

ONE Lexington 2025 End-Of-Year Report



LEXINGTON

One Lexington Strategy

ONE Lexington is a city initiative that leverages government resources and community partnerships to address gun violence impacting youth and young adults (ages 10-29).

One Lexington looks to work upstream and treat the sickness of gun violence, not just the symptoms. In the medical field, symptoms are subjective and describe how you feel, including sensations like pain and nausea. Signs are objective things that can be seen, like a red spot on your skin or a reading on a thermometer that shows you have a fever. Sickness is a diagnosed disorder, illness, or disease that may lead to a patient's symptoms or signs.

Treating a symptom is not the same as treating a disease.

One Lexington Mission

- To coordinate, leverage and mobilize city government and community resources to reduce gun violence with youth and young adults ages 10-29 in the city of Lexington.
- Making Lexington a safer city by reducing gun violence among youth and young adults. Using community-based intervention strategies to combat gun violence, while simultaneously addressing systemic disparities that lead to the root causes of gun violence.

2026 UPDATE:

Before last month's mass shooting, Lexington reached a historical milestone of ***190 consecutive days and over 6 months without a criminal homicide***. Looking back through the archives as far as our city's records go, and we could not find the last time our city had these many days without a criminal homicide. This isn't something we are "celebrating" but something we are amplifying as a sign of hope and a reminder of vigilance.

2026 UPDATE:

What's Been Working?

- Community partnerships
- City & School system collaboration
- Direct contact & engagement with those involved in the cycle of violence
- Increased community-policing practices by LPD
- Investments in crime-solving technology for LPD
- Increased access to mental health, including the LFD's paramedicine programming.
- Investments in skills training & certification for underserved young adults
- Supporting survivors & those affected by gun violence

2026 UPDATE:

Lexington is on pace for a 5th straight year of declining gun violence. Lexington has seen a ***60 percent decline in overall gun violence over the last 4 years***. For context, the nation has seen a 35 percent decrease over the same time span. 2025 saw the ***lowest number of gun-related homicides since 2015 and the lowest number of shooting incidents since 2010***. So far in 2026, Lexington has had 8 gun-related homicides compared to 17 this time last year, and we are on pace to see the lowest number of homicides and shootings in 40 years. Lexington saw over 190 days and 6 consecutive months without a homicide in 2026, which is the longest such streak in our city's history. ***The month of April this year had ZERO conflict-based shooting incidents.***

What is the PIER Model?

- P – Prevention
- I – Intervention
- E – Enforce & Engage
- R – Restoration



Lexington Gun Violence Stats

Total Shootings Statistics

Lexington Homicide by Gun & Shooting Statistics

2025 (to date) - **19 homicides by gun (total 21)**

4-year average (to date) – **29 homicides by gun (32)**

- **10** (fewer gun-related homicides than the 4-year average)

Lexington Shooting Statistics (Reported Residents Shot)

2025 (to date) - **50 shootings**

4-year average (to date) - **101 shootings**

- **51** (fewer shootings than the 4-year average)

