



EVERYSHOT AUGUST 2026 IN REVIEW

UNDERSTANDING GUN VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

A comprehensive AI-driven analysis of gun violence in August 2026

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Methodology: This report analyzes gun violence incidents documented by EveryShot from August 1, 2026 through August 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 August 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 August 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 2,807 incidents of gun violence in the U.S. in August 2026, resulting in 1,095 deaths and 1,763 injuries.
- Compared to August 2025, deaths decreased by 5.9% (1,095 vs 1,164) and injuries decreased by 10.4% (1,763 vs 1,967).
- Among the 50 states, Mississippi had the highest death rate, at 8.2 deaths per million residents, followed by Louisiana (7.6 deaths per million residents) and South Carolina (6.9 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 895 incidents, resulting in 340 deaths and 539 injuries.
- When firearm type was identified (36% of incidents), a handgun was the most common, used in 881 incidents.
- There were 167 incidents involving intimate partner violence, resulting in 145 deaths.
- There were 56 mass shooting incidents, resulting in 72 deaths.
- There were 75 unintentional shootings, resulting in 21 deaths.
- Road rage accounted for 59 incidents and 10 deaths.
- Police shootings by officers comprised 192 incidents, resulting in 123 deaths.
- Police shootings of officers involved 61 incidents and 28 deaths.

NATIONAL OVERVIEW

Based on systematic monitoring of public news reports across the United States, EveryShot documented 2,807 gun violence incidents in August 2026. These incidents resulted in 1,095 deaths and 1,763 injuries.

Figure 1: Overall Impact of Gun Violence in August 2026

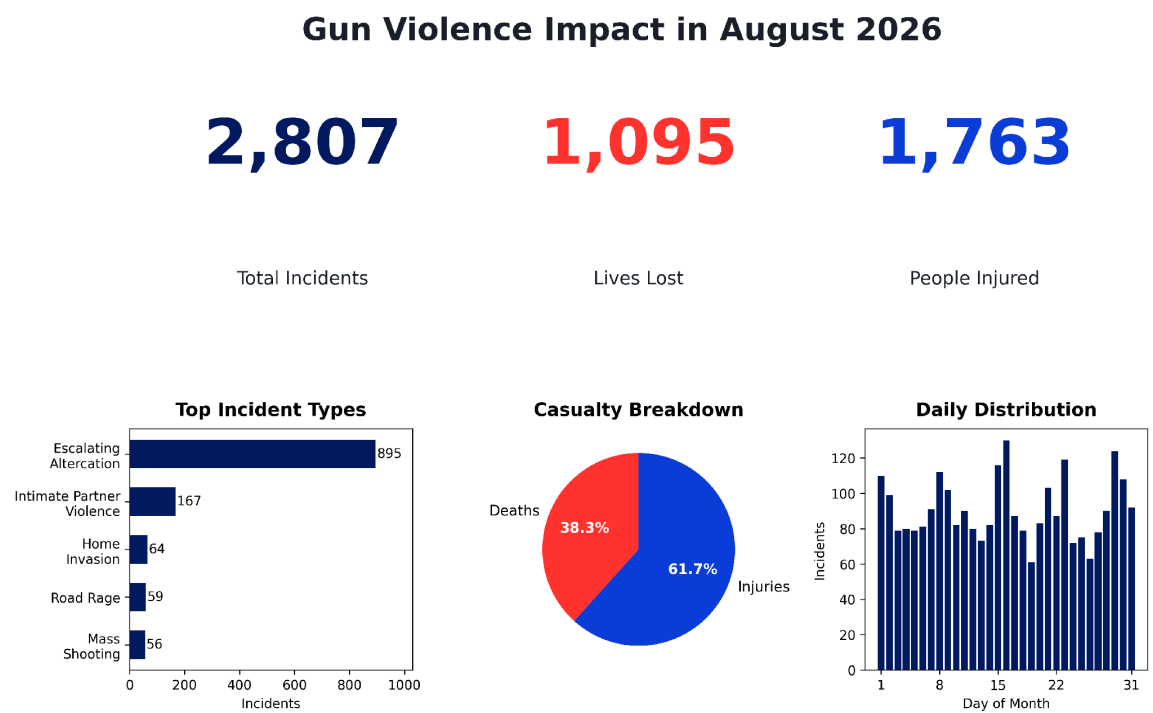


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AUGUST 2026 SUMMARY TABLE

Comprehensive summary of gun violence statistics for August 2026:

