

# Mapping Police Violence

Law enforcement agencies across the country are failing to provide us with basic information about the lives they take.

Every year [Campaign Zero](#) works to make this data accessible and understandable to the public via [Mapping Police Violence](#), a platform tracking civilians killed by U.S. law enforcement. This report aims to provide key takeaways concerning incidents of police violence that resulted in a civilian being killed in 2024.

Mapping Police Violence relies on local journalism, and sources news through our system which collects, filters, and processes the data. While we strive to employ

official data sources from local and state government agencies, we believe it is important to continue collecting data from publicly accessible media sources. This allows us to identify gaps in government data, and further triangulate and validate the data.

As per our [methodology](#), all incidents go through a multi-layered review process. It is likely that the number of incidents may increase in the coming months because some police killings and their circumstances are not reported until weeks or months later.

## Police killed at least **1,365** people in the U.S. in 2024—the deadliest year to date.\*

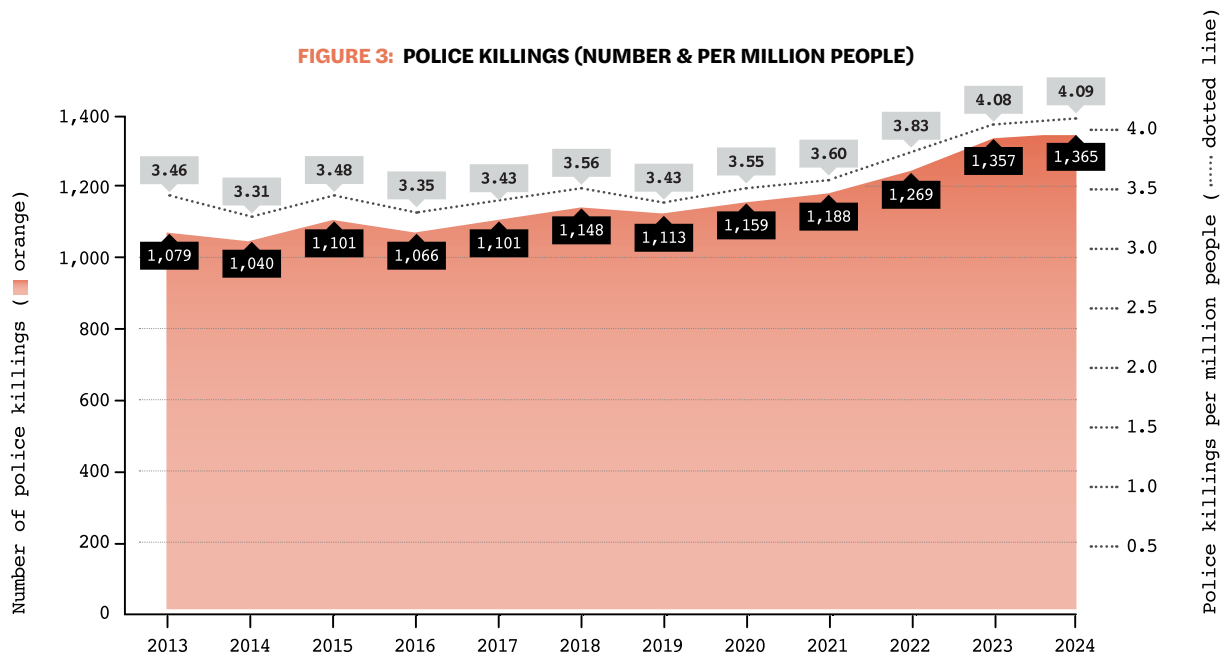
### ■ NUMBER OF POLICE KILLINGS

May 2024 (**136 police killings**) was the second deadliest month ever on record, after August 2023 (**137 police killings**) and August 2024 was the fifth deadliest (**125**).