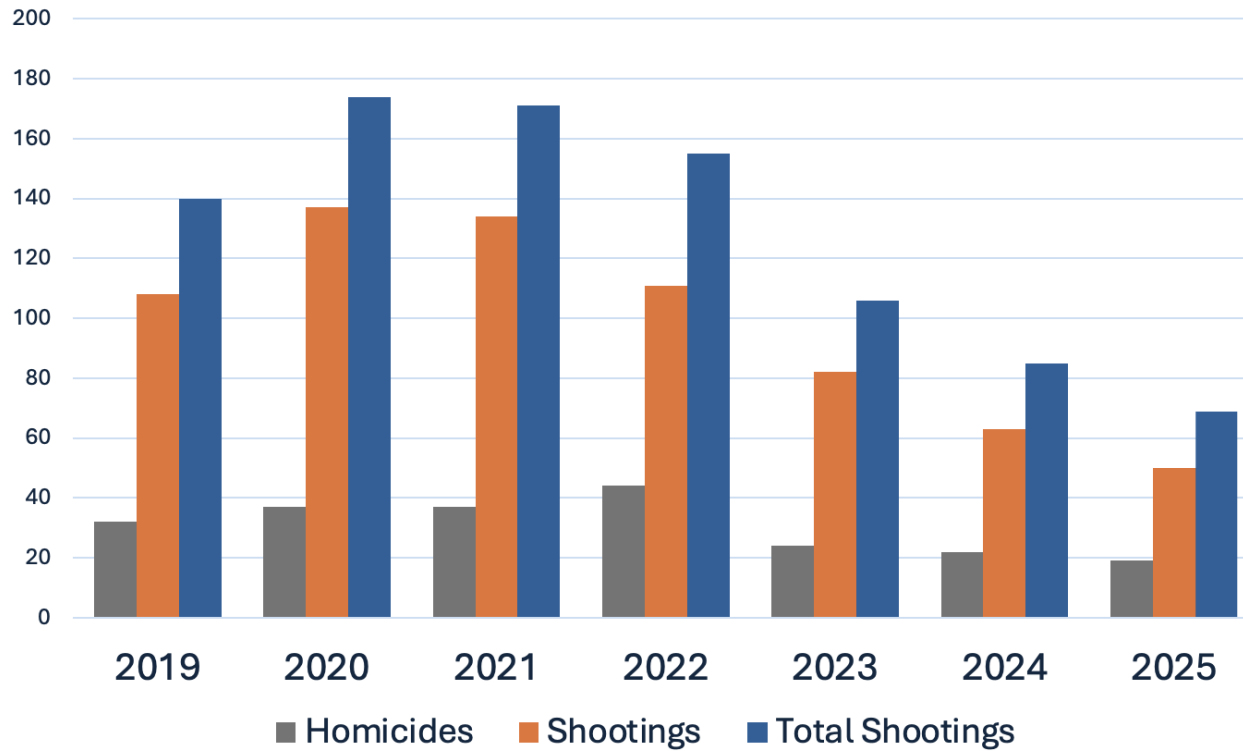
Lexington Total Shooting Statistics (Shootings & Gun-related Homicides)

2025 (to date) - **69 residents injured or killed by gunfire**

4-year average (to date) - **103 residents injured or killed by gunfire**

- **34** (fewer shootings than the 4-year average)

Total Shooting & Homicide Statistics



* Metric as of December 26, 2025

Lexington Gun Violence Stats

Youth & Young Adult Shootings Statistics

Lexington Homicide by Gun & Shooting Statistics

(Victims ages 10-29)

2025 (to date) - **10 homicides**

4-year average (to date) - **15 homicides**

- **5** (fewer gun-related homicides than the 4-year average)

Lexington Shootings Statistics (Reported Residents Shot)

(Victims ages 10-29)

2025 (to date) - **32 shootings**

4-year average (to date) - **69 shootings**

- **37** (fewer shootings than the 4-year average)

Lexington Total Shooting Statistics (Shootings & Gun-related Homicides)

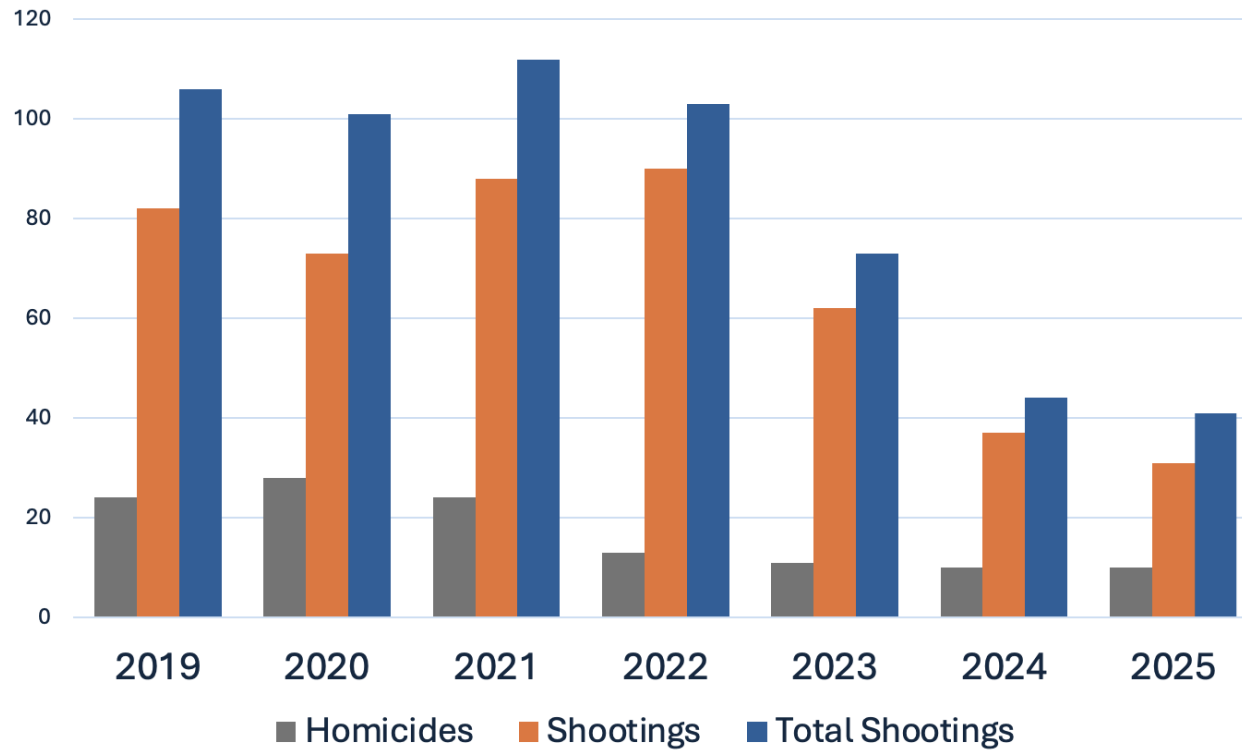
(Victims ages 10-29)