Metric	August 2026	August 2025	Change
OVERALL STATISTICS			
Total Deaths	1,095	1,164	-5.9%
Total Injuries	1,763	1,967	-10.4%
INCIDENT CATEGORIES			
Escalating Altercations	895	1,076	-16.8%
Intimate Partner Violence	167	212	-21.2%
Murder-Suicide	64	69	-7.2%
Home Invasion	64	79	-19.0%
Road Rage	59	70	-15.7%
Mass Shootings	56	36	+55.6%
POLICE SHOOTINGS			
Shootings BY Police	192	204	-5.9%
Shootings OF Police	61	53	+15.1%

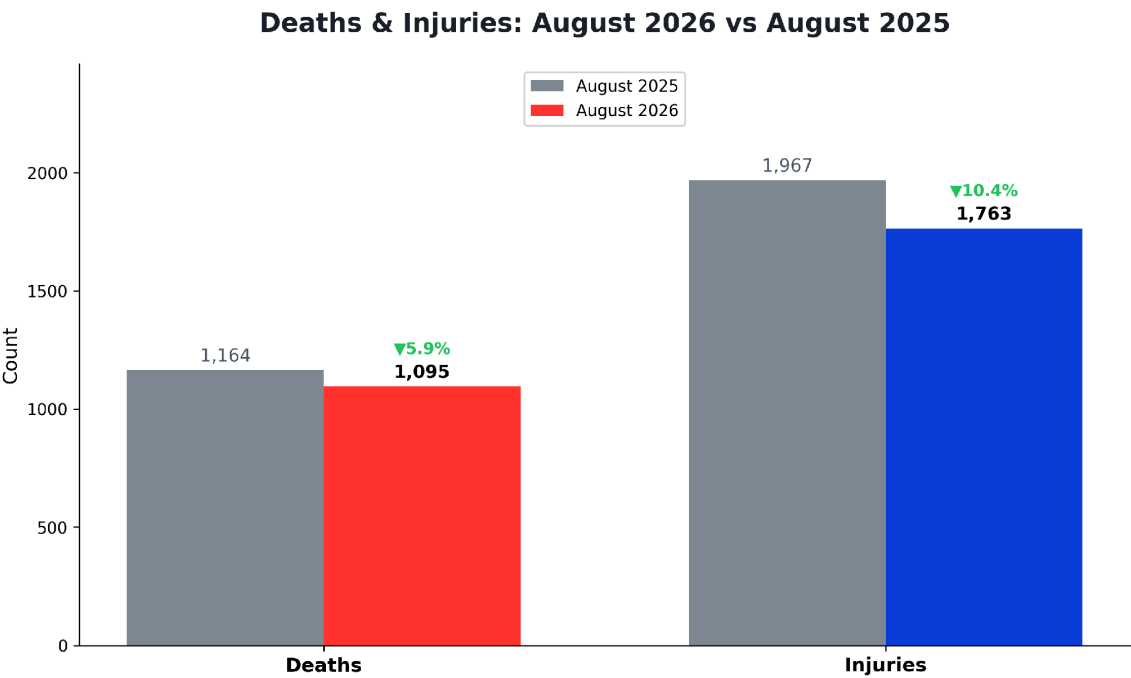
YEAR-OVER-YEAR COMPARISON: AUGUST 2026 VS AUGUST 2025

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

Key Findings:

- 1. Fatalities: Deaths decreased by 5.9% (1,095 vs 1,164)
- 2. Injuries: Injuries decreased by 10.4% (1,763 vs 1,967)

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 August 2026 were Mississippi, Louisiana, Montana, South Carolina, and New Mexico.

