

**Shooting Trends**  
**January 2020 – December 2022**  
**Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Background:** As the end of 2022 draws near, there will be comparisons between this year's fatal and non-fatal shooting trends and last year's trends. These comparisons will be used to guide conversations about the performance of our systems and investments.

**Objective:** Examine multi-year trending of fatal and non-fatal shooting incidents in Indianapolis between January 1, 2020 – December 15, 2022.

**KEY FINDINGS:**

- Total shootings reported in 2022 are currently down 2% in comparison to January 1-December 15 last year.
- 2022 is showing a 14% decrease in fatal shootings versus the same period (Jan 1-Dec 15) in 2021. From 2020 to 2021, this number rose 1%.
- Non-fatal shootings continue to show increases, up 4% from 2020 to 2021 and up 7% from 2021 to 2022.
- Historically, local media reports an average of 41% of all non-fatal shootings which occurred in Indianapolis compared to official IMPD records. As such, direct comparisons will differ from official trends. Through November 2022, 42% of all non-fatal shootings have been reported in the media.
- One potential causality of the 2022 increase in media reporting of non-fatal shooting data could stem from a general increase in media reporting of violent crime during election years, according to [Pew Research Center](#).
- 2022 shows the lowest percentage of fatal vs. non-fatal shootings of the past 2 years while December 2022 is tied with May 2022 for the lowest monthly proportion of fatal shootings.

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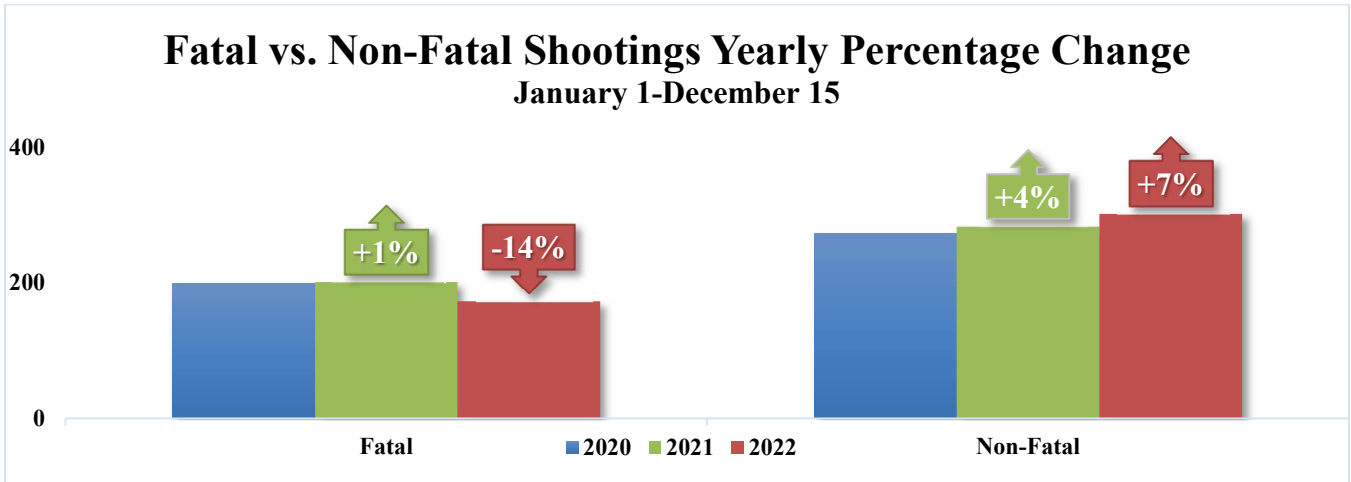


