



# EVERYSHOT APRIL 2026 IN REVIEW

## UNDERSTANDING GUN VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

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

April 2026 | Generated May 12, 2026

Methodology: This report analyzes gun violence incidents documented by EveryShot from April 1, 2026 through April 30, 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 April 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 April 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. EveryShot is a dynamic tool and numbers presented in the monthly reports are subject to change.*

### **Key Data Points**

- EveryShot documented 2,922 incidents of gun violence in the U.S. in April 2026, resulting in 979 deaths and 1,742 injuries.
- Compared to April 2025, deaths decreased by 16.3% (979 vs 1,169) and injuries decreased by 3.2% (1,742 vs 1,800).
- Among the 50 states, Louisiana had the highest death rate, at 8.7 deaths per million residents, followed by Mississippi (6.8 deaths per million residents) and Missouri (5.9 deaths per million residents).
- Incidents were most likely to occur on a street, accounting for 41% of all incidents.
- Escalating altercations comprised the most common incident type with 1,013 incidents, resulting in 329 deaths and 594 injuries.
- When firearm type was identified (41% of incidents), a handgun was the most common, used in 1,069 incidents.
- There were 205 incidents involving intimate partner violence, resulting in 115 deaths.
- There were 44 mass shooting incidents, resulting in 38 deaths.
- There were 80 unintentional shootings, resulting in 22 deaths.
- Road rage accounted for 54 incidents and 8 deaths.
- Police shootings by officers comprised 194 incidents, resulting in 120 deaths.
- Police shootings of officers involved 55 incidents and 29 deaths.

## NATIONAL OVERVIEW

Based on systematic monitoring of public news reports across the United States, EveryShot documented 2,922 gun violence incidents in April 2026. These incidents resulted in 979 deaths and 1,742 injuries.