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

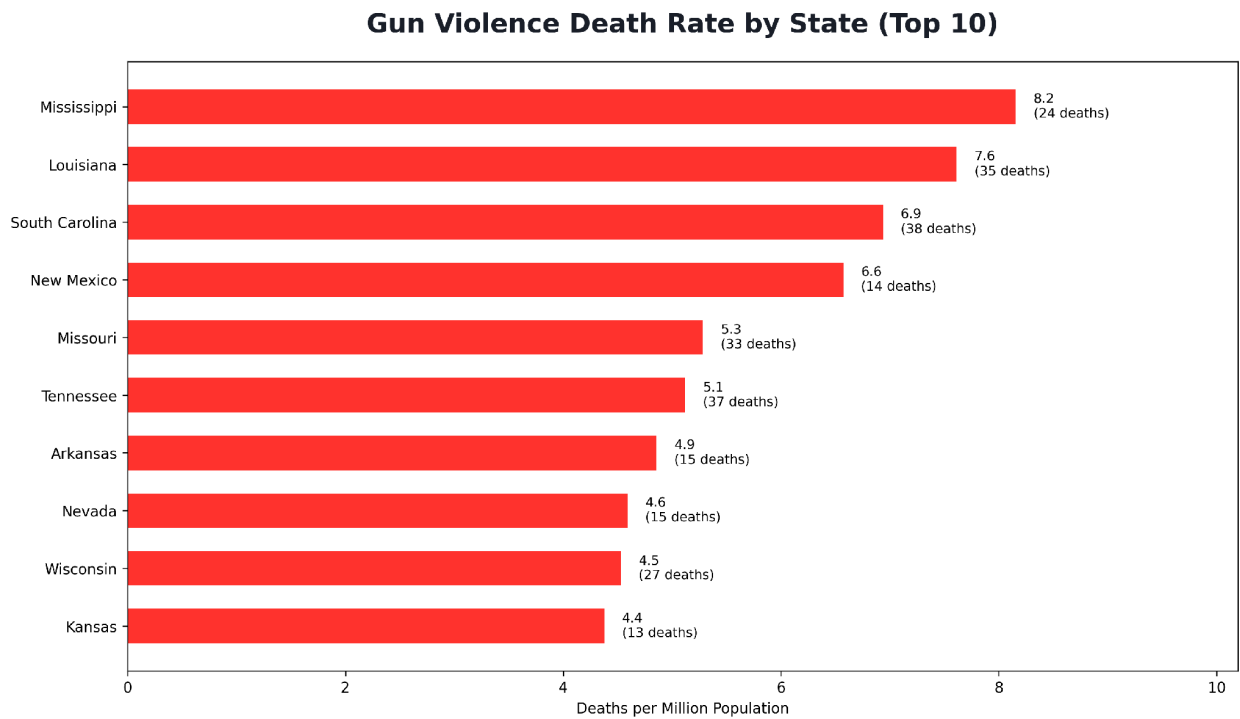


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The following table shows gun violence deaths and injuries by state, with year-over-year comparison to August 2025.

