

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GUN VIOLENCE ASSESSMENT

Assessment of Prince George's County Fatal and Nonfatal Shootings
January 1, 2024–December 31, 2025



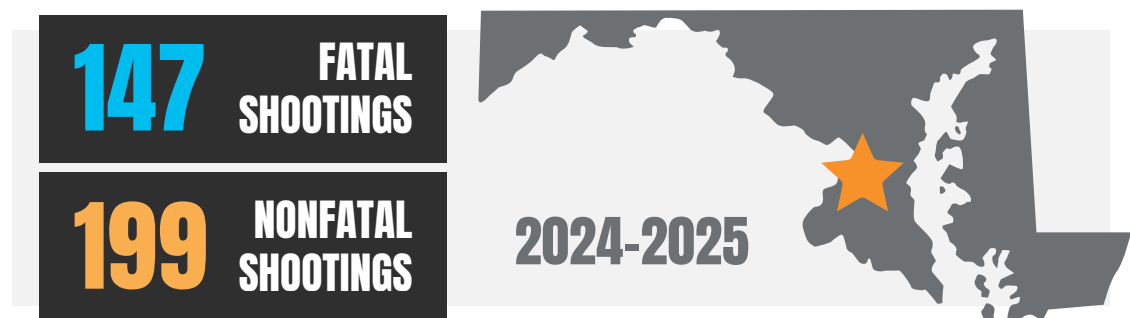
Introduction

Prince George's County, Maryland, is the second most populous county in the state and one of the largest predominantly Black counties in the United States. In recent years, Prince George's County has also had the second highest rate of gun violence in the State of Maryland.

Consistent with nationwide increases in violence amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Prince George's County experienced a 47% increase in gun homicides¹, from 85 firearm homicides in 2019 to 125 in 2021.² Over the next four years, this figure remained elevated, with the county experiencing 85–98 firearm homicides annually. Fortunately, in 2025, the county saw a 42% decrease in homicides, returning to pre-pandemic levels and achieving its lowest number of homicides in 10 years.

In July 2025, the newly established Center for Firearm Violence Prevention and Intervention within the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) awarded funding to the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) to conduct an analysis of recent gun violence trends in Prince George's County.³ This Gun Violence Assessment (GVA) uses publicly available data sources to examine fatal and nonfatal shootings in Prince George's County between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2025. During this period, the county experienced 147 fatal shootings and 199 nonfatal shootings for which NICJR could locate publicly available data.⁴

Prince George's County has 970,374 residents, of whom 62% are Black, 23.9% Latino, 10.7% White, and 4.5% Asian.⁵ Within the time frame studied, both fatal and nonfatal shooting victims and suspects were disproportionately Black and male. Despite popular belief, most victims and suspects were not teenagers, but rather young adults aged 24 to 30.



*Number of incidents with publicly available data

Demographic Breakdown

NICJR found that victims and suspects of both fatal and nonfatal shootings in Prince George's County from 2024 to 2025 were disproportionately Black males in their mid-twenties.

The average age of fatal shooting victims within the sample was 29.9, and the 97 known suspects had an average age of 28.6 years. Similarly, the average age of the 31 victims of nonfatal shootings with available age information was 24.7 years, and the average age of the 36 suspects with known age information was 25.2 years.

Fatal shooting victims were overwhelmingly male in both 2024 and 2025. In 2024, 92% of fatal shooting victims and 94% of fatal shooting suspects were male; similarly, 86% of nonfatal shooting victims and 92% of nonfatal shooting suspects were male. In 2025, 89% of victims and 90% suspects in fatal shootings and 81% of victims and 92% of suspects in nonfatal shootings were male.

Available information indicates that Black individuals are disproportionately impacted by gun violence in Prince George's County. In 2024, 84% of victims and 87% of suspects in fatal shootings were Black. In 2025, 91% of fatal shooting victims and suspects were Black.

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Figure 1. Average Age of Fatal and Nonfatal Shooting Victims and Suspects