2025 (to date) - **42 residents injured or killed by gunfire**

4-year average (to date) - **83 residents injured or killed by gunfire**

- **41** (fewer shootings than the 4-year average)

Youth & Young Adult Shooting Statistics



* Metric as of December 26, 2025



Community Engagements Stats

2025 Youth & Young Adult Conflict Mediations:

- Public Safety - 0
- Courts - 0
- School System - 2
- Community - 16
- **Total: 18**

2025 Crisis Response Referrals:

- UK Trauma Center (Project Peace) - 0
- Public Safety - 32
- Courts - 0
- School System - 2
- Community - 59
- **Total: 93**

Community Engagement Stats

Youth & Young Adults Engagements:

- Community Outreach & School Assemblies - **1,833**
- It Takes a Village Summer Youth Program - **736**
- It Takes a Village Youth Tutoring Days - **96**
- It Takes a Village In-School – **2,970**
- Total Engagements: **5,635**

One Lexington Financial Breakdown

Crisis Response: **\$203,024**

- N.E.W - \$4,970
- Utility Support - \$23,419.10
- Food Support - \$2,450.00
- Rent/Relocation/Temp Housing - \$145,853.00
- Property Damage - \$1,332.36
- CRT Advocate Stipend - \$25,000.00

ITAV Summer: **\$100,668**

- Summer Programming Cost – \$54,000
- Food - \$7,540.00
- Mental Health Support - \$39,000

One Lexington Financial Breakdown

ITAV School: **\$74,219**

- Mentor Stipend - \$66,225
- Food/Gift Cards - \$6,194
- Guest Speaker/facilitator - \$1,800

Grants & Scholarships: **\$190,853**

- ONE Lexington Violence Prevention Grant - \$150,000
- FRYSC Violence Prevention Grant - \$13,000
- Be The Change/Skills & Trades Scholarship - \$27,853

One Lexington Financial Breakdown

Community Trainings: **\$16,796**

- Bi-monthly trainings - \$2,296.90
- Annual Gun Violence Symposium - \$14,500

Marketing: **\$9,040**

- Digital Marketing - \$8,601.92
- Print Marketing - \$439.48

• Travel: **\$6,679**

ONE Lexington Team Expands

ONE Lexington officially introduced our new Program Coordinator, **Tania Walker**, to the team last year! We've also added **Kenya Ballard**, who has been contracted as our new Survivor Support Liaison, and **Evany Romero** as a crisis response advocate.



ONE Lexington Team Expands



ONE Lexington Releases Updated Strategic Plan

February of 2025, after 4 years of hard work, ONE Lexington officially unveiled the following documents:

- The city's current community-based gun violence reduction strategy entitled "All Hearts on Deck".
- The city's updated community-based violence prevention strategic plan for 2025-2028.
- Community "calls for action" that came directly from neighbors, survivors, youth, and community partners.

It Takes a Village Programming Continues

ONE Lexington continues to facilitate youth programming designed to support our most vulnerable youth through education, mentoring, relationship building, and employment opportunities. These programs can be used both for prevention and intervention measures to gun violence. Below are current programs led by our new Program Coordinator, Tania Walker:

- It Takes a Village In-School Mentoring Program
- It Takes a Village Youth tutoring Days
- It Takes a Village Summer Program
- N.O.C.A.P. Program

Continued Capacity Building

- Conflict Resolution Training
- Youth Trauma & Grief Training
- Grant Writing workshop
- Partnered w/ student group on gun lock giveaway
- Annual Youth & Young Adult Gun Violence Symposium
- Annual Violence Prevention Community Grants Program
- Leveraging Cities United grants to community partners.

