



# EVERYSHOT JANUARY 2026 IN REVIEW

## UNDERSTANDING GUN VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

### A comprehensive AI-driven analysis of gun violence in January 2026

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**Methodology:** This report analyzes gun violence incidents documented by EveryShot from January 1, 2026 through January 31, 2026, 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 for January 2026 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 in January 2026 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 2,907 incidents of gun violence in the U.S. in January 2026, resulting in 1,025 deaths and 1,576 injuries.
- Compared to January 2025, deaths decreased by 13.4% (1,025 vs 1,183) and injuries increased by 7.4% (1,576 vs 1,468).
- Among the 50 states, Mississippi had the highest death rate, at 8.8 deaths per million residents, followed by Louisiana (8.7 deaths per million residents) and New Mexico (6.6 deaths per million residents).
- Incidents were most likely to occur on a street, accounting for 38% of all incidents.
- Escalating altercations comprised the most common incident type with 925 incidents, resulting in 316 deaths and 537 injuries.
- When firearm type was identified (40% of incidents), a handgun was the most common, used in 1,062 incidents.
- There were 192 incidents involving intimate partner violence, resulting in 118 deaths.
- There were 31 mass shooting incidents, resulting in 36 deaths.
- There were 86 unintentional shootings, resulting in 18 deaths.
- Road rage accounted for 47 incidents and 5 deaths.
- Police shootings by officers comprised 206 incidents, resulting in 103 deaths.
- Police shootings of officers involved 63 incidents and 24 deaths.

## NATIONAL OVERVIEW

Based on systematic monitoring of public news reports across the United States, EveryShot documented 2,907 gun violence incidents in January 2026. These incidents resulted in 1,025 deaths and 1,576 injuries.