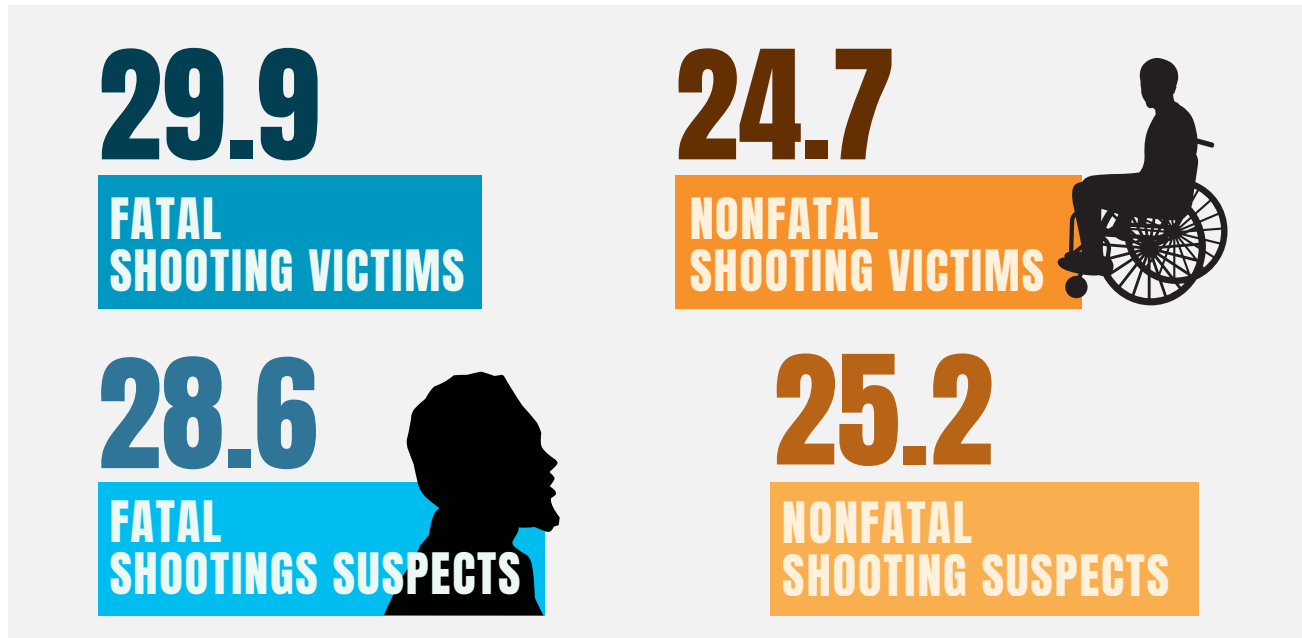


Table 1. Age Distribution of Fatal Shooting Victims and Suspects

	Fatal Shooting Victims				Fatal Shooting Suspects			
	2024		2025		2024		2025	
Age	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
0-17	11	12%	5	10%	10	17%	6	15%
18-34	59	66%	28	54%	34	59%	24	59%
35+	19	21%	19	37%	14	24%	11	27%
Total	89	100%	52	100%	58	100%	41	100%

Table 2. Adult or Juvenile Status of Nonfatal Shooting Victims and Suspects⁶

	Nonfatal Shooting Victims				Nonfatal Shooting Suspects			
	2024		2025		2024		2025	
Age Group	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
0-17	18	14%	11	18%	15	31%	1	11%
18+	109	86%	49	82%	33	69%	8	89%
Total	127	100%	60	100%	48	100%	9	100%

The majority of gun violence victims and suspects are Black.