Figure 1: Overall Impact of Gun Violence in April 2026

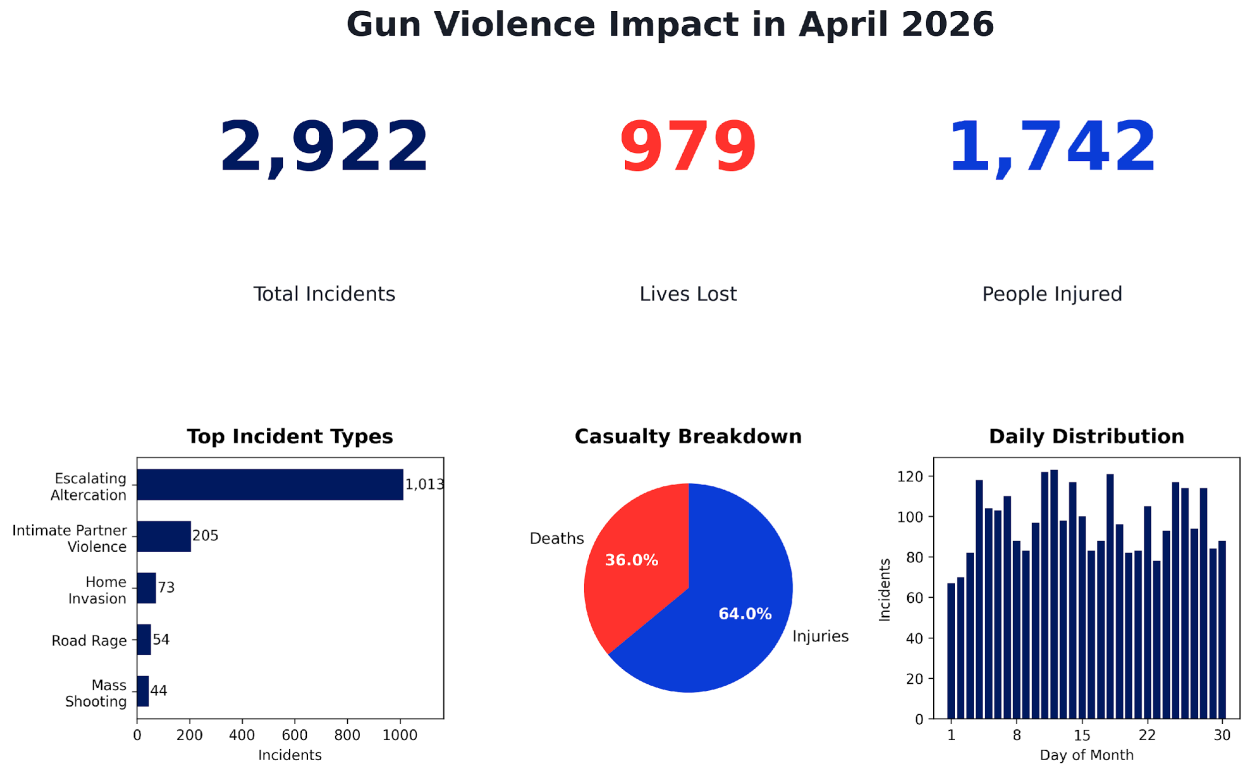


Figure 1: Overall Impact of Gun Violence in April 2026

## APRIL 2026 SUMMARY TABLE

Comprehensive summary of gun violence statistics for April 2026:

Metric	April 2026	April 2025	Change
<b>OVERALL STATISTICS</b>			
Total Deaths	979	1,169	-16.3%
Total Injuries	1,742	1,800	-3.2%
<b>INCIDENT CATEGORIES</b>			
Escalating Altercations	1,013	1,073	-5.6%
Intimate Partner Violence	205	201	+2.0%
Home Invasion	73	83	-12.0%
Road Rage	54	80	-32.5%
Murder-Suicide	48	57	-15.8%
Mass Shootings	44	26	+69.2%
<b>POLICE SHOOTINGS</b>			
Shootings BY Police	194	219	-11.4%
Shootings OF Police	55	59	-6.8%

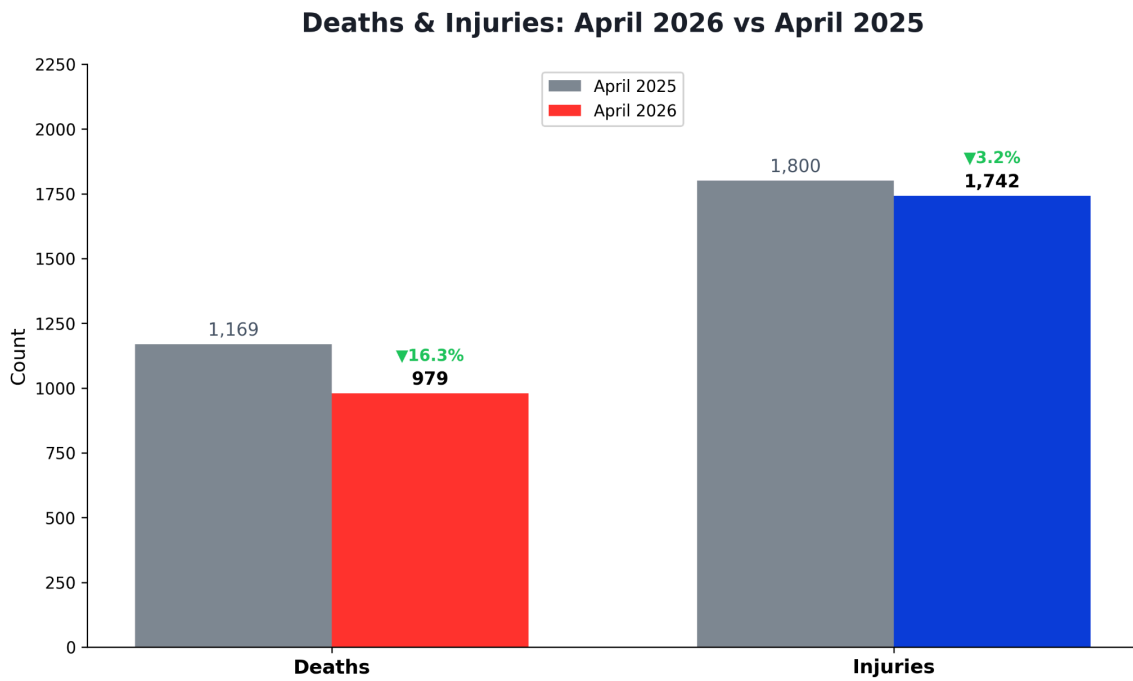
## YEAR-OVER-YEAR COMPARISON: APRIL 2026 VS APRIL 2025

This section compares gun violence metrics between April 2025 and April 2026.