Figure 1: Overall Impact of Gun Violence in January 2026

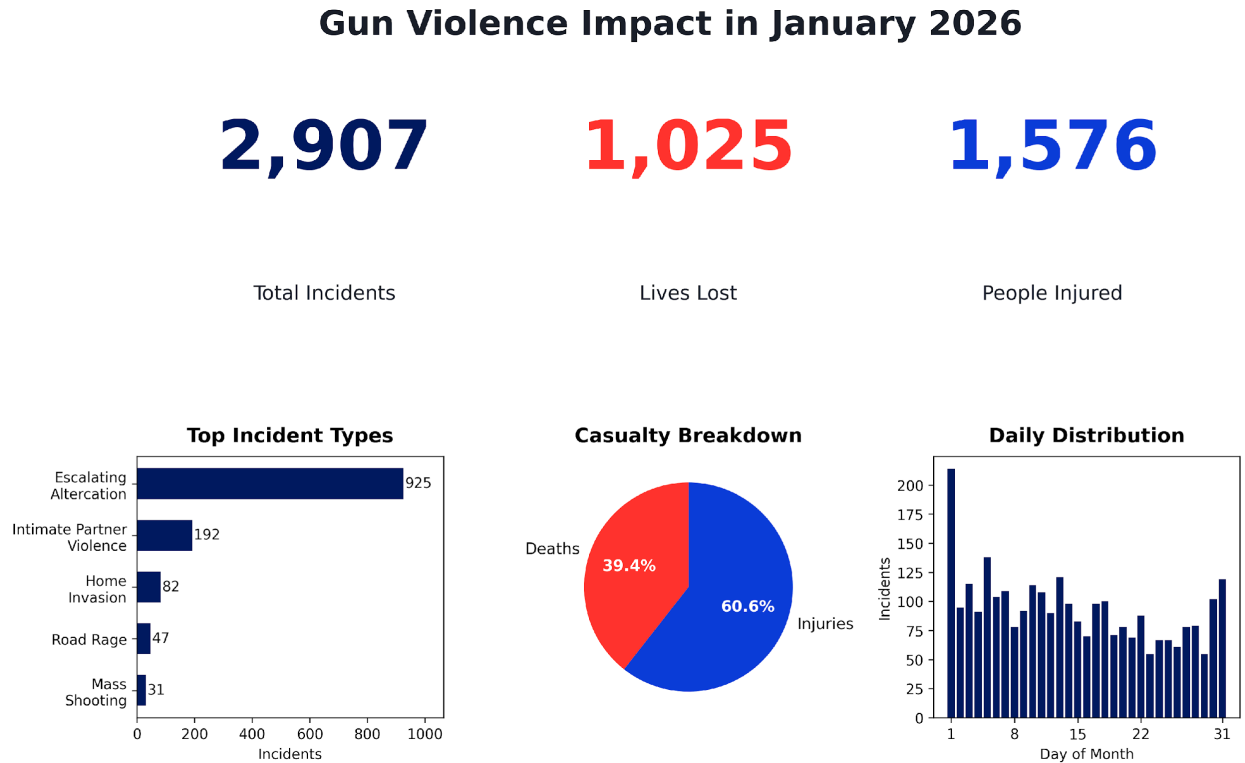


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## JANUARY 2026 SUMMARY TABLE

Comprehensive summary of gun violence statistics for January 2026:

Metric	January 2026	January 2025	Change
<b>OVERALL STATISTICS</b>			
Total Deaths	1025	1183	-13.4%
Total Injuries	1576	1468	+7.4%
<b>INCIDENT CATEGORIES</b>			
Escalating Altercations	925	935	-1.1%
Intimate Partner Violence	192	176	+9.1%
Home Invasion	82	100	-18.0%
Road Rage	47	48	-2.1%
Mass Shootings	31	29	+6.9%
Murder-Suicide	45	55	-18.2%
<b>POLICE SHOOTINGS</b>			
Shootings BY Police	206	235	-12.3%
Shootings OF Police	63	71	-11.3%

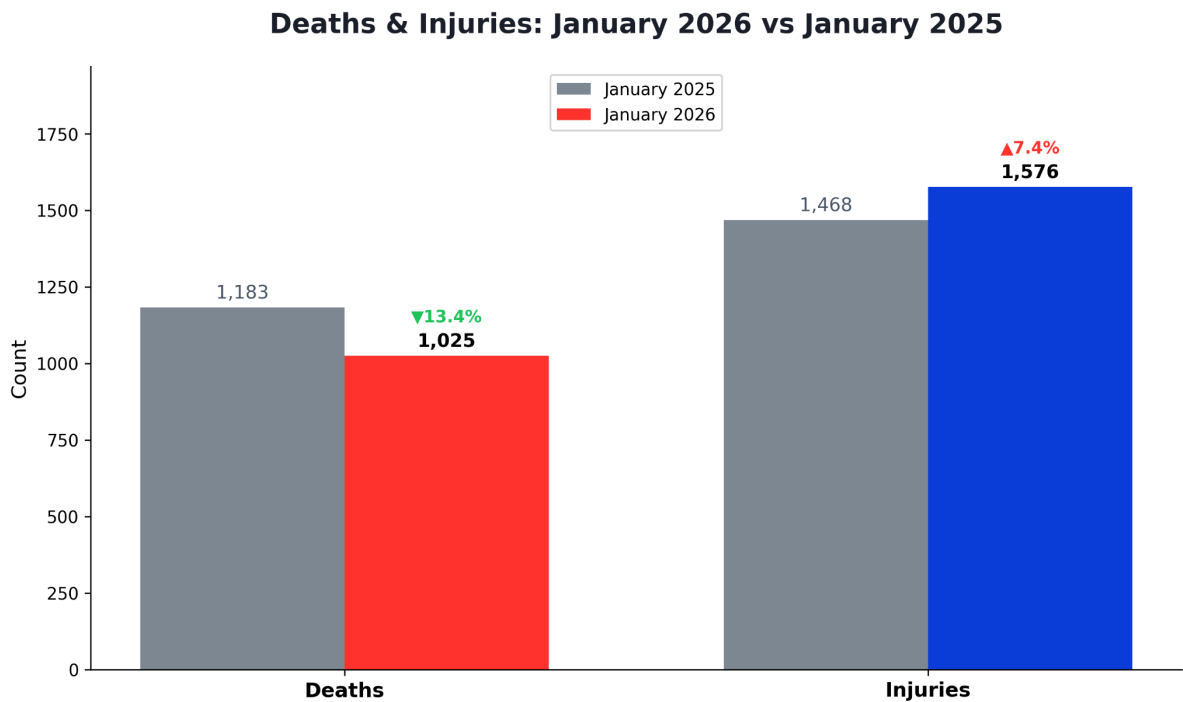
## YEAR-OVER-YEAR COMPARISON: JANUARY 2026 VS JANUARY 2025

