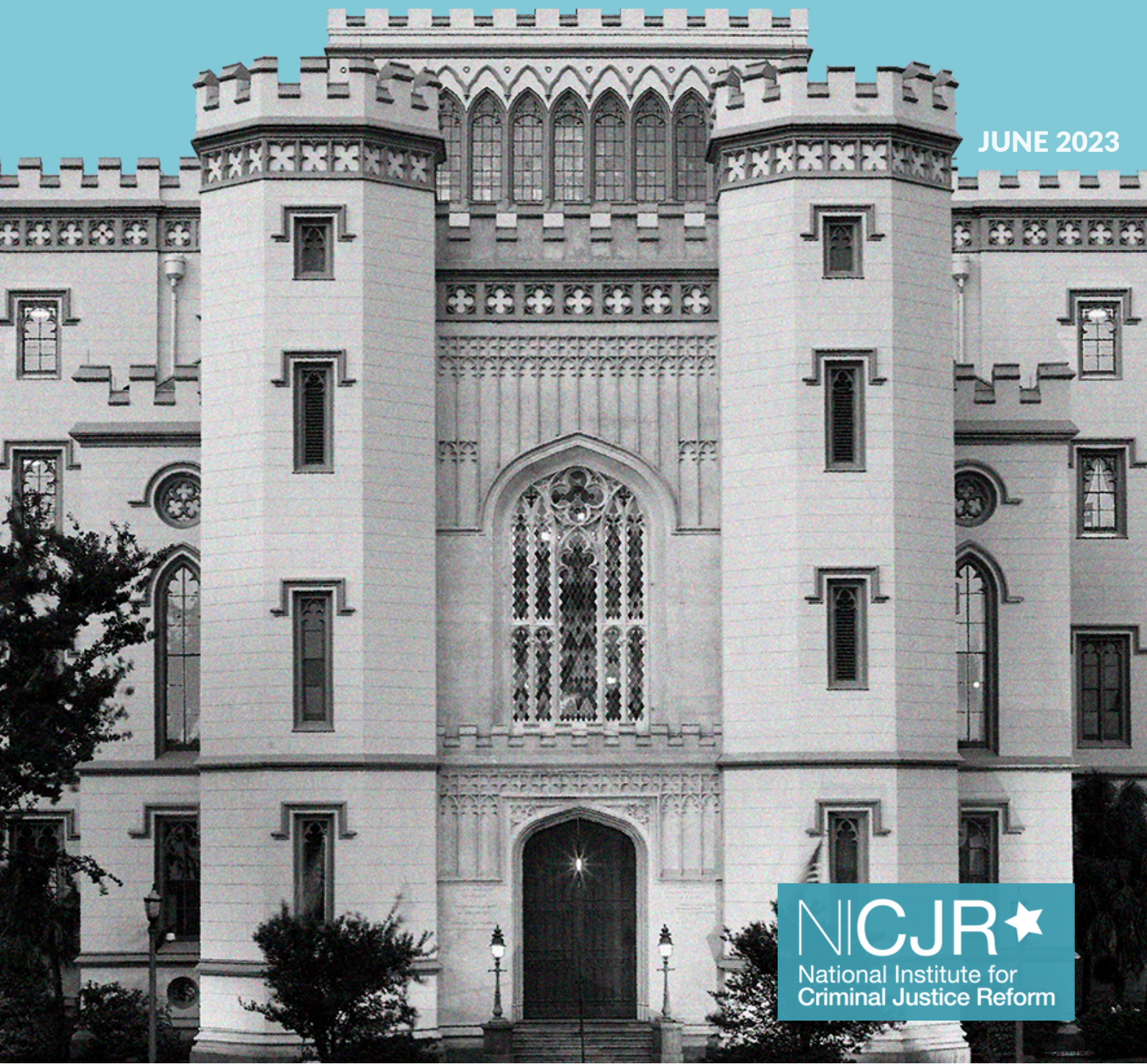


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GUN VIOLENCE ASSESSMENT

Assessment of Baton Rouge, Louisiana Homicides and Non-Fatal Shootings
January 1, 2022–December 31, 2022