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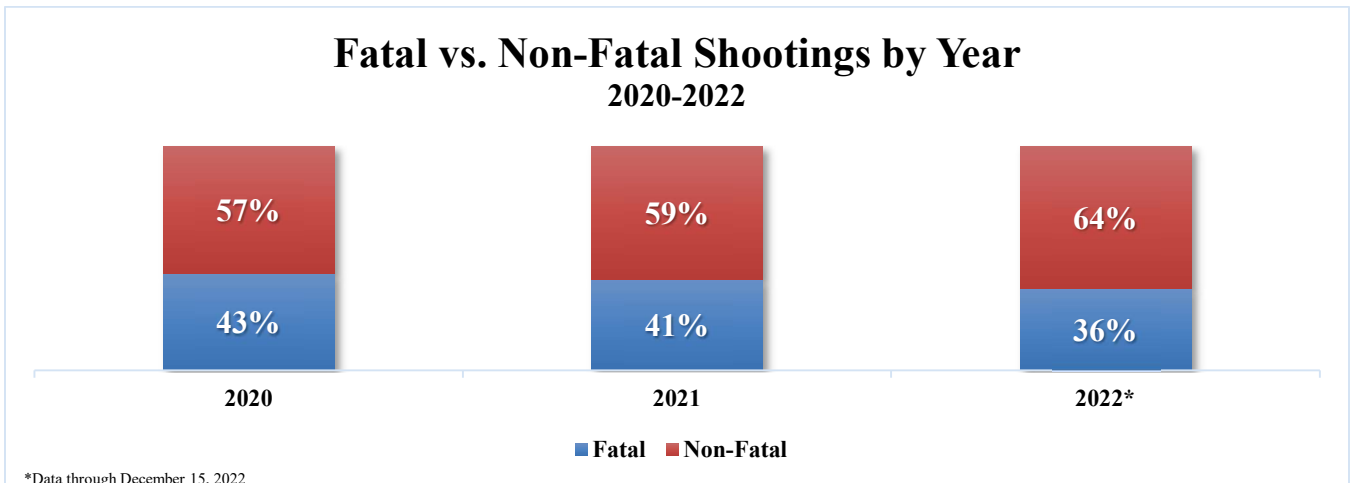