Figure 2. Race/Ethnicity of Fatal and Nonfatal Shooting Victims and Suspects

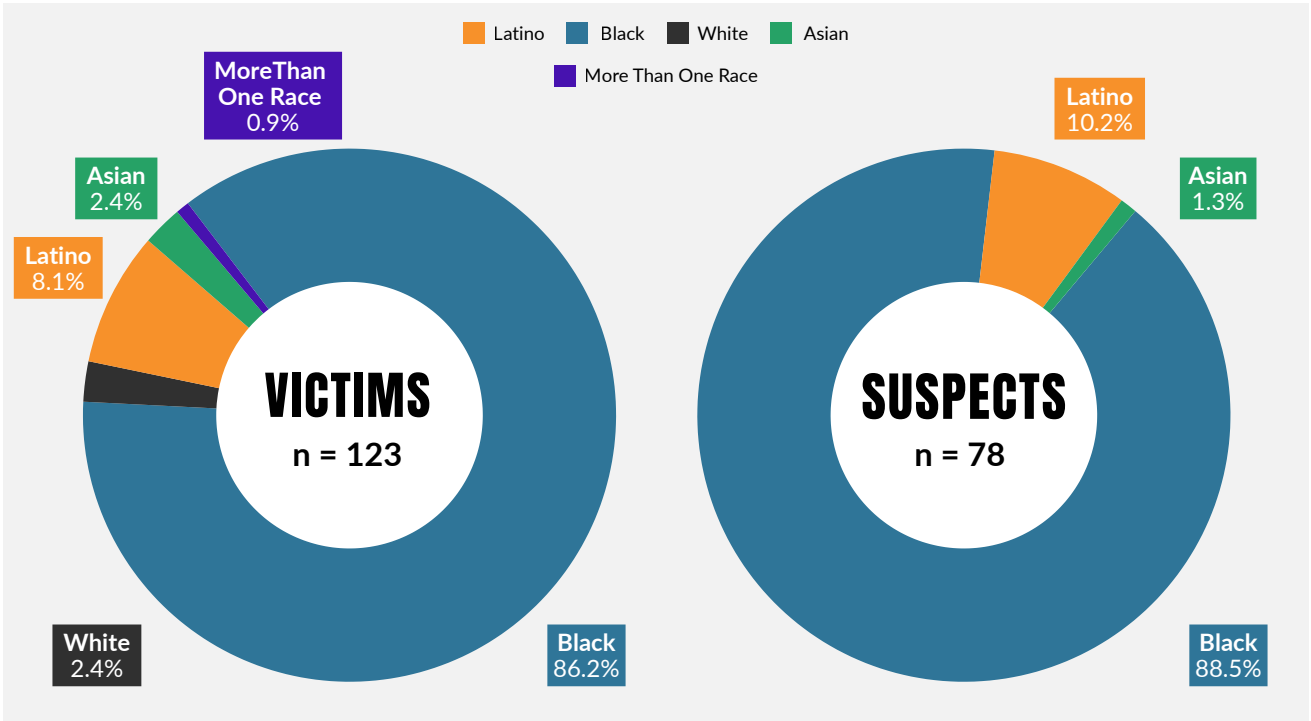


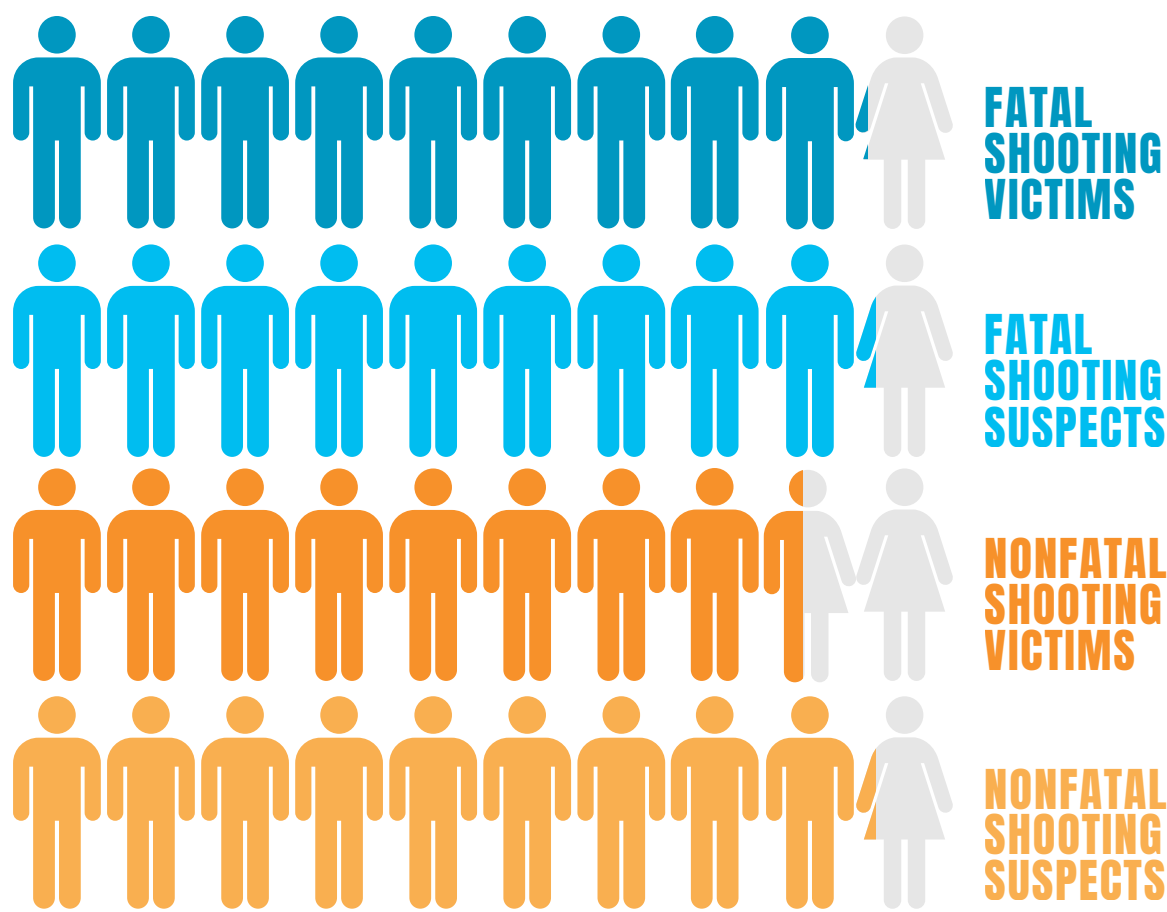
Table 3. Race/Ethnicity of Fatal Shooting Victims and Suspects⁷

	Fatal Shooting Victims				Fatal Shooting Suspects			
	2024		2025		2024		2025	
Race	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Asian	3	4%	-	-	1	2%	-	-
Black	67	84%	39	91%	39	87%	30	91%
Latino	7	9%	3	7%	5	11%	3	9%
More Than One Race	1	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	2	2%	1	2%	-	-	-	-
Total	80	100%	43	100%	45	100%	33	100%

The majority of gun violence victims and suspects are male.

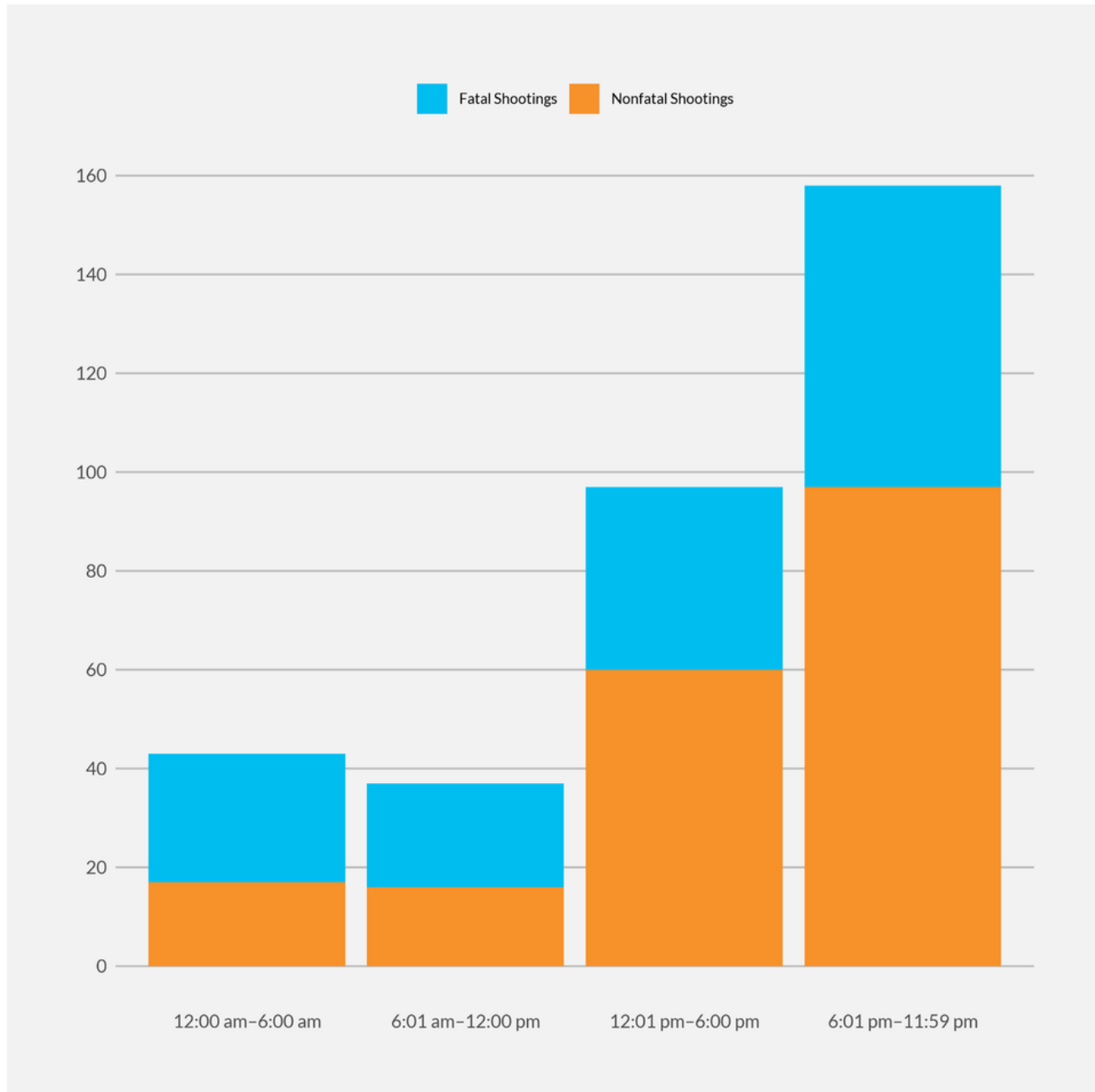
Table 4 and Figure 3. Sex of Fatal and Nonfatal Shooting Victims and Suspects