Key Findings:

1. Deaths decreased by 16.3% (979 vs 1,169)
2. Injuries decreased by 3.2% (1,742 vs 1,800)

Figure 6: Year-over-Year Comparison



## GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Gun violence incidents documented from public news reports were identified across 50 states. When adjusted for population using 2024 Census estimates, the five states with the highest gun death rates per million residents in April 2026 were Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina, and New Mexico.

Figure 2: Top 10 States by Gun Death Rate per Million Population (excluding states with less than 10 deaths)

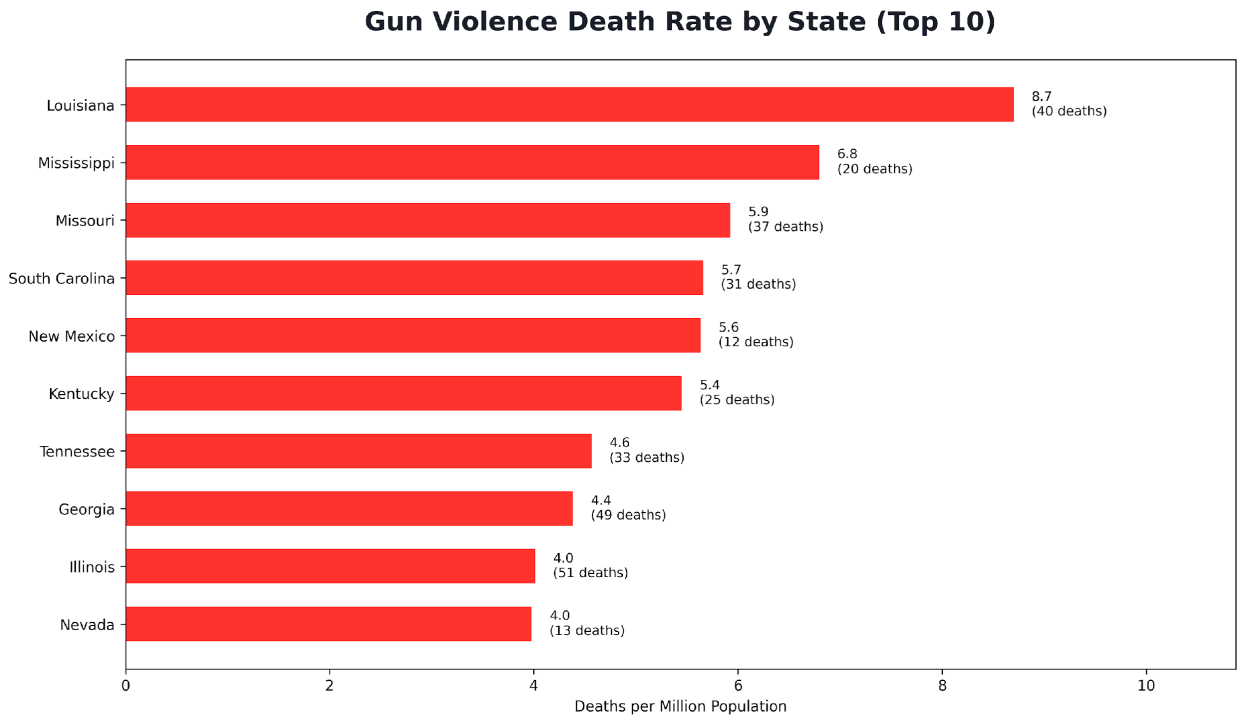


Figure 2: Top 10 States by Gun Death Rate per Million Population

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

State	Deaths (Apr 2026)	Deaths: Percent Change from Apr 2025	Injuries (Apr 2026)	Injuries: Percent Change from Apr 2025
Alabama	20	▼ 44%	48	▲ 41%
Alaska	1	▼ 67%	10	*
Arizona	23	▼ 30%	41	▲ 71%
Arkansas	11	▼ 35%	10	▼ 58%
California	76	▼ 33%	98	▼ 32%
Colorado	22	▲ 29%	22	▼ 21%
Connecticut	11	▲ 120%	13	▼ 24%
Delaware	2	▼ 33%	8	▲ 100%
Florida	56	▼ 36%	101	▲ 13%
Georgia	49	▼ 18%	97	▼ 14%
Hawaii	0	—	0	—
Idaho	4	▲ 300%	4	*
Illinois	51	▲ 42%	98	▲ 2%
Indiana	27	▲ 17%	72	▲ 53%
Iowa	8	▲ 60%	10	▲ 11%
Kansas	11	▲ 10%	15	▼ 6%
Kentucky	25	▲ 39%	32	▲ 19%