JUNE 2023

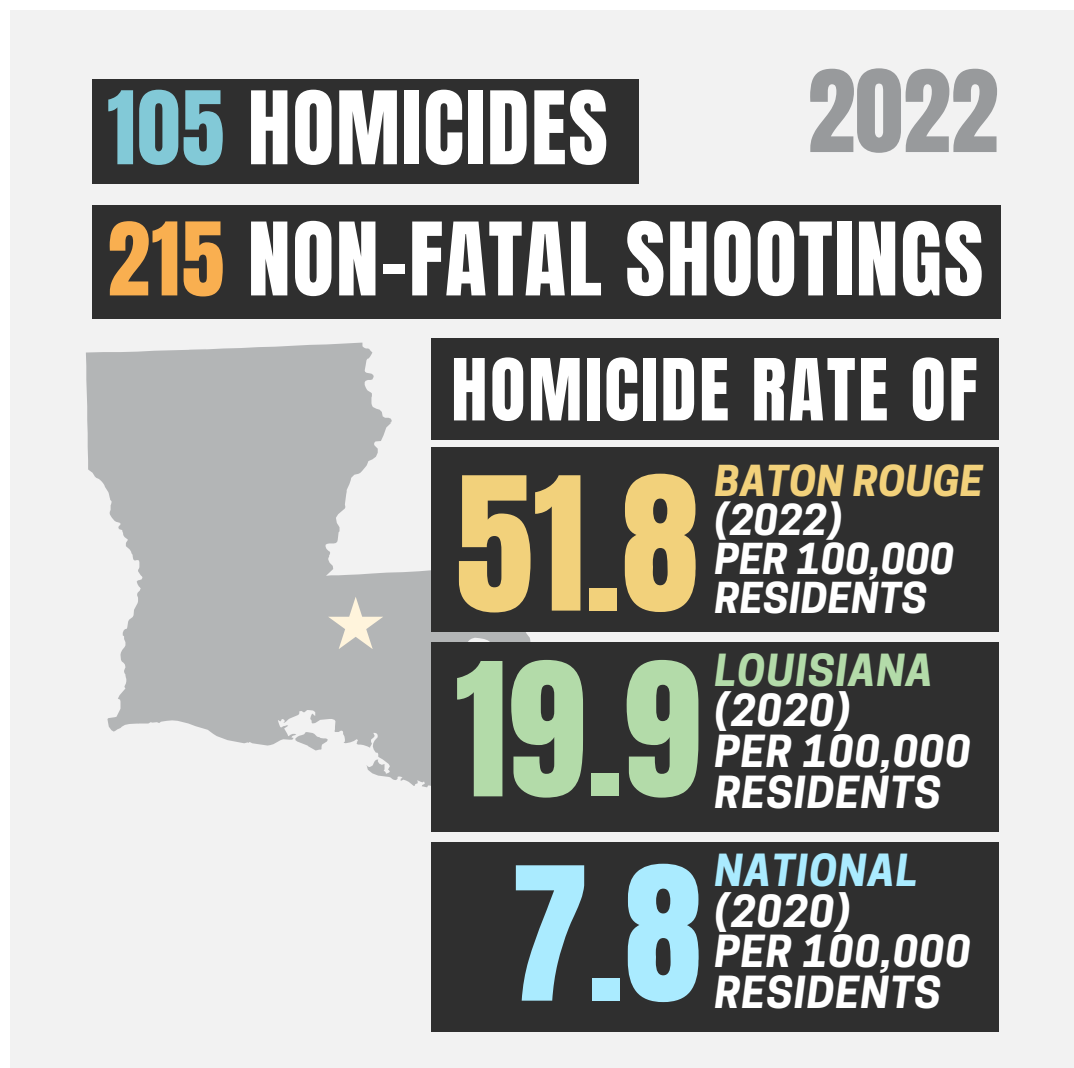


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Introduction

To better understand gun violence in order to more effectively intervene and reduce shootings in Baton Rouge, the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) conducted this Gun Violence Assessment (GVA). NICJR assessed publicly available data sources to develop the following report on homicides and non-fatal incidents in Baton Rouge, Louisiana between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022. In 2022, there were 105 recorded homicides and 217 recorded non-fatal shooting incidents in Baton Rouge.