	Fatal Shooting Victims				Nonfatal Shooting Victims			
	2024		2025		2024		2025	
Sex	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Female	7	8%	6	11%	18	14%	12	19%
Male	86	92%	47	89%	112	86%	50	81%
Total	93	100%	53	100%	130	100%	62	100%
	Fatal Shooting Suspects				Nonfatal Shooting Suspects			
	2024		2025		2024		2025	
Sex	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Female	4	6%	4	10%	4	8%	1	8%
Male	61	94%	36	90%	49	92%	11	92%
Total	65	100%	40	100%	53	100%	12	100%



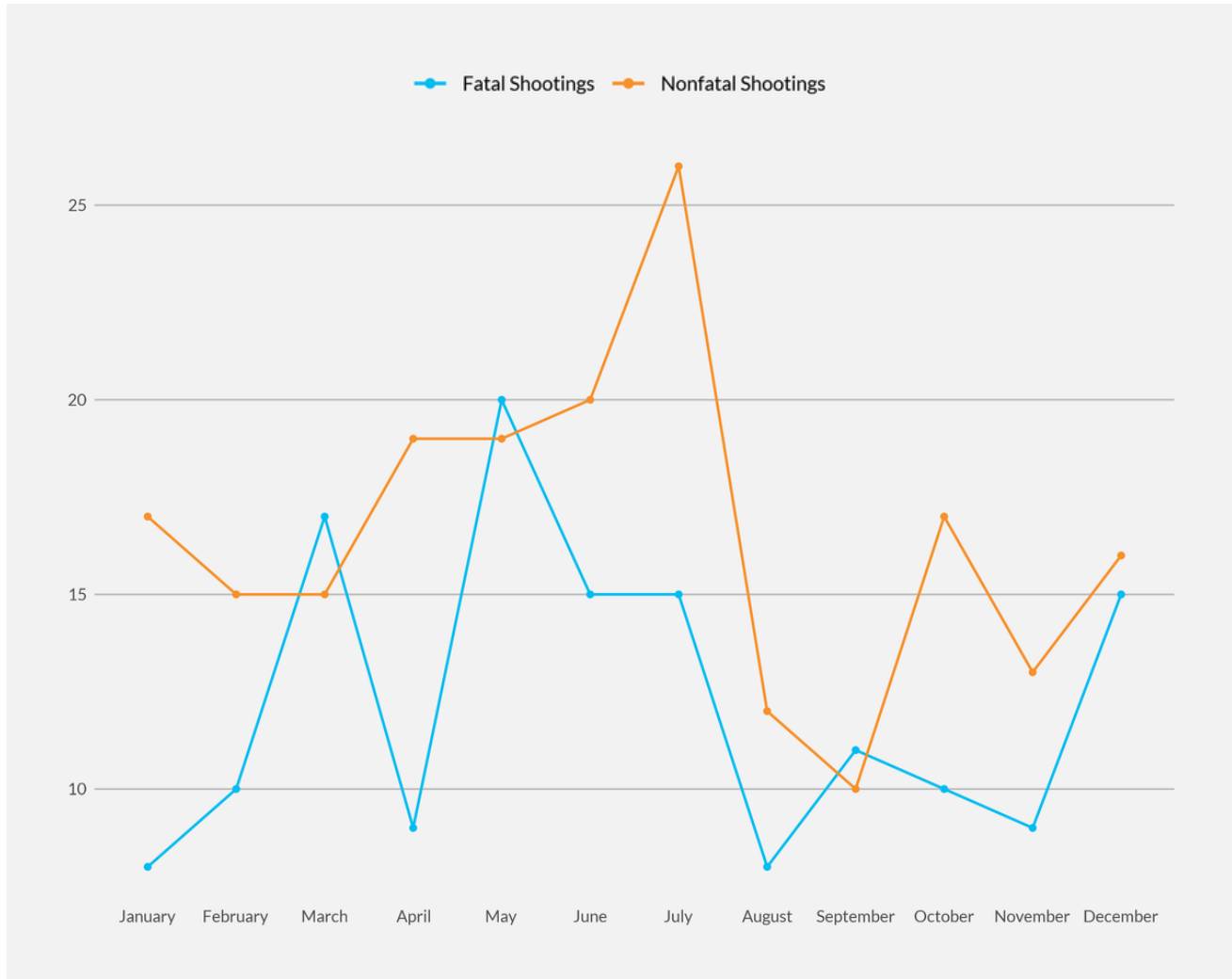
Gun violence incidents often occur in the evening and at night, between **6:00 pm** and **midnight**.

Figure 4. Fatal and Nonfatal Shooting Incidents by Time of Day



Gun violence incidents often occur in the summer months, from **May through July**.