Louisiana	40	▼ 2%	73	▲ 20%
Maine	1	▼ 75%	1	▼ 67%
Maryland	17	▼ 23%	68	▲ 19%
Massachusetts	14	▲ 27%	15	▲ 7%
Michigan	30	▲ 15%	37	▼ 24%
Minnesota	9	▼ 47%	13	▼ 7%
Mississippi	20	▼ 20%	39	▲ 77%
Missouri	37	▼ 3%	52	▲ 8%
Montana	4	▲ 100%	3	▲ 200%
Nebraska	4	—	6	▼ 45%
Nevada	13	▲ 18%	9	▼ 10%
New Hampshire	4	*	6	▲ 20%
New Jersey	6	—	24	▲ 140%
New Mexico	12	▼ 20%	5	▼ 58%
New York	32	▼ 16%	81	▲ 1%
North Carolina	42	▲ 31%	92	▲ 46%
North Dakota	0	▼ 100%	4	*
Ohio	22	▼ 33%	71	▼ 15%
Oklahoma	13	▼ 28%	13	▼ 32%
Oregon	5	▲ 150%	12	▼ 8%
Pennsylvania	34	—	70	▼ 26%
Rhode Island	0	▼ 100%	6	▲ 500%
South Carolina	31	▼ 14%	42	▼ 43%

South Dakota	1	*	3	▲ 50%
Tennessee	33	▼ 30%	42	▼ 59%
Texas	81	▼ 38%	136	▲ 2%
Utah	2	▼ 78%	6	▼ 40%
Vermont	0	▼ 100%	1	▼ 75%
Virginia	24	▼ 23%	44	▼ 23%
Washington	19	▼ 32%	27	▲ 50%
West Virginia	4	▲ 33%	13	▲ 62%
Wisconsin	18	▼ 10%	27	▲ 4%
Wyoming	0	▼ 100%	3	▲ 200%

*\*Note: These values represent the percentage change from April 2025 to April 2026. "—" indicates no change, and "\*" indicates zero baseline in April 2025.*

## INCIDENT LOCATIONS

Based on public news reports, 2,215 incidents in April 2026 had an identifiable location. Among these, 54% (1,187) occurred on a street, 23% (499) occurred at home, and 15% (330) occurred at a business.

Street was the deadliest location type, with 341 deaths recorded.