This section compares gun violence metrics between January 2026 and January 2025 to identify emerging trends.

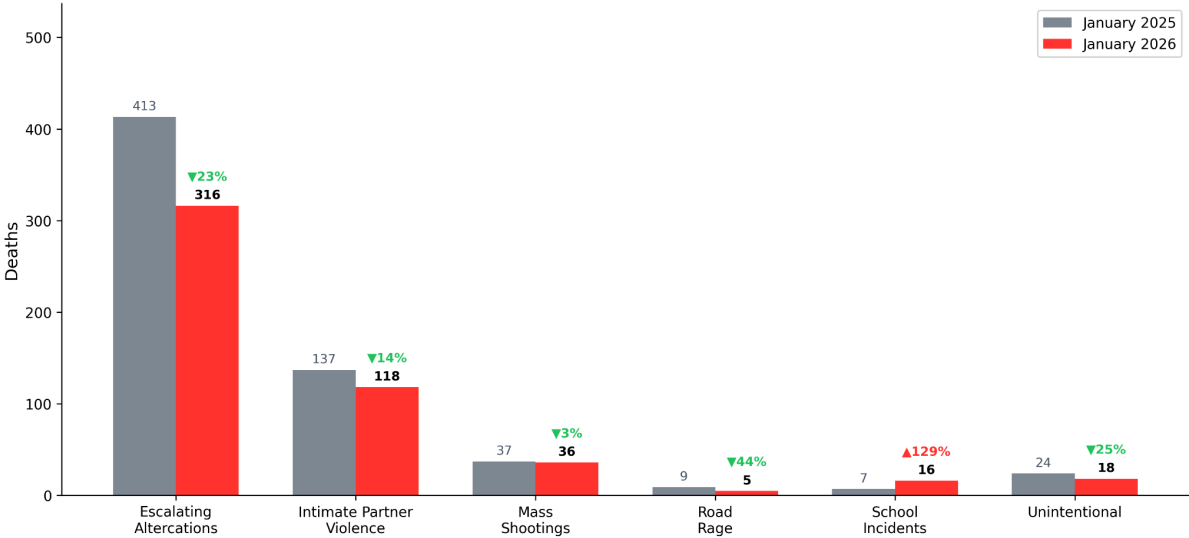
Key Findings:

1. Fatalities: Deaths decreased by 13.4% (1,025 vs 1,183)
2. Injuries: Injuries increased by 7.4% (1,576 vs 1,468)

Figure 6: Year-over-Year Comparison



### Deaths by Incident Category: January 2026 vs January 2025



## GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Gun violence incidents documented from public news reports were identified across 51 states and territories. When adjusted for population using 2024 Census estimates, the five states with the highest gun death rates per million residents in January 2026 were Mississippi, Louisiana, New Mexico, Missouri, and South Carolina.