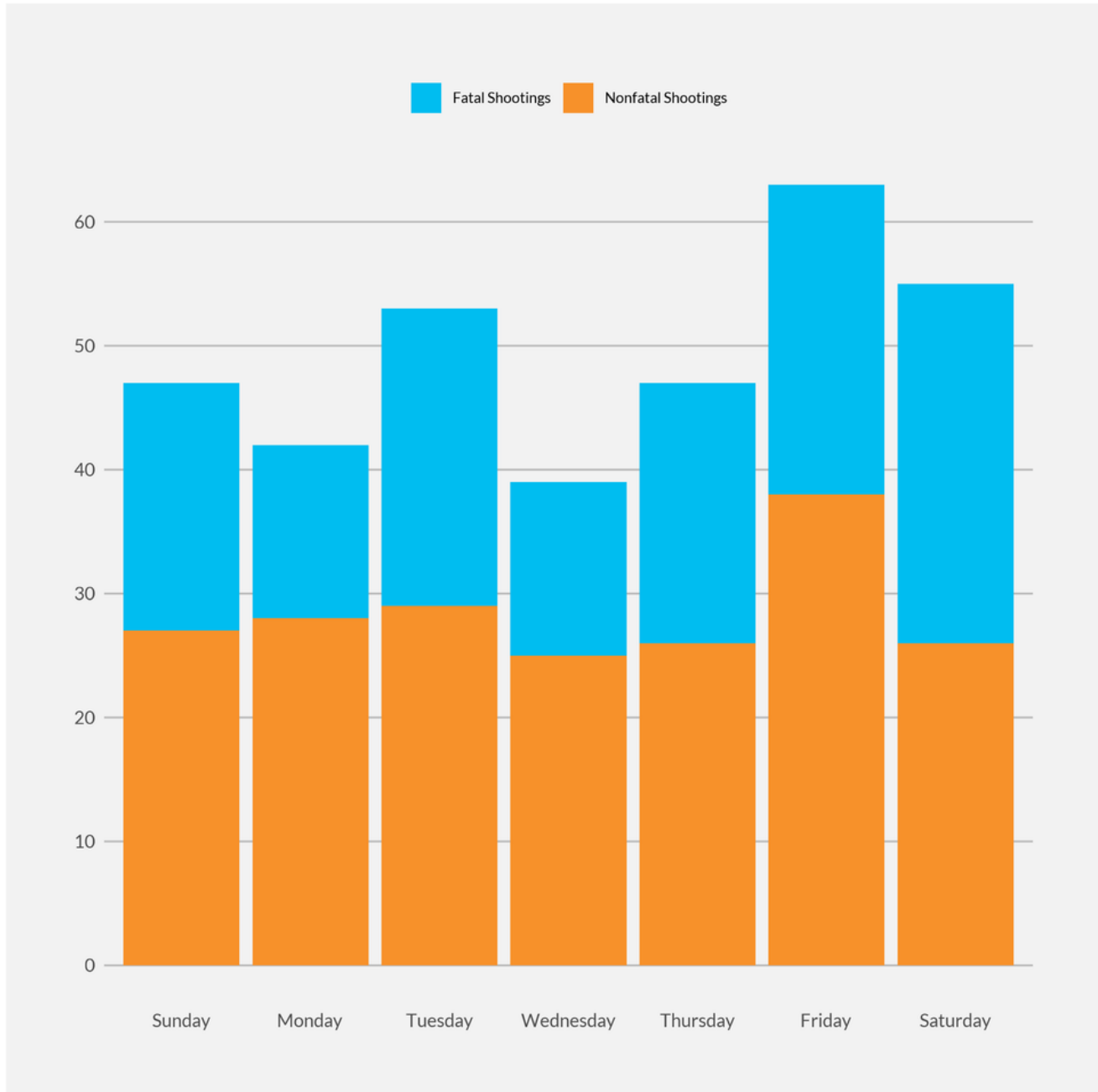
Figure 5. Fatal and Nonfatal Shooting Incidents by Month



Shootings peaked in May (11.3%) and July (11.8%). Incidents slowed in August, September, and November.

Gun violence incidents often occur at the end of the week, on **Fridays and Saturdays**.

Figure 6. Fatal and Nonfatal Shootings by Day of Week



Fridays saw the highest percentage of shootings (18.2%).

Zip codes **20743** and **20747** had the highest rates of gun violence.

The majority of shooting incidents (11.6% of fatal shootings and 14.5% of nonfatal shootings) occurred in the 20743 zip code. The 20747 zip code also saw 9.9% of fatal shootings and 15.7% of nonfatal shootings.

Table 5. Fatal and Nonfatal Shooting Incidents Within the 15 Most Violent Zip Codes

Zip code	Fatal shootings	Nonfatal shootings
20607	4	1
20706	2	9
20708	7	7
20735	4	5
20743	14	23
20744	4	4
20745	16	7
20746	12	11
20747	12	25
20748	12	16
20770	7	12
20774	7	3
20782	2	8
20783	7	13
20785	11	15

