

**Trends in Juvenile Shooting Victims  
2020 – 2022  
Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Background:** There is growing community concern over the number of juvenile shooting victims in Indianapolis.

**Objective:** Examine trends in juvenile (<18 years of age) shooting victims between January 1, 2020 – October 31, 2022.

**KEY FINDINGS:**

- There were a total of 119 juvenile firearm injury victims. 28.6% were fatal and 71.4% were nonfatal victims. Juvenile victims account for 7% of overall firearm violence.
- In 2020, the average juvenile victim age was 13.6 with a range of 10 months to 17 years old. In 2021, the average age was 12.8 with a range of 2 to 17 years old. In 2022, the average age was 14.1 with a range of 2 to 17 years old.
- Juvenile victims accounted for 25% of firearm injury fatalities reported in March 2020 and August 2022. They accounted for 22.22% of firearm injury fatalities in March 2022.
- There was a 10% increase in reported juvenile shootings from 2020 to 2021, with 40 shootings in 2020 and 44 in 2021.
- There was not a year-over-year increase in juvenile shootings from 2021 to 2022. Both years saw a total of 36 reported juvenile shootings occur from January to October of the respective years.
- Many reports of non-fatal shootings do not include the victim’s age; thus, it is possible that these findings underrepresent the true number of non-fatal juvenile shootings.

Figure 1

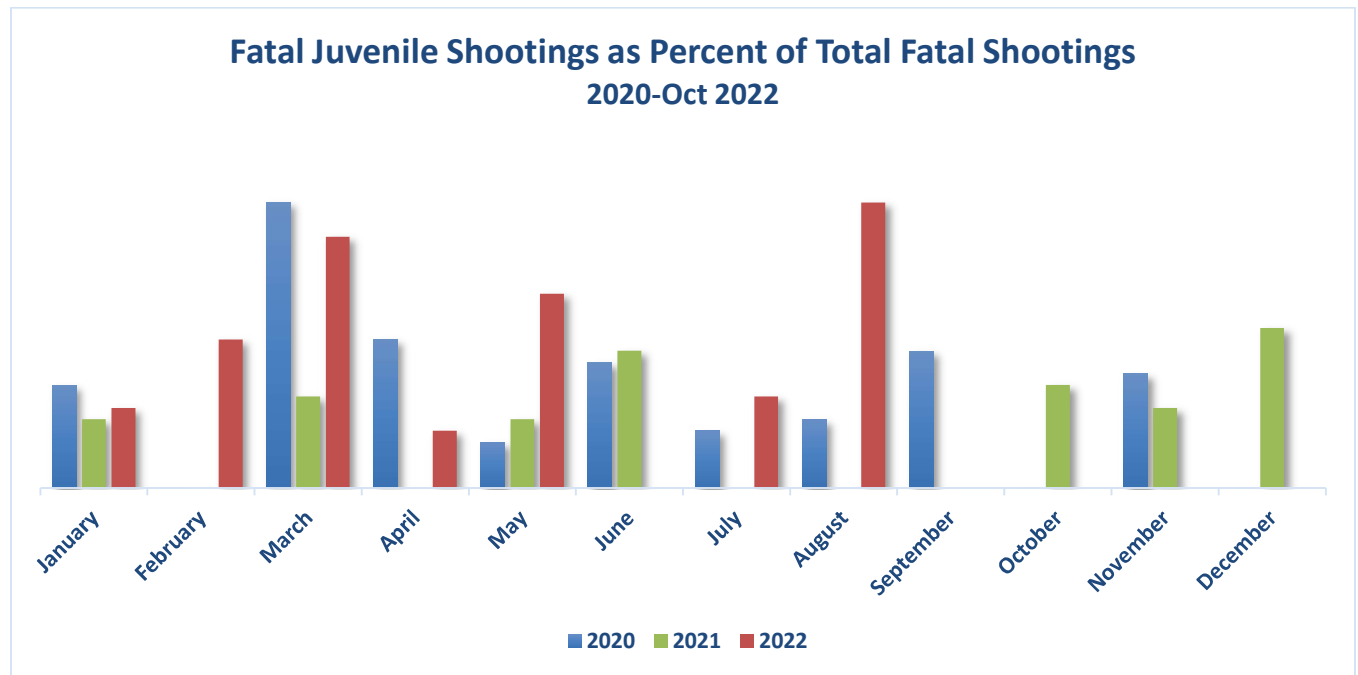
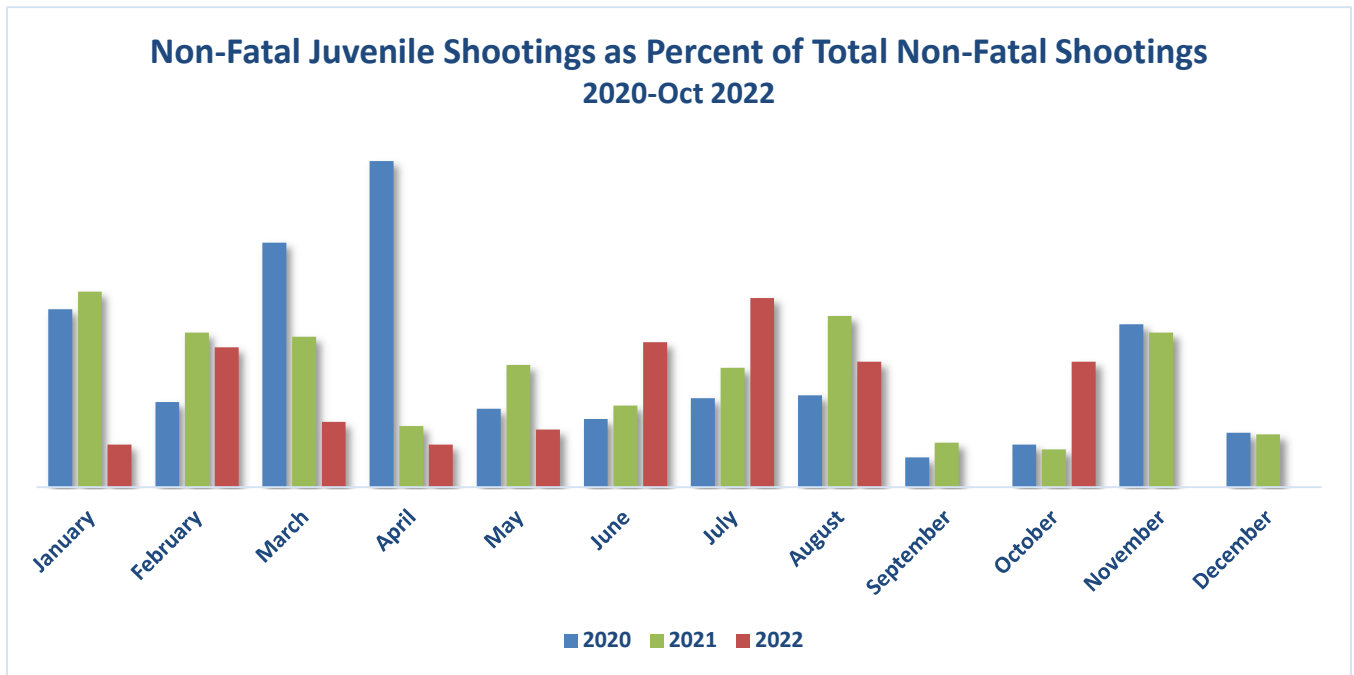


Figure 2



**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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