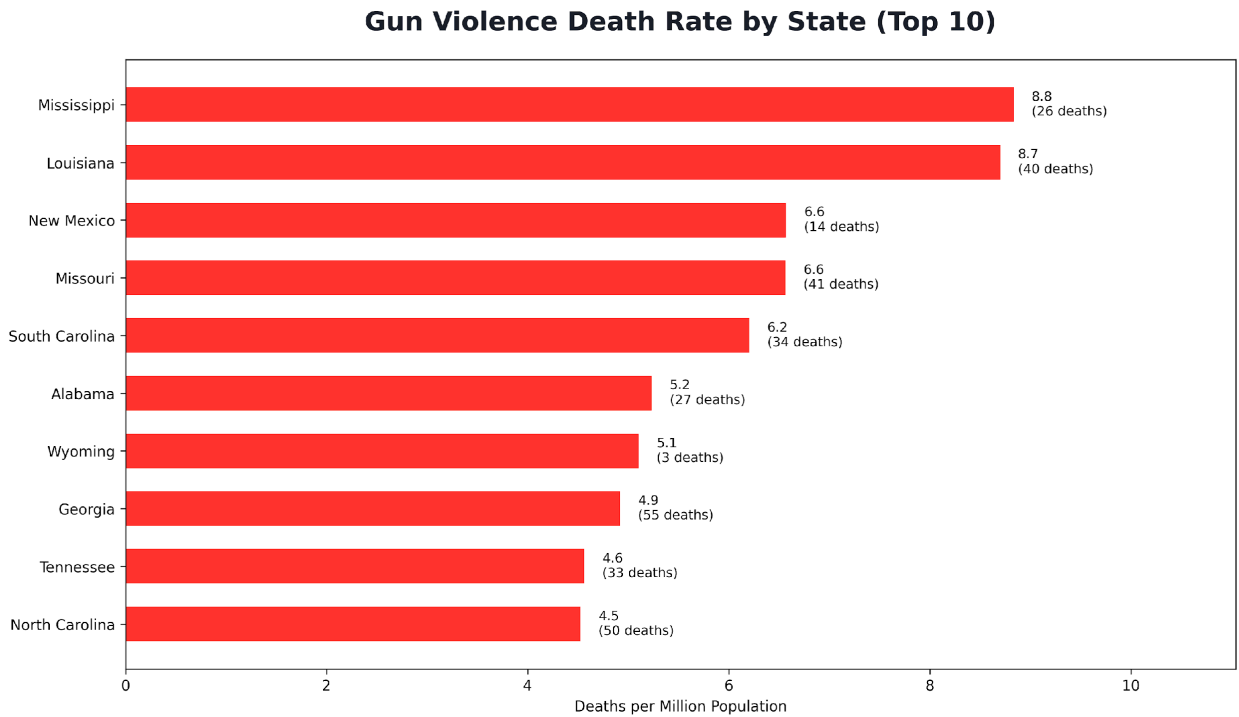


Figure 2: Top 10 States by Gun Death Rate per Million Population

The following table shows gun violence deaths and injuries by state, with year-over-year comparison to January 2025.

State	Deaths (Jan 2026)	Deaths Change from Jan 2025	Injuries (Jan 2026)	Injuries Change from Jan 2025
California	100	▼ 7%	98	▼ 15%
Texas	96	▼ 15%	136	▲ 19%
Florida	65	▲ 16%	108	▲ 61%
Georgia	55	▼ 2%	76	▲ 6%
Illinois	52	▼ 10%	100	▲ 54%
North Carolina	50	▼ 24%	81	▲ 3%
Ohio	41	▼ 20%	52	▲ 13%
Missouri	41	▲ 11%	33	▲ 43%
Louisiana	40	▲ 18%	68	▲ 31%
Arizona	34	▼ 3%	38	▲ 58%
South Carolina	34	▲ 13%	57	▼ 2%
Michigan	33	▲ 175%	44	▲ 10%
Tennessee	33	▼ 41%	57	▼ 33%
Alabama	27	▼ 52%	42	▲ 8%
Mississippi	26	▲ 62%	29	▲ 12%
Indiana	25	▼ 34%	45	▼ 2%
Pennsylvania	23	▼ 55%	65	▲ 10%
Maryland	22	▼ 24%	52	▲ 4%
New York	20	▼ 35%	55	▼ 13%
Virginia	19	▲ 19%	24	▼ 31%
Kentucky	19	▲ 6%	31	▼ 3%
Washington	15	—	33	▲ 10%
New Jersey	14	▲ 100%	9	▼ 31%
New Mexico	14	▼ 22%	8	▼ 47%
Kansas	13	▲ 160%	11	▲ 57%
Arkansas	13	▼ 43%	11	▼ 42%
Wisconsin	12	▲ 20%	26	▲ 4%
Oklahoma	12	▲ 33%	18	▲ 50%
Minnesota	10	▲ 25%	7	▼ 50%
Massachusetts	9	▲ 29%	14	▼ 12%
Colorado	8	▼ 62%	26	▲ 73%
Oregon	8	▼ 38%	15	▲ 25%
Connecticut	5	▼ 50%	16	▲ 14%
Nevada	5	▼ 55%	8	▲ 14%
Utah	5	▼ 44%	11	▲ 267%
Iowa	4	▼ 33%	14	▲ 75%
Alaska	3	—	1	▼ 80%
Idaho	3	▼ 25%	0	▼ 100%
Hawaii	3	▲ 100%	3	▲ 100%
Wyoming	3	▲ 200%	2	▲ 100%