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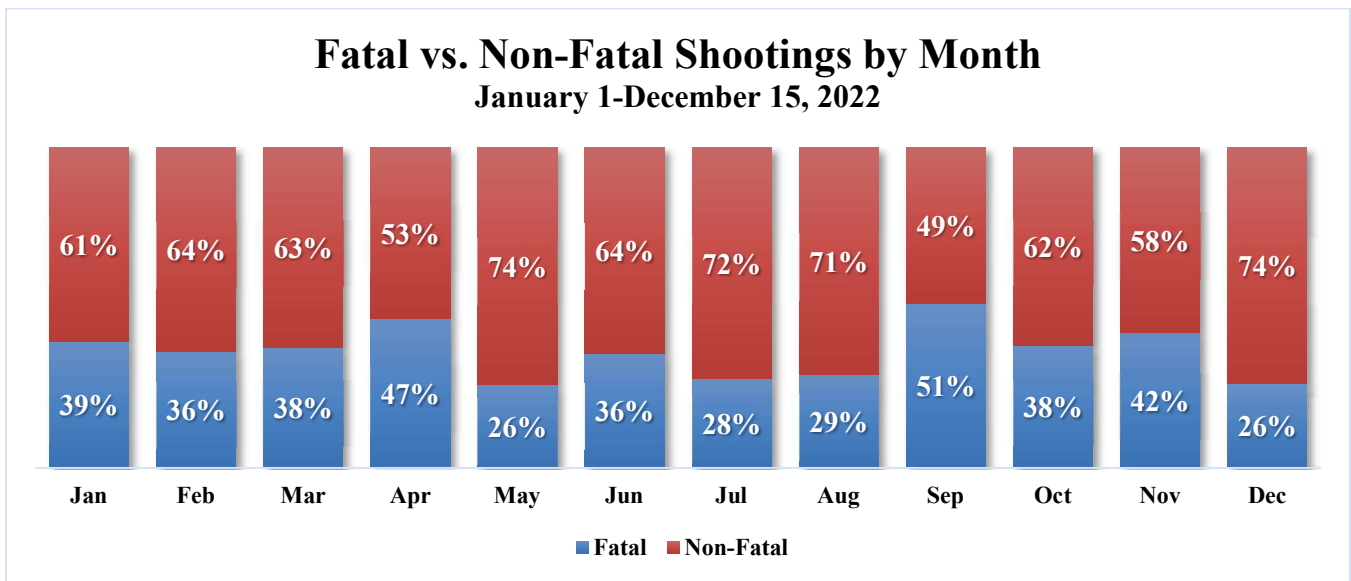
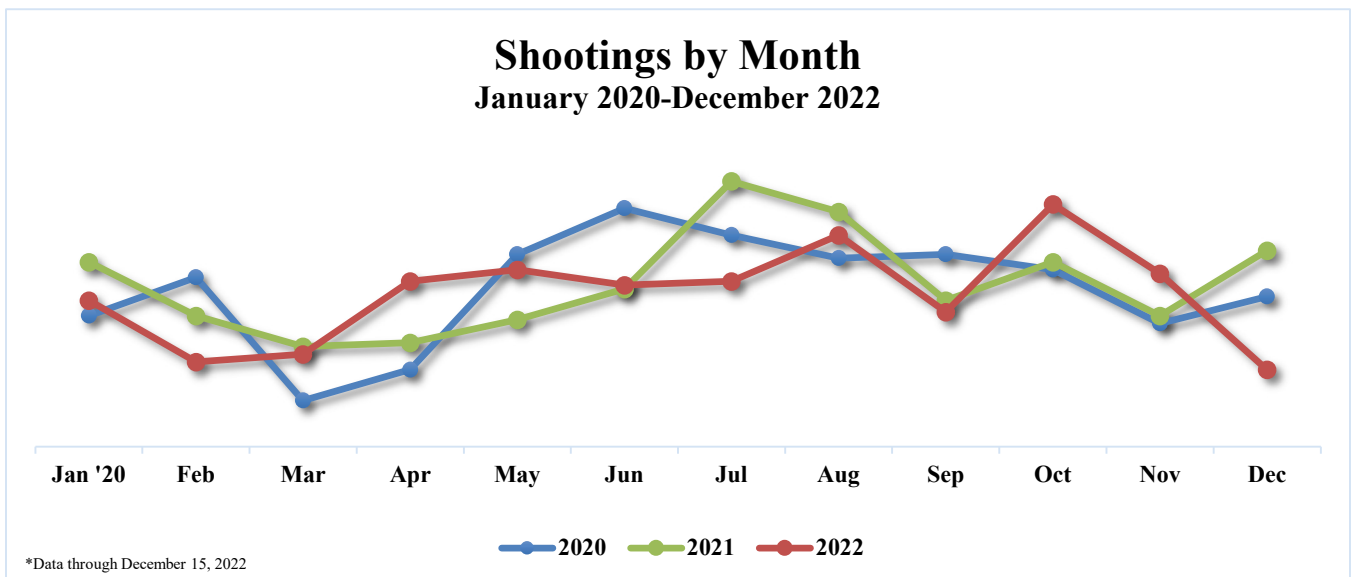


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**Limitations:** Open-source databases have advanced knowledge on gun violence, mass shootings, police action shootings, and homicides. Open-source databases rely on media coverage and, as a result, may under-or over-report incident counts and characteristics. To provide continuous assessment of the reliability and validity of IGVP records, periodic checks are conducted against official records and the Gun Violence Archive.

**About:** The Indianapolis Gun Violence Project is an open-source data collection managed by faculty and students from the Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IUPUI. The project seeks to collect and share gun violence data so that organizations, practitioners, and researchers can inform policy and practice decisions. Data, including y-axis information for included graphs, are available upon request.

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