Figure 3: Gun Violence Incidents by Location Type

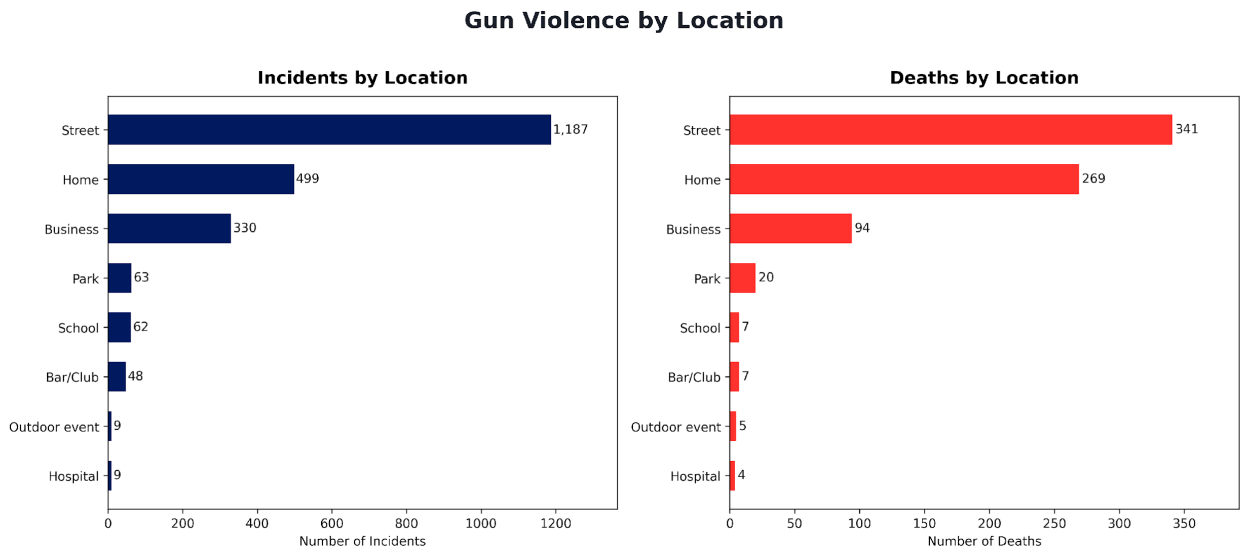


Figure 3: Gun Violence Incidents by Location Type

## 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 (where a fight, argument, disagreement, or dispute led to the incident) with 1,013 incidents, followed by intimate partner violence with 205 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.

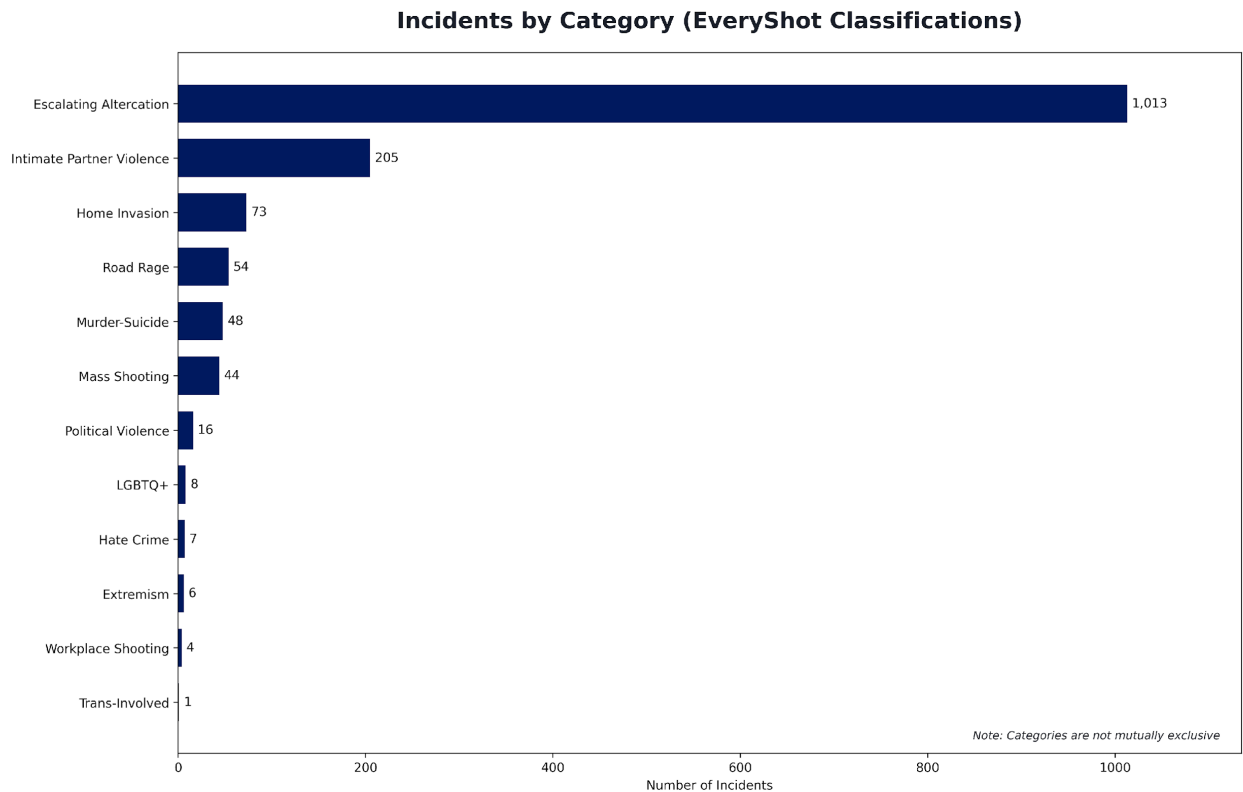


Figure 4: Incidents by Type Category

## **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.*