Nebraska	2	▼ 60%	5	▼ 38%
Rhode Island	2	▼ 67%	7	▲ 600%
Delaware	2	▲ 100%	9	▲ 800%
New Hampshire	1	▼ 67%	3	—
North Dakota	1	▼ 50%	3	▼ 25%
Montana	1	▲ 100%	2	▲ 100%
Maine	1	▲ 100%	0	▼ 100%
District of Columbia	1	▼ 90%	9	▼ 61%
South Dakota	0	—	7	▲ 133%
Vermont	0	▼ 100%	2	▲ 100%
West Virginia	0	▼ 100%	5	▲ 67%

*Note: Change percentages compare January 2026 to January 2025. "—" indicates no change or insufficient data.*

## INCIDENT LOCATIONS

Based on public news reports, 2,202 incidents in January 2026 had an identifiable location. Among these, 49.5% (1,091) occurred on a street, 28.9% (637) occurred at home, and 14.4% (317) occurred at a business.

Street was the deadliest location type, with 329 deaths recorded.

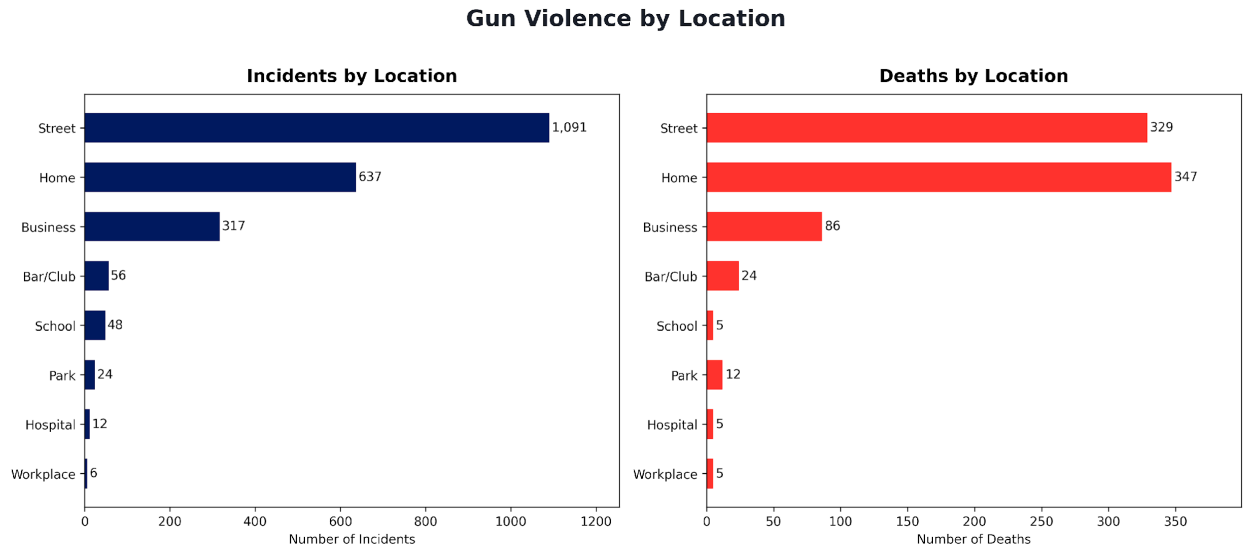


Figure 3: Gun Violence Incidents by Location Type

## 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 925 incidents, followed by intimate partner violence with 192 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.