Baton Rouge experienced a large decrease in homicide incidents from 2021 to 2022. With 149 homicides recorded in Baton Rouge in 2021, the 105 homicides recorded in 2022 represents a decrease of 29.5% between 2021 and 2022. But Baton Rouge still had a homicide rate of 51.8 per 100,000 residents, among the highest in the country.¹



VICTIMS & SUSPECTS

OF HOMICIDES AND NON-FATAL SHOOTINGS
IN BATON ROUGE ARE PRIMARILY

BLACK, MALE, & AGES 22-30.



General Overview of Findings

Baton Rouge has a population of 222,185 residents, of which 53.3% are Black, 35.6% White, and 4.1% Latino.² Homicide victims and suspects have largely been identified as Black, male, and between the ages of 22-30.

The following information and data tables were prepared from a variety of public sources. Complete information on the 105 homicides and 217 non-fatal incidents is not available.

Data Limitations

Limitations include a majority of suspects not yet being identified, victim data for non-fatal shootings not being recorded, gender and racial/ethnic data being unavailable, and the fact that minors involved in cases usually do not have their information reported. In some cases, totals in the following tables vary from the total number of victims and suspects reported above due to these gaps in data sources. Also, some homicide and non-fatal shooting locations were difficult to label in terms of zip code, council district, and police district because reporting is labeled in blocks and not by address. Though the data are incomplete, this report still draws valuable conclusions from the available sample.

Table 1. Number of Gun Violence Victims and Suspects with Available Demographic Information

Data available	Homicide victims	Homicide suspects	Non-fatal victims	Non-fatal suspects
Age	96	47	55	30
Race	92	0	44	25
Gender	99	89	53	41

Demographic Breakdown

For the months of January through December, homicide victims were, on average, 30.16 years old (with 96 known victims). Suspects for homicides were, on average, 27.6 years old (with 55 known suspects). For nonfatal shootings, the average age of a suspect was 29.3 (with 30 known suspects). The average age of nonfatal shooting victims was 22.7 (with 30 known victims).

Based on the available demographic information, 84.8% of homicide victims were Black, 7.6% were Latino, and 7.6% were White. Among homicide suspects, 79.5% were Black, 13.6% were Latino, and 6.8% were White. A lack of race/ethnicity information was widespread for victims in nonfatal shootings, with no victim information available; however, information on suspects in nonfatal shootings showed that 88% of suspects were Black, 8% were White, and 4% were Latino.



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22-30

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The majority of gun violence victims and suspects are between the ages of 22-30.