### ..... POLICE KILLINGS PER MILLION PEOPLE

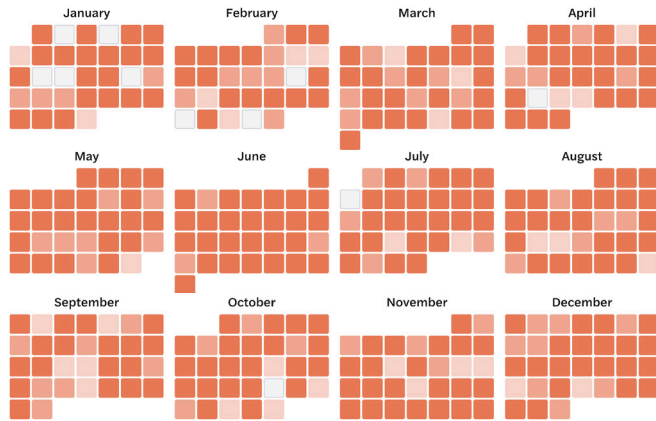
In contrast to the change in per capita police killings from 2022 to 2023, which experienced a **6.5% increase**, 2023 to 2024 experienced an estimated **0.3% increase** in police killings per million people.

FIGURE 3: POLICE KILLINGS (NUMBER & PER MILLION PEOPLE)



\* Since 2013. 1,365 reflects data collected 1/1/24–12/31/24.

**FIGURE 3: POLICE KILLINGS BY MONTH IN 2024** 0 1 2 3+

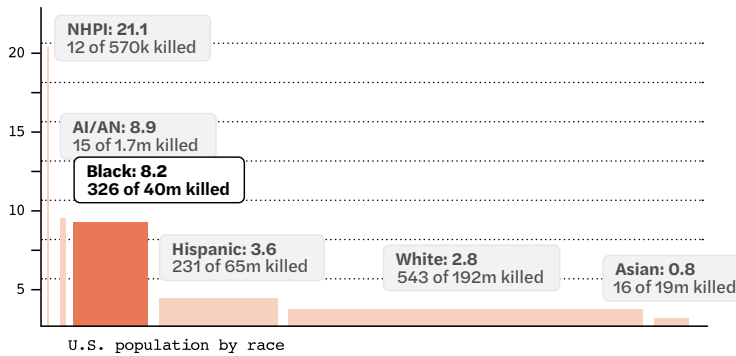


There were only **10** days in 2024 when police did not kill anyone in the U.S.

Police killed an average of **3.73 people per day** in 2024. This means that **every 6.44 hours**, someone in the U.S. is killed by law enforcement.

In 2024, Black people in the U.S. were **2.9x** more likely than White people to be killed by police.

**FIGURE 4: 2024 POLICE KILLINGS PER MILLION PER YEAR**



NHIPI people were **7.6x more likely** than White people to be killed by police.

AI/AN people were **3.1x more likely** than White people to be killed by police.

Hispanic people were **1.3x more likely** than White people to be killed by police.

Asian people were **0.3x more likely** than White people to be killed by police.

Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHIPI) make up just **0.3% of the national population**, and are largely concentrated in a small number of states (only Hawaii, California, and Washington have NHIPI populations above 50,000, excluding multiracial). American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) make up 1.3% of the national population.

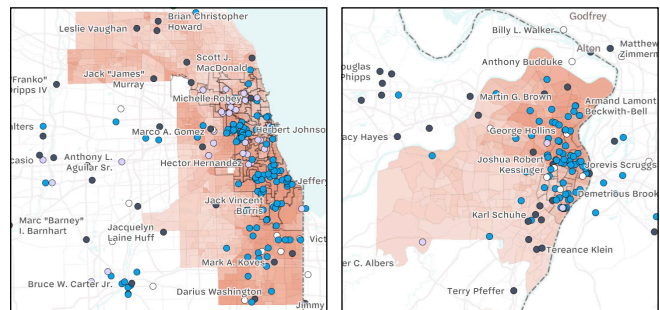
In August 2024, we added **neighborhood-level maps** of police killings and local demographics for Chicago, IL and St. Louis, MO. This allowed us to examine disparities by municipality.

When examining data from January 1, 2013–August 1, 2024, we found the following:

**In Chicago**, Black people were **30.6x more likely** than White people to be killed by police.

**In St. Louis**, Black people were **10.5x more likely** than White people to be killed by police.

**FIGURE 5: CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS NEIGHBORHOOD MAPS**



The national map provides insight not only for the locations of the incidents, but also names the individuals who have been killed by US law enforcement. We plan to continue and expand this kind of mapping in 2025 to gain further insights into the impacts of police violence at a neighborhood level.

