reports. Population data from U.S. Census Bureau 2024 estimates.