

Shooting Victim Demographics January 2020 – November 2022 Indianapolis, Indiana

Background: Age, race, and sex discrepancies exist between the demographics of Indianapolis residents and the demographics of shooting victims within Indianapolis.

Objective: Examine trends in age, race, and sex of shooting victims between January 1, 2020 – November 30, 2022.

KEY FINDINGS:

- Shooting victims between 15 and 19 years of age showed the largest difference in comparison to Indianapolis demographics (AreaVibes, 2022). While 6% of the population falls in the 15-19 age group, 20% of shooting victims were between 15 and 19 years old. Age of victims was not reported in 59% of reports.
- The Indianapolis population is comprised of 47% males and 53% females while shooting victims were comprised of 79% males and 21% females.
- Race of shooting victims was not reported in 85% of shootings, making analysis and comparisons to the Indianapolis population unreliable.
- On average, 50% of non-fatal shooting victims were juveniles while only 29% of the Indianapolis population are juveniles. An average of 17% of fatal shootings involved juvenile victims.
- To date, 2022 trends include the largest proportion of juvenile fatal and non-fatal shooting victims since 2020.

Figure 1

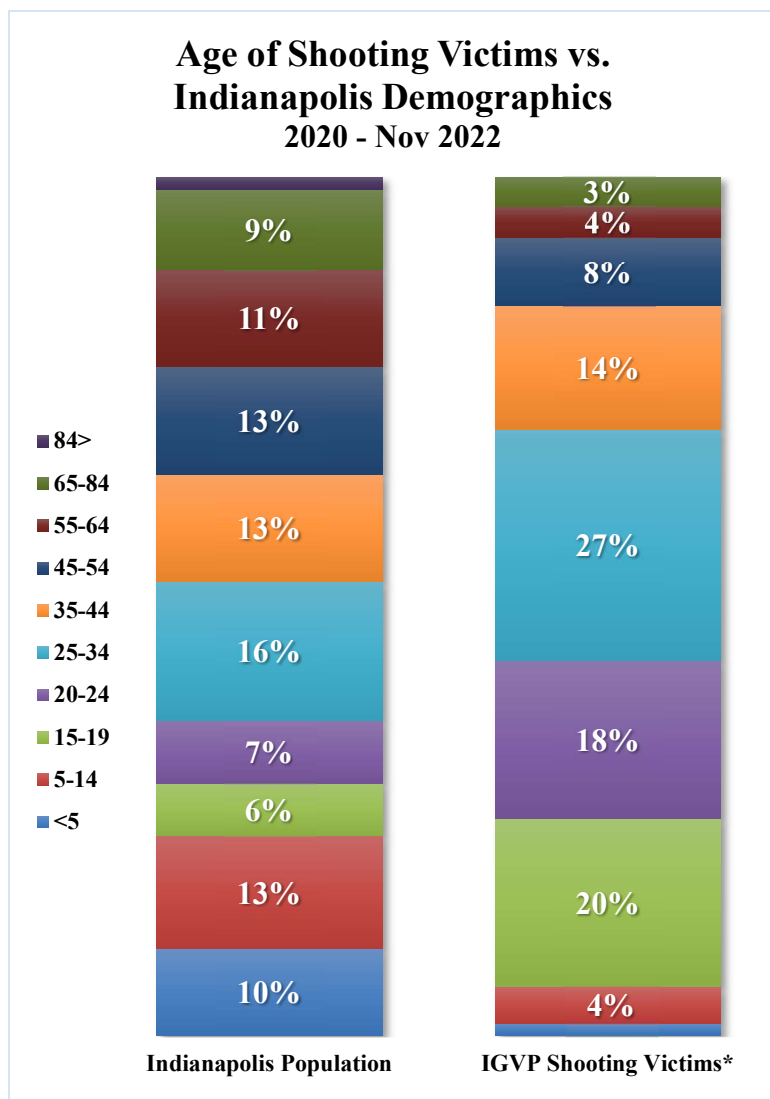
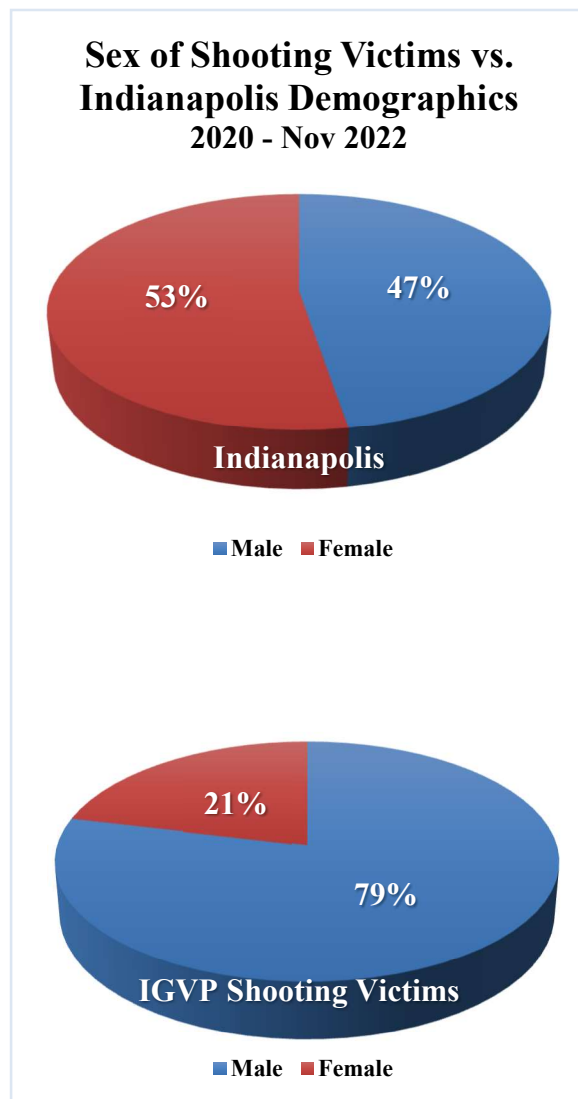
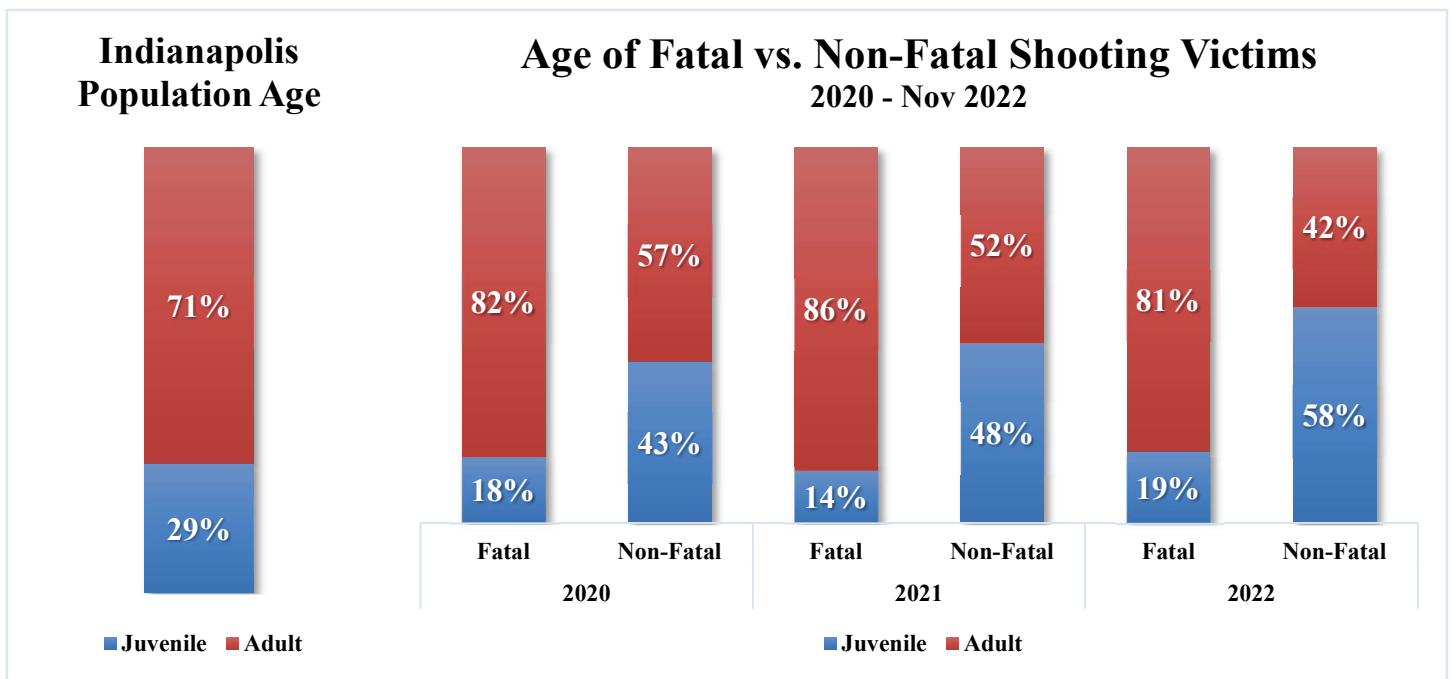


Figure 2



*Percentages exclude instances when age was undocumented in media reports.

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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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