Figure 1. Average Age of Homicide and Non-Fatal Shooting Victims and Suspects

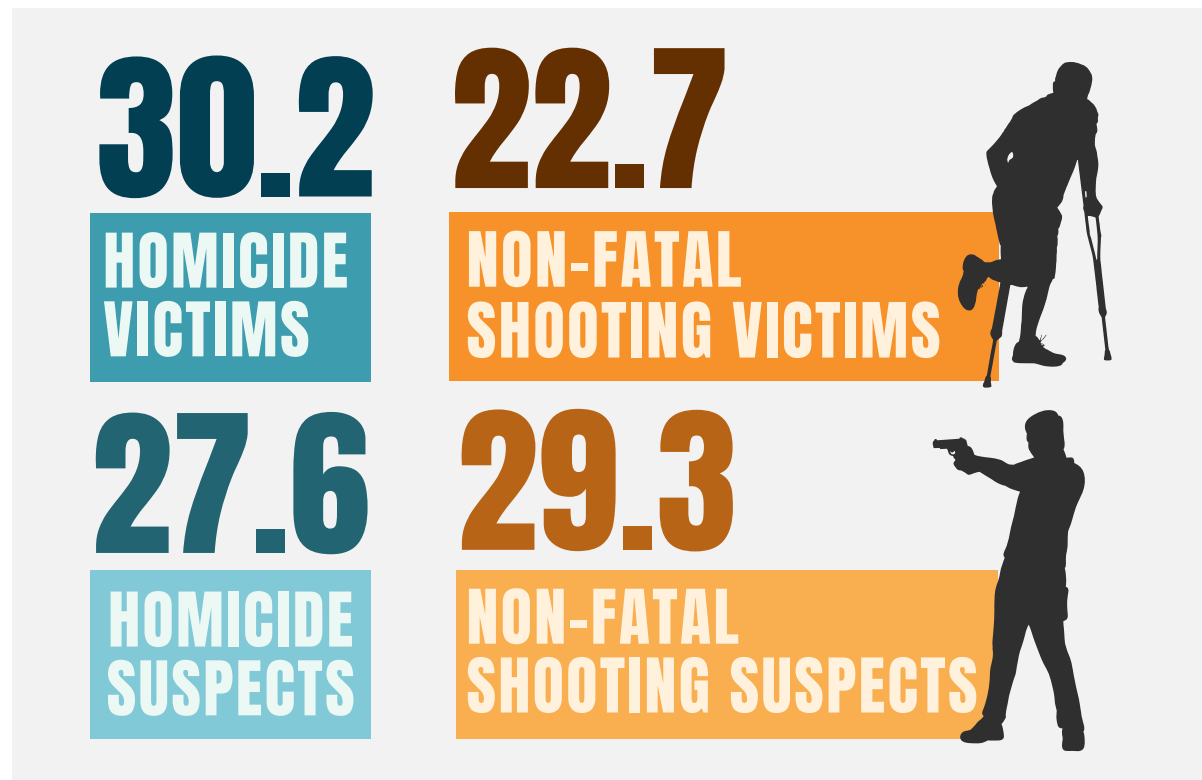


Table 2. Age Distribution of Homicide and Non-Fatal Shooting Victims and Suspects

	Homicide victims		Homicide suspects		Non-fatal shooting victims		Non-fatal shooting suspects	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Under 18	9	9.4%	8	14.5%	28	59.5%	3	10.0%
18-34	56	58.3%	39	70.9%	12	25.6%	18	60.0%
35+	31	32.3%	8	15.5%	7	14.9%	9	30.0%
Total	96	100%	55	100%	47	100%	30	100%

The majority of gun violence victims and suspects are Black.