ONE Lexington's Gives Away \$450,000 In Grants & Scholarships

ONE Lexington provided the following grants & scholarships to the community in 2025:

- 18 *"Be the Change Scholarships"* totaling \$180,000
- 12 *"Skills & Trade Scholarships"* totaling \$100,000
- \$150,000 in grassroots violence prevention grants to local nonprofits
- \$13,000 in violence prevention grants to FRYSC in schools most impacted by gun violence.



Cities United Awards 2 Lexington Organizations with Grants

ONE Lexington, in partnership with Cities United, awarded two \$15,000 grants to local organizations:

- **SWAG-Sisters and Supporters Working Against Gun Violence** (survivor support)
- **The Voyage Movement** (Youth employment & alternative sentencing)

ONE Lexington's First "Be the Change" Scholarship Winner Set To Graduate



Weekly Violence Intervention Team Meetings

These weekly calls enabled ONE Lexington to coordinate a comprehensive, collaborative, community-based response to gun violence in real time.

- Government agencies
- Nonprofits
- Victim advocates
- School system
- UK Trauma Center

All working together to mitigate potential retaliatory violence and support those affected by the incident. It's from these meetings that our Crisis Response Coordinator deploys one of our contracted Crisis Response Advocates.



N.E.W. (Neighborhood Engagement Walks)



Crisis Response In Action



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Survivor Support

- In 2025, ONE Lexington spent over **\$170,000** supporting survivors and families directly affected by gun violence.
- That support includes **relocation services, utility and rent support, property damage caused by gunfire, moving expenses, mental health support**, and more.
- ONE Lexington, in partnership with Governor Beshear's *"Everybody Counts"* initiative, committed another \$15,000 towards mental health and trauma support for families who have been affected by gun violence since 2020.



Centre Parkway Safe Passage Action Plan

With a spike in shootings toward the end of the fall, Crisis Response Coordinator Kenneth Payne led engagement efforts in several Lexington neighborhoods in 2025, primarily in the Centre Parkway area. After multiple fights involving teens, substance use observed in the park, and two shootings (1 fatal) happening right at dismissal time near the Tates Creek Academies Campus, ONE Lexington enacted the “Centre Parkway Safe Passage Action Plan”. While we acknowledge that systemic barriers and challenges must be addressed to improve quality of life in the Centre Parkway and Gainsway area, we believe an intentional, short-term, community-based action plan is needed in the immediate aftermath.

Centre Parkway Safe Passage Action Plan

- ONE Lexington provided safe passages for students walking home from all three schools on the Bates Creek campus in the afternoon.
- Morning engagements for the high school students who hang out close to the school.
- After-school youth engagements in partnership with the Gainesway Community coalition.
- In-school mentoring at all three schools, night walks on the weekends, and more.
- Centre Parkway survey distribution.

Centre Parkway Safe Passage Action Plan



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PROJECT

WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!
*Safe Passage For Centre Parkway & Gainesway
Community Violence Survey*
WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!

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SCAN ME



Complete this survey and you will be automatically entered
into a raffle for a \$250 Kroger Gift Card.



Centre Parkway Safe Passage Action Plan



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Other Community Partners in Prevention, Intervention, & Restoration.

- Fayette County Public Schools
- Lexington-Fayette County Health Department
- Juvenile Treatment Court
- University of Kentucky
- Lexington Public Library
- Cities United
- UK Trauma Center
- Transylvania University
- Lexington Leadership Foundation
- Urban Impact
- M.A.D.E.
- O.M.A.C.
- Project Body Bag
- The Voyage Movement
- Stop the Bleed
- Food Chain
- Black Soil
- LM Communications (107.9 The Beat)
- Lexington Art League
- Community Action Council
- Central Bank
- Galls LLC
- Awesome Inc.
- Lyric Theater
- Sky Zone of Lexington
- United Way
- Urban League
- Black Achievers (YMCA of Central Kentucky)
- Lexington Rescue Mission

What Is Next?

- Implementation of the 7 community calls to action.
- Utilizing the community-led strategic planning session in 2025 to update our current strategy.
- Creating an RFP progress for survivor-led organizations to enhance survivor support.
- Bolstering our partnership with WORK-Lexington to create more skills/trade opportunities for young adults.
- Mentoring for youth & young adults who are system involved.
- Increase in funding.
- Establishing an office separate from the mayor's office.