State	Deaths (Aug 2026)	Deaths Change from Aug 2025	Injuries (Aug 2026)	Injuries Change from Aug 2025
Texas	91	▼ 11%	112	—
California	82	▼ 32%	93	▼ 32%
Florida	59	▼ 3%	77	▼ 7%
Illinois	55	▲ 25%	130	▼ 22%
North Carolina	47	▼ 15%	90	▲ 10%
Pennsylvania	45	▲ 41%	91	▲ 8%
Georgia	41	▼ 11%	76	▼ 14%
Ohio	41	▲ 5%	95	▼ 3%
Michigan	39	▲ 39%	56	▲ 2%
South Carolina	38	▲ 27%	33	▼ 48%
Tennessee	37	▲ 3%	68	▼ 15%
New York	37	▲ 28%	84	▼ 34%
Louisiana	35	▼ 26%	58	▼ 2%
Missouri	33	▼ 21%	44	▲ 22%
Arizona	29	▲ 21%	17	▼ 6%
Wisconsin	27	▲ 23%	41	▲ 37%
Virginia	27	▼ 27%	55	▲ 2%
Maryland	25	▲ 25%	49	—
Mississippi	24	▲ 4%	41	▲ 14%
Alabama	21	▼ 51%	48	▲ 2%
Kentucky	19	▲ 6%	31	▼ 16%
Washington	18	—	34	▲ 36%
Indiana	17	▼ 47%	53	▼ 24%
Colorado	17	▼ 11%	29	▲ 26%
Oregon	16	▲ 14%	31	▲ 158%
Arkansas	15	▲ 25%	11	▼ 27%
Nevada	15	▲ 114%	14	▲ 180%
New Mexico	14	▲ 8%	7	▼ 56%
Kansas	13	—	11	▼ 31%
Massachusetts	13	▲ 44%	29	▲ 16%
Connecticut	12	▲ 100%	23	▲ 35%
New Jersey	11	▼ 27%	16	▼ 27%
Oklahoma	11	▼ 35%	22	—
Minnesota	10	▼ 33%	15	▼ 74%
Utah	9	▲ 125%	4	▼ 64%
Idaho	9	▲ 80%	7	▲ 17%
Montana	8	▲ 14%	4	▲ 300%
District of Columbia	8	▲ 14%	17	—
Iowa	6	▲ 20%	6	▼ 67%
Alaska	4	▲ 33%	5	▲ 400%
Maine	3	▲ 50%	3	—

Delaware	3	▼ 25%	10	▲ 233%
West Virginia	3	▼ 57%	3	▼ 50%
North Dakota	2	▼ 33%	2	▼ 71%
Rhode Island	1	▼ 50%	1	▼ 67%
South Dakota	1	▼ 80%	1	▼ 50%
New Hampshire	1	▼ 80%	5	*
Nebraska	1	▼ 83%	2	▼ 86%
Hawaii	1	▼ 67%	2	▼ 50%
Wyoming	1	▼ 75%	0	*
Vermont	0	▼ 100%	7	▲ 133%

*Note: Change percentages compare August 2026 to August 2025. "—" indicates no change. "***" indicates zero baseline in August 2025.*

INCIDENT LOCATIONS

Based on public news reports, 2,075 incidents in August 2026 had an identifiable location. Among these, 55% (1,142) occurred on a street, 25% (518) occurred at home, and 13% (263) occurred at a business. Home was the deadliest location type, with 352 deaths recorded.