Figure 7. Map of Fatal Shooting Frequency by Zip Code

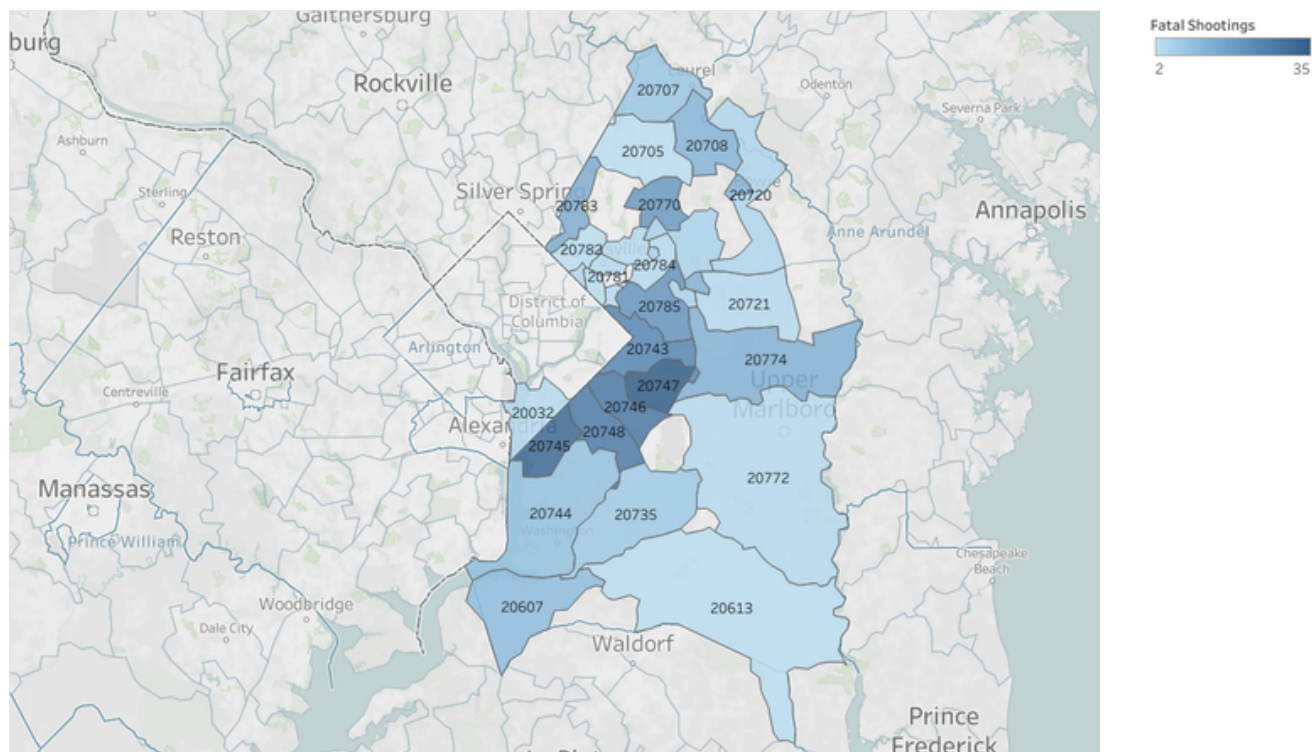
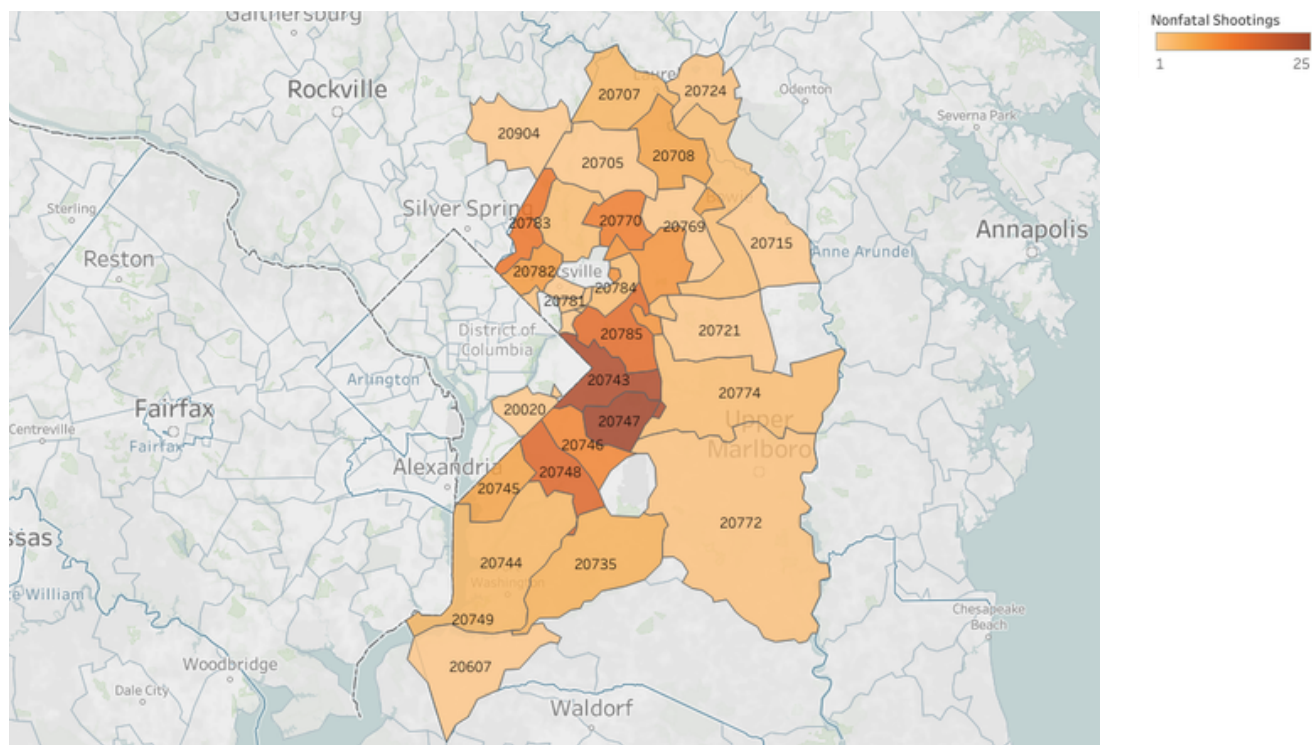


Figure 8. Map of Nonfatal Shooting Frequency by Zip Code



Prince George's County Clearance Rates

From 2015 through 2024, the homicide clearance rate in Prince George's County was approximately 40–60% annually, with the exception of 2018, when the clearance rate peaked at 88.5%.⁸ When homicides peaked in 2021, the clearance rate hit its lowest point, at 43.9%. In 2025, when homicides returned to pre-pandemic levels, the homicide clearance rate increased to 83.3%.