Figure 2. Race/Ethnicity of Homicide and Non-Fatal Shooting Victims and Suspects

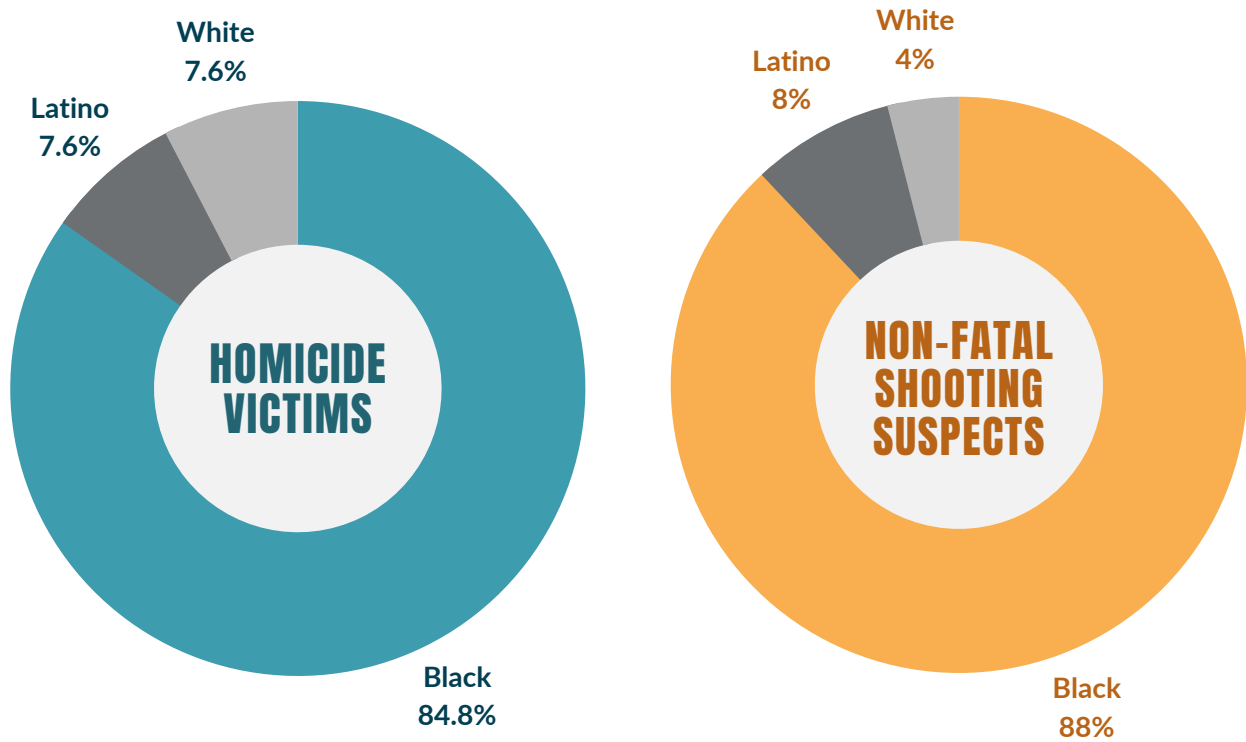


Table 3. Race/Ethnicity of Homicide and Non-Fatal Shooting Victims and Suspects

	Homicide victims		Homicide suspects		Non-fatal shooting victims		Non-fatal shooting suspects	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Black	78	84.8%	35	79.5%	-	-	22	88.0%
Latino	7	7.6%	6	13.6%	-	-	2	8.0%
White	7	7.6%	3	6.8%	-	-	1	4.0%
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	92	100%	44	100%	-	-	25	100%

The majority of gun violence victims and suspects are male.