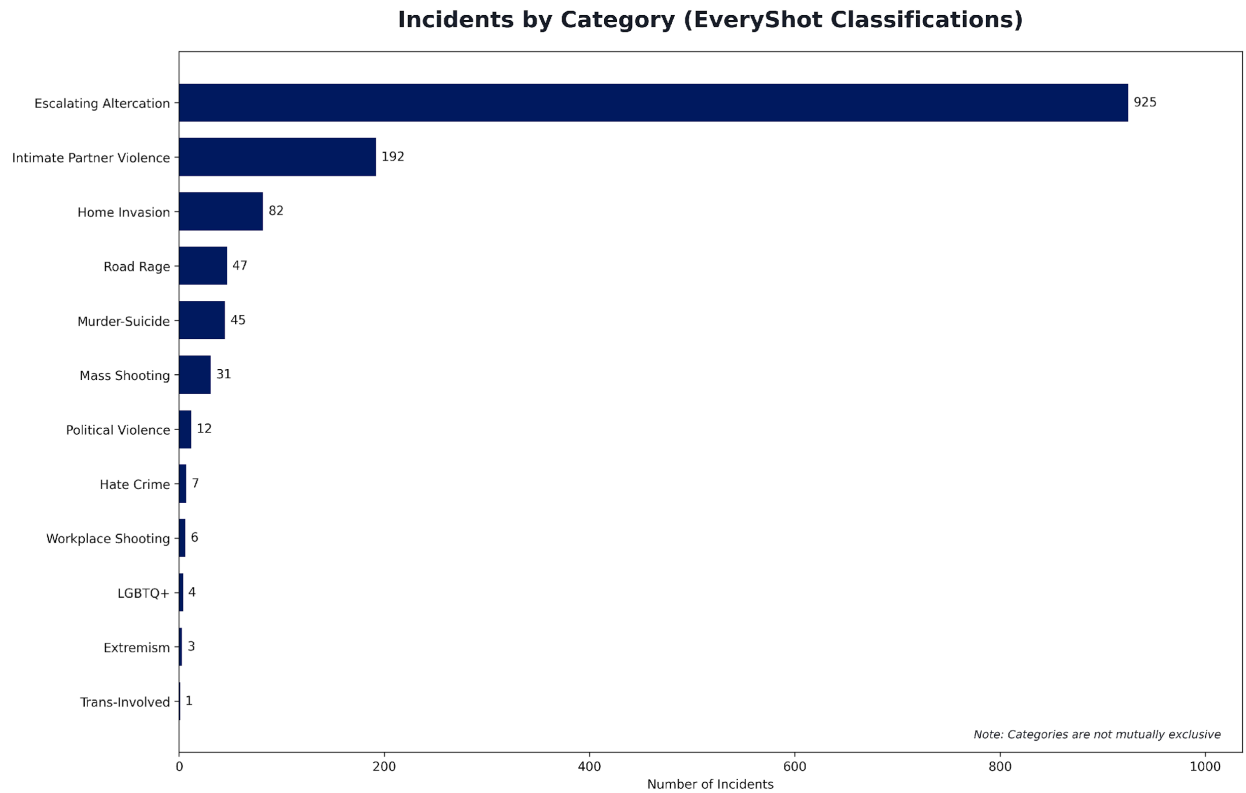


Figure 4: Incidents by Type Category

## **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.

Because EveryShot uses AI to identify and extract details from news reports on gun violence, EveryShot data may contain errors, incomplete information, or misclassifications.

*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.*