Figure 9. Reported and Cleared Homicides in Prince George's County

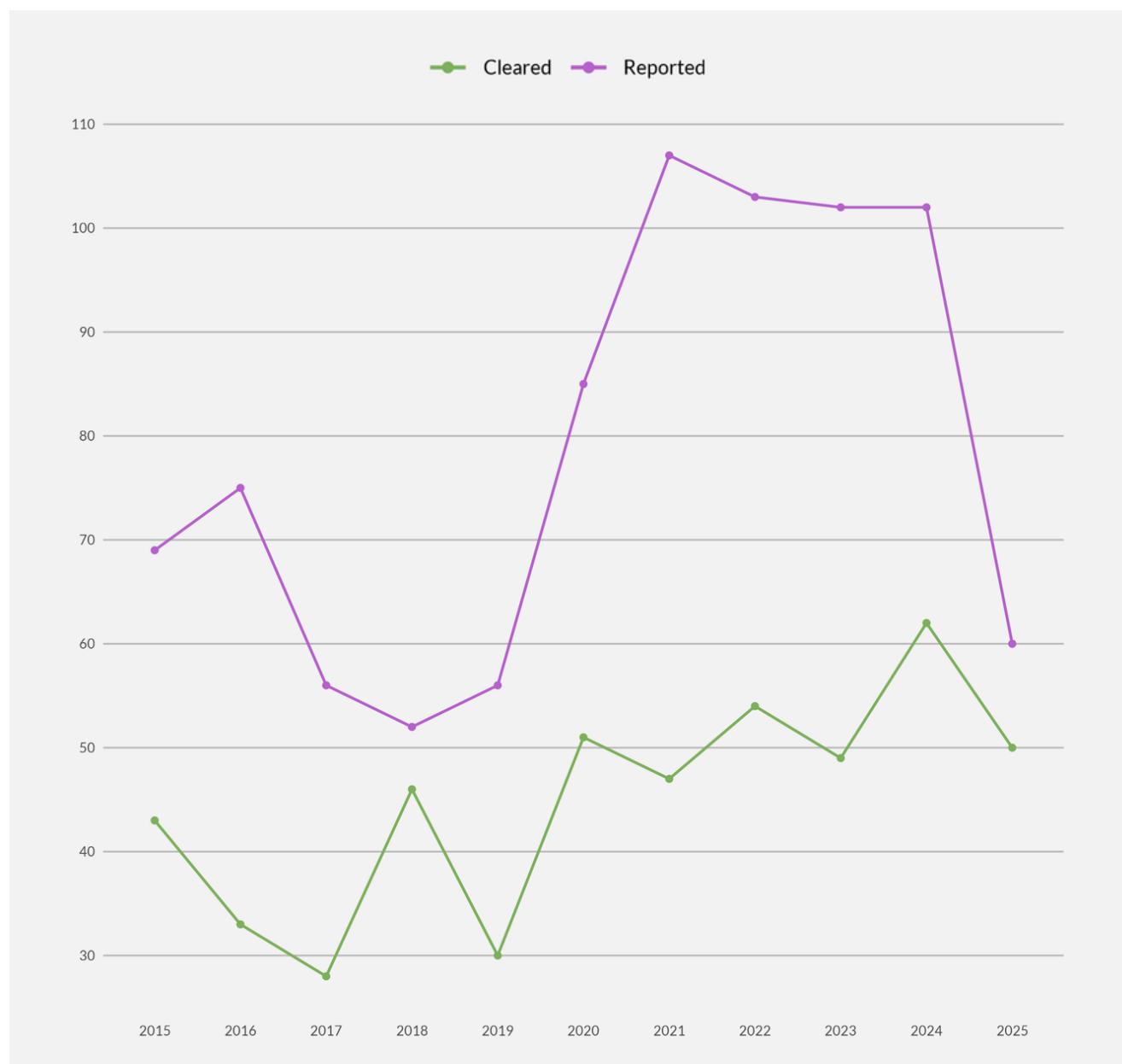


Table 6. Prince George's County Homicide Clearance Rate per Year

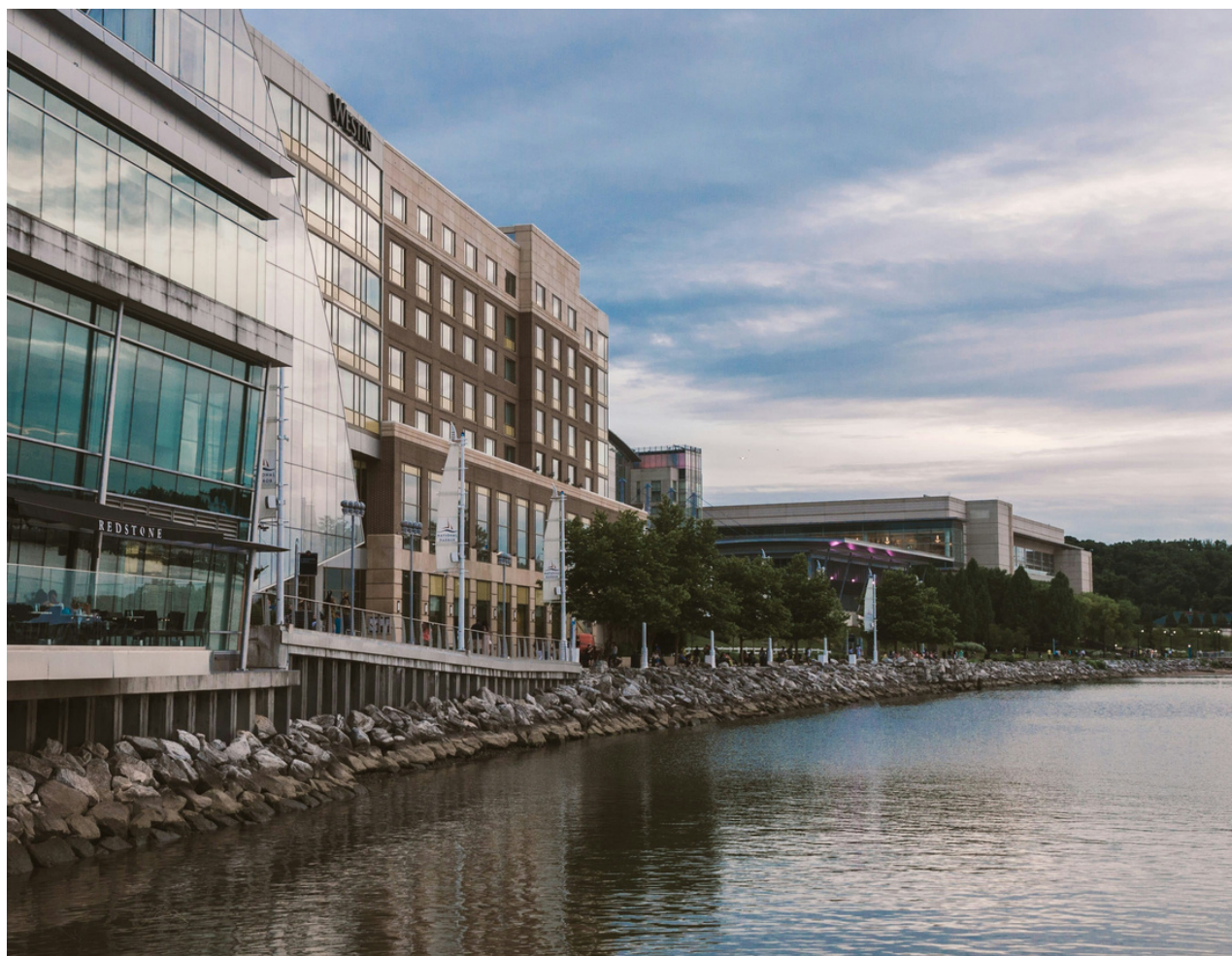
Year	Homicide Clearance Rate	Year	Homicide Clearance Rate
2015	62.3%	2021	43.9%
2016	44.0%	2022	52.4%
2017	50.0%	2023	48.0%
2018	88.5%	2024	60.8%
2019	53.6%	2025	83.3%
2020	60.0%		



Conclusion

Victims and suspects of gun violence in Prince George's County, Maryland, from 2024 to 2025 were disproportionately Black, male young adults. Although NICJR was unable to obtain detailed information from the Prince George's County Police Department, what can be assumed through detailed information NICJR does have from Washington, DC, many other jurisdictions, and from media accounts in Prince George's County – the majority of young adults involved in gun violence in the country likely have significant involvement in the criminal justice system and are connected to a neighborhood group or gang.

Gun violence was concentrated along the Maryland/DC border, especially in the 20743 and 20747 zip codes. Gun violence incidents most often occurred on Fridays and Saturdays and in the months of May and July.



Methods

This report uses publicly available data to characterize the individuals and patterns of gun violence in Prince George's County. To obtain data, NICJR utilized the Gun Violence Archive,⁹ National Gun Violence Memorial,¹⁰ and media articles covering shooting incidents.

The Gun Violence Archive, the main source for data utilized for this GVA, uses automated queries to compile relevant data from over 7,500 sources, including local and state police and government agencies, databases, media, and other sources. Data for each incident are verified through an initial research and secondary verification process.¹¹

Data for this report were collected for a 24-month period in Prince George's County. As a part of the data collection and analysis, NICJR checked all data for duplicates and missing information and aggregated age data for each victim and suspect into age ranges of 0–17 years, 18–34 years, and 35+ years.

Data Limitations