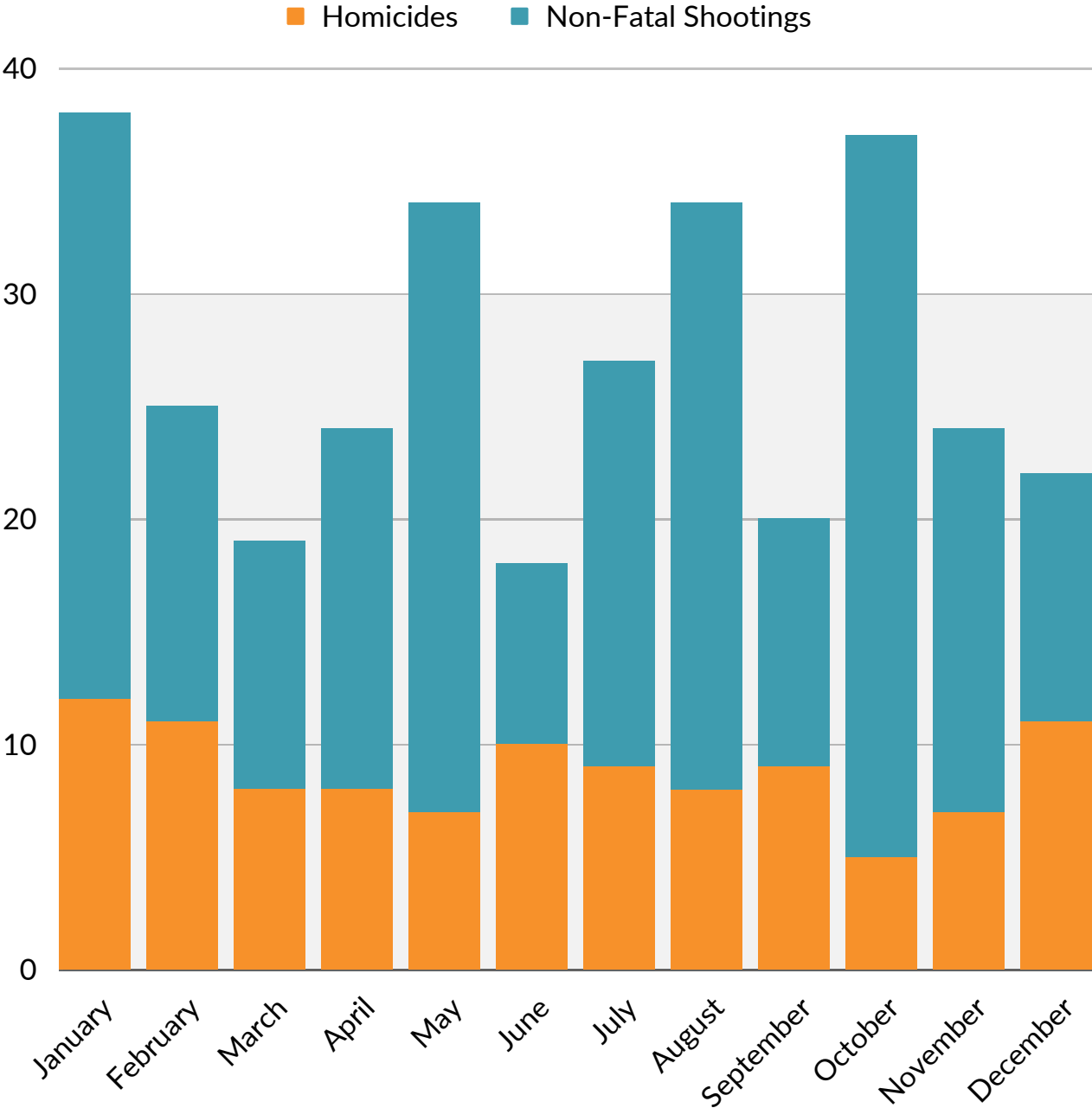
Table 4 and Figure 3. Gender of Homicide and Non-Fatal Shooting Victims and Suspects

	Homicide victims		Non-fatal shooting victims	
	#	%	#	%
Male	84	84.8%	73	82.0%
Female	15	15.2%	16	18.0%
Total	99	100%	89	100%
	Homicide suspects		Non-fatal shooting suspects	
	#	%	#	%
Male	51	96.2%	31	75.6%
Female	2	3.8%	10	24.4%
Total	53	100%	41	100%



Gun Violence Incidents by Month

Figure 4. Homicide and Non-Fatal Shooting Victims by Month in 2022*



*The data in this graph varies from figures published by the Baton Rouge Police Department (BRPD) because BRPD excludes justifiable and negligent homicides when reporting homicide victims by month.

Geographic Distribution of Gun Violence

The zip codes with the highest percentages of homicides were 70802 (18.3%), 70805 (20.2%), and 70816 (18.3%). Zip codes 70802 (19.8%), 70805 (19.4%), and 70807 (13.4%) experienced the greatest share of non-fatal shootings.

The following maps depict the 105 reported homicide incidents and 217 non-fatal shooting during the period of January 01, 2022 to December 31, 2022 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