Figure 3: Gun Violence Incidents by Location Type

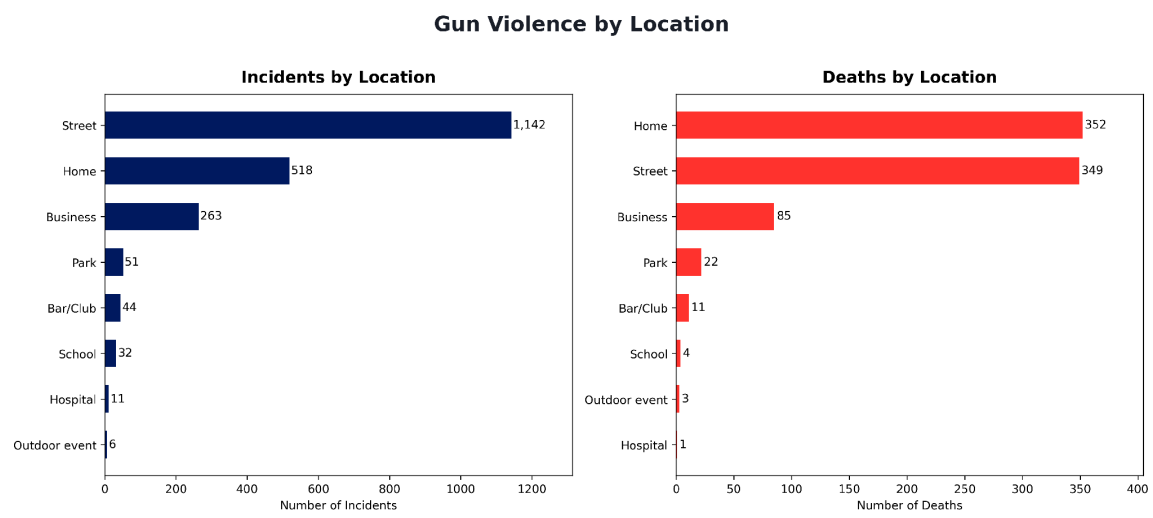


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INCIDENT TYPES

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 895 incidents, followed by intimate partner violence with 167 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.

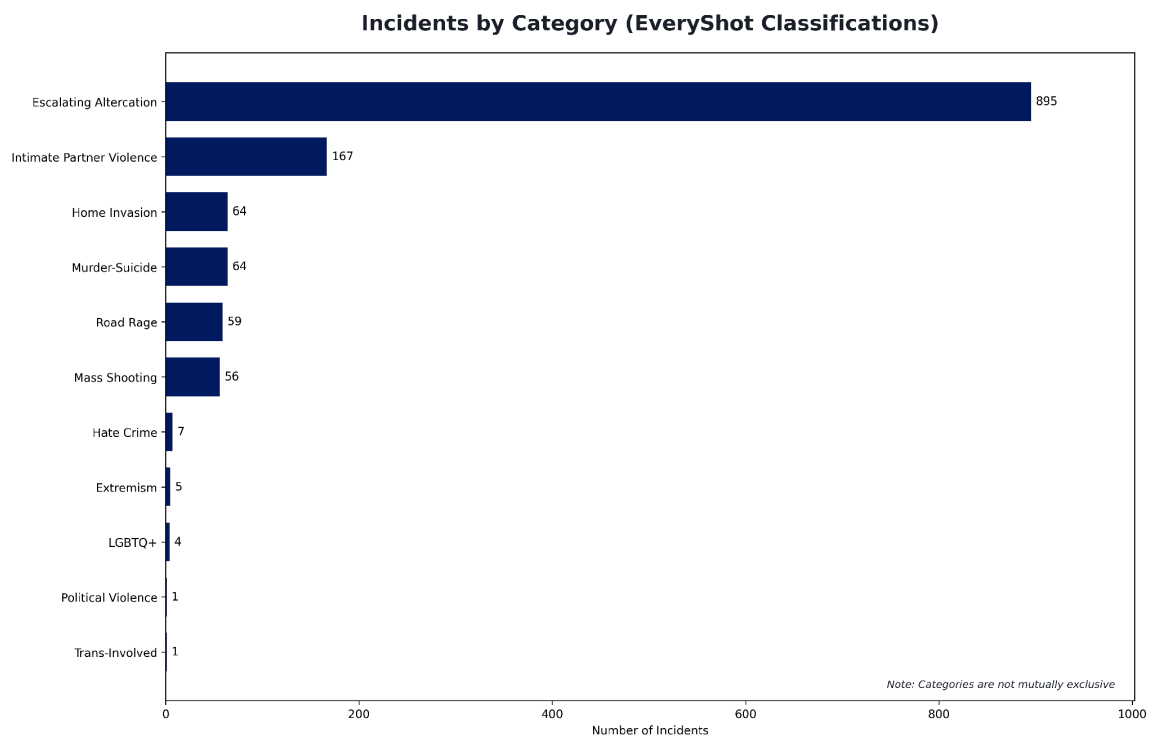


Figure 4: Incidents by Type Category

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.