## ↑ Largest Increases in Police Violence

### BY STATE

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** saw the largest increase (**225%**) from the average of the 11 years prior. The state went from the *8th lowest* on average in the prior 11 years (**2.0 police killings per million people**) to the *10th highest* in 2024 (**6.5 police killings per million people**).

**NEW MEXICO** was the state with the highest per capita rate of police killings (**13.7 per million people**). New Mexico also has the highest average rate of police killings over the prior 10 years (**10.9 per million people**).

### BY CITY

Of cities with at least 250,000 people, **CORPUS CHRISTI, TX** had the highest per capita rate of police killings in 2024 (**22.1 per million people**), a **288% increase** from the average of the 11 years prior.

## ↓ Largest Decreases in Police Violence

### BY STATE

**RHODE ISLAND** was the only state to have zero police killings in 2024. Its average rate of the 11 years prior was **0.9 per million people**, representing the lowest in the country.

**MASSACHUSETTS** represents the second lowest state, with **0.3 police killings per million people** in 2024 (a **75% decrease** from the average of the previous 11 years).

### BY CITY

Of cities with at least 250,000 people, **10 cities had zero police killings in 2024** despite having police killing incidents in the previous 11 years. **STOCKTON, CA** had the most significant drop, **reducing police killings to 0** in 2024. Prior to that, they had 23 deaths over the previous 11 years, averaging 2.1 deaths each year (equivalent to **6.9 per million people per year**).

Our data is public and available for your own analysis. You can explore additional caveats of the data such as **cause of death** and **calls for service** (for example, 911) at [MappingPoliceViolence.org](https://MappingPoliceViolence.org).

**54.6%** of people killed by U.S. law enforcement were between the age of 20 and 40 years old.

**20.7%** (1 in 5 people killed) exhibited signs of mental illness (not including drug/alcohol use).

Approximately 20% of incidents are not included in this estimate given that they are unknown and insufficient details were included in the reporting.

**89%** of victims died by gunshot, **8%** by vehicle, and **5%** by taser.

The total is above 100% because for about 8% of incidents in 2024, multiple types of lethal force were used.

**64.7%** of police killings were in response to a 911 call.



## Updates & Insights

In 2022, The Mapping Police Violence (MPV) project was revamped to focus on improving research rigor, transparency, and accessibility to both the platform and the underlying data. Today, MPV comprises two teams: Data Science and Research. The research team includes a set of dedicated researchers who review and analyze media reports related to police violence daily and manually enter the data into our platform. Each reported incident goes through a 2-tier human review process before it is published to our platform.

Even after MPV publishes data on police killings following their occurrence and initial media coverage, the team continues to investigate previously unreported cases from the past, adding them to the platform to enhance the accuracy of our reporting. Since 2022, improvements to MPV have involved developing and deploying cutting-edge data science, collaboration with research experts, integrating product management frameworks, and the training and sustaining of a dedicated group of qualitative researchers. Here is a breakdown by the numbers.

### SUSTAINING MPV BY THE NUMBERS (2024)

#### 13 researchers

Thirteen CZ researchers and data scientists have worked on MPV.

#### 30+ missing historical incidents added

Through this process, the MPV team added **37 police killings** from 2013 through 2022 that were previously untracked.

#### 1,000+ previous incidents updated

Police killings records from 2013 through 2023 were updated with additional or corrected information.

#### 3,200+ hours of research

CZ qualitative researchers spent over 3,200 hours analyzing data.

#### 100,000+ news alerts qualitatively analyzed

More than 100,000 media reports on police killings were reviewed by MPV researchers.

#### 300,000+ news alerts filtered & processed automatically

An even greater number of media reports on police killings were processed and filtered through MPV's in-house algorithms by MPV data scientists and engineers.

## 14,000+ lost lives honored & documented since 2013.

Every person killed by police is more than a statistic. These numbers reflect a brutal legacy of racist policing and the urgent work to end police violence. Campaign Zero remains committed to building a world beyond policing.

Mapping Police Violence relies on reporting done on the ground by local journalists. **Support local journalism** so the public can know the true scope of police killings, now and in the future.



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