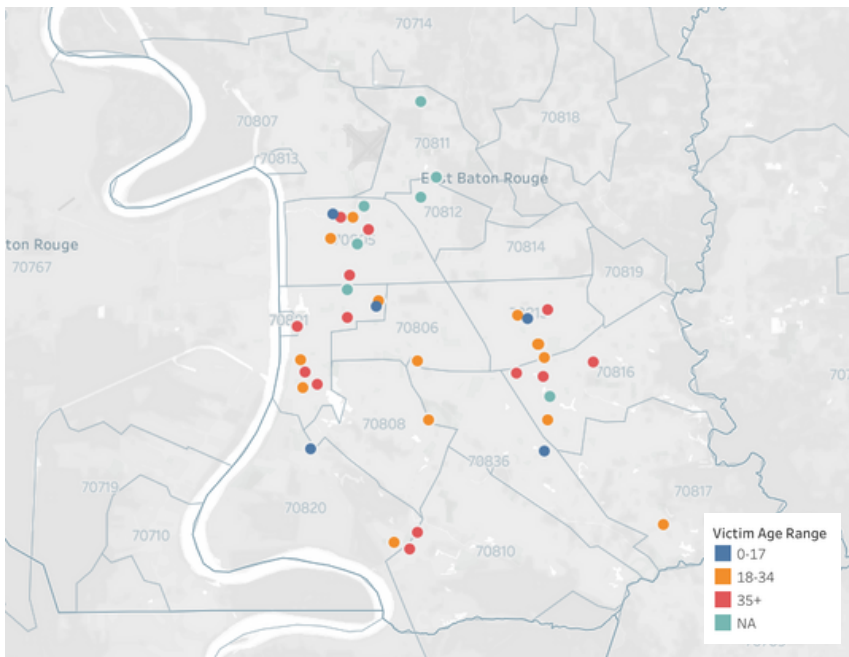


Figure 5. Baton Rouge Homicides in 2022³

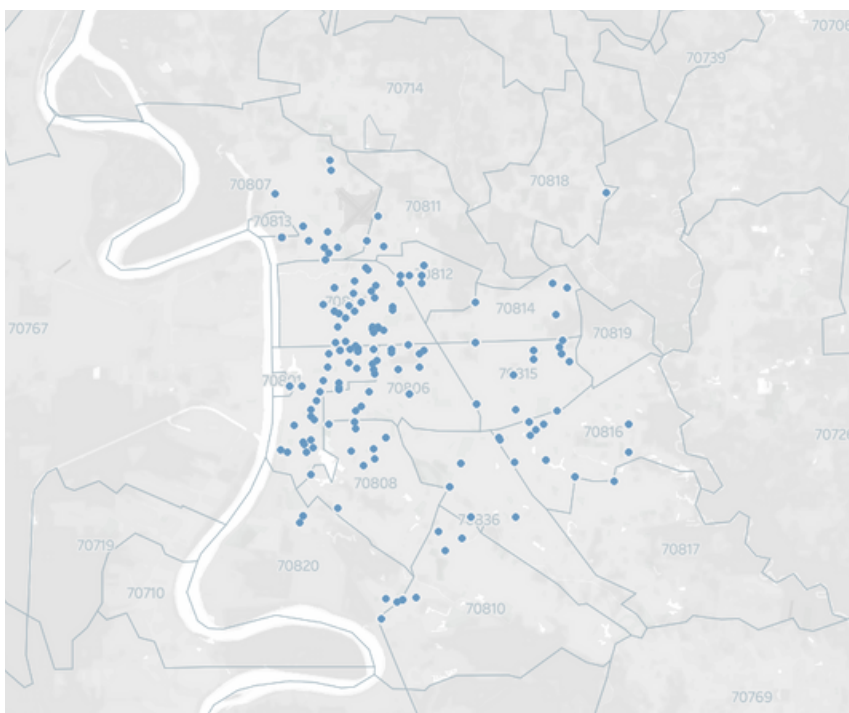


Figure 6. Baton Rouge Non-Fatal Shootings in 2022⁴

Clearance Rates of Baton Rouge Police Department

The Baton Rouge Police Department homicide clearance rate decreased sharply from 2020 to 2021.⁵ Clearance rates for violent crimes also decreased in this time, though less steeply. The decrease from 2020 to 2021 can likely be attributed to COVID-19, though without 2022 data, it is difficult to make an accurate assessment. Regardless, the Baton Rouge Police Department's 2021 homicide clearance rate of 33% was notably lower than the national homicide clearance rate of 50% for that same year.⁶