Detailed information for all 147 fatal shootings and 199 nonfatal shootings during the report period is not available, both because this report only draws upon publicly available data, and because suspects have not been identified in many incidents.

Publicly available data for gun violence incidents are scarce. Identifying information is often unavailable for several reasons, including the victim's right to confidentiality and lack of an identified suspect. Location information is also often scarce, although NICJR determined zip code and neighborhood using reported incident addresses whenever possible. Despite the scarcity of some information, NICJR diligently searched multiple sources to collect data and has provided the most comprehensive data available.

Endnotes

1. Throughout the report, “fatal shootings” and “homicides” are not used synonymously. “Fatal shootings” refers to shooting incidents resulting in the death of the victim; “homicides” refers to all homicides regardless of weapon.
2. [Maryland Department of Health Interactive Dashboards](#)
3. This analysis is complemented by a Landscape Analysis, also conducted under the same MDH award, that examines the programs and services in place to reduce gun violence in Prince George’s County and provides recommendations for improvements.
4. Fatal shootings are counted by the number of victims, while nonfatal shootings are counted by incidents.
5. [US Census Bureau Quick Facts: Prince George’s County, Maryland](#)
6. Exact age data were not available for many individuals involved in nonfatal shootings; however, information indicating whether individuals were above or below the age of 18 was often available and is presented here.
7. Race/ethnicity information for individuals involved in nonfatal shootings are not provided due to insufficient data.
8. Clearance rate refers to the proportion of crimes solved by law enforcement relative to the total number of crimes reported. While definitions vary by jurisdiction, a case is often “cleared” or solved when a suspect has been arrested or identified but for some reason can not be arrested (e.g., is deceased).
9. [Gun Violence Archive](#)
10. [National Gun Violence Memorial](#)
11. [Gun Violence Archive About](#)

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