Figure 7. Reported and Cleared Homicides by the Baton Rouge Police Department⁷

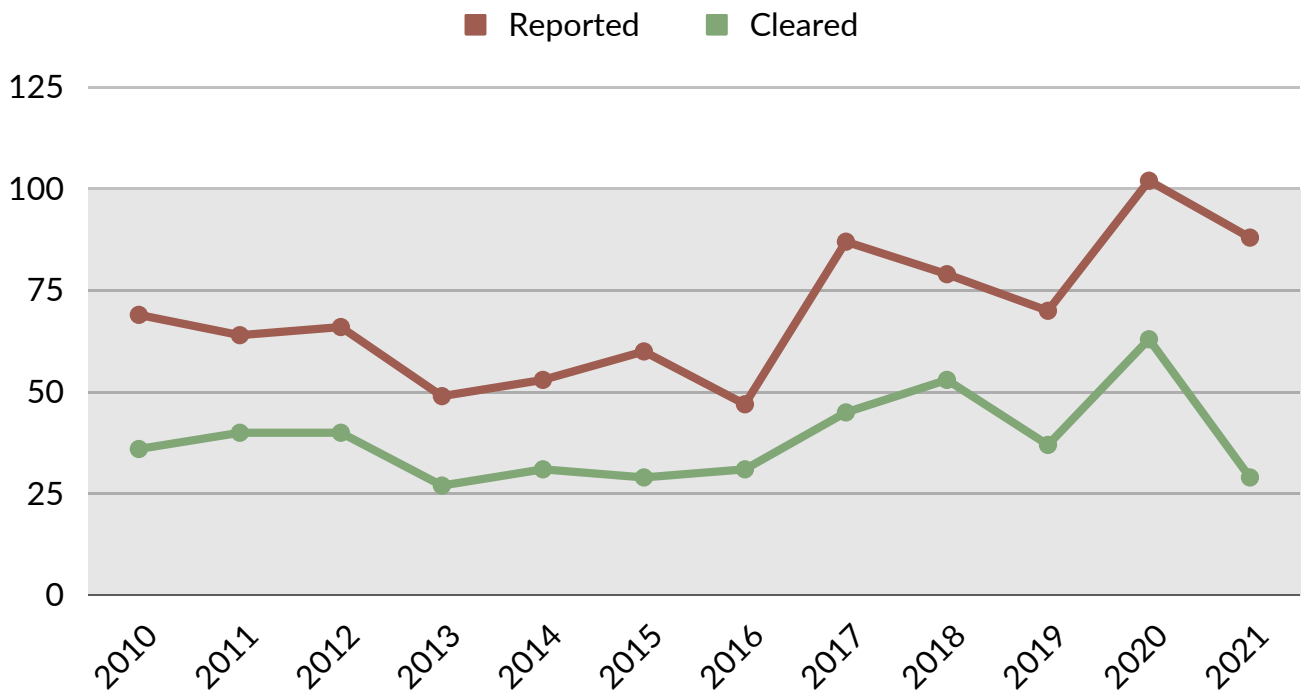



Table 5. Baton Rouge Police Department Clearance Rate for Homicides per Year

Year	Homicide Clearance Rate	Year	Homicide Clearance Rate
2010	52%	2016	66%
2011	63%	2017	51.7%
2012	60.6%	2018	67%
2013	55.1%	2019	52.9%
2014	58.5%	2020	61.8%
2015	48.3%	2021	33%

Endnotes

1. [2022 BRPD CAD Statistical Analysis](#)
2. [US Census Quick Facts, Baton Rouge City, Louisiana](#)
3. [Baton Rouge Homicides 2022](#)
4. [Non-Fatal Shootings in Baton Rouge 2022](#), limited data on NFS victim unable to share by age.
5. Clearance rate data for 2022 is not yet available.
6. [Six Reasons the Murder Clearance Rate Is at an All-Time Low](#)
7. [Federal Bureau of Investigation Crime Data Explorer](#)





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