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### Guns, a weapon that breaks the harmony

Where is the biggest gap between humans and animals, and how can humans defeat all the vicious, huge, dangerous creatures with their relatively fragile bodies? You may say it is because we humans have evolved intelligence, indeed, this is an undeniable fact, but here I would like to add another point, that is, our human hands and arms structure allows us to use weapons, it is because of these two points make humans can create a variety of weapons to deal with a variety of different beasts and thus ruled the Earth. It can be said that weapons are the key to human survival on Earth, which is a fact that cannot be denied from ancient times to the present. But everyone seems to look at weapons from a macroscopic point of view, but few people can discuss the dangers of weapons from a social point of view. Especially with the birth of firearms, it has become a major threat to the balance and security of society. The United States, on the other hand, is the country most affected by firearms, as the second amendment to the U.S. Constitution says that all people are entitled to possess and keep firearms, and it is because of this provision that the United States is the country with the highest number of deaths by firearms in the world every year that I strongly urge the United States to strictly prohibit the sale of firearms because it is destroying the peace of this country.

The United States, one of the best countries in the world, has countless job opportunities and most of the top research institutions in the world. It is more prosperous than most countries, for example, New York, the main financial base of the United States, is full of skyscrapers, just like Jay-Z's new York concrete jungle, "New York, concrete jungle where dreams are made of." Such a prosperous and opportunity-filled mecca undoubtedly attracts many people to fly from their own countries to this so-called dream country, trying to realize their dreams here as well. their own American dream. But after they have been here for a while, they find out the pitfalls. It is true, as many people say, that it is really easy to make money in the United States, and there are many social benefits, so it is reasonable to say that living in the United States should be very happy. However, the news constantly reported on the various shooting cases, mass shooting, school shooting. The news reports and pictures of the tragic situation constantly stimulated people's nerves, making them wonder why the United States has such a high economy, but the security is so chaotic. In fact, because Article II of the U.S. Constitution gives people the right to buy and use guns, the U.S. ranks among the top countries in the world in terms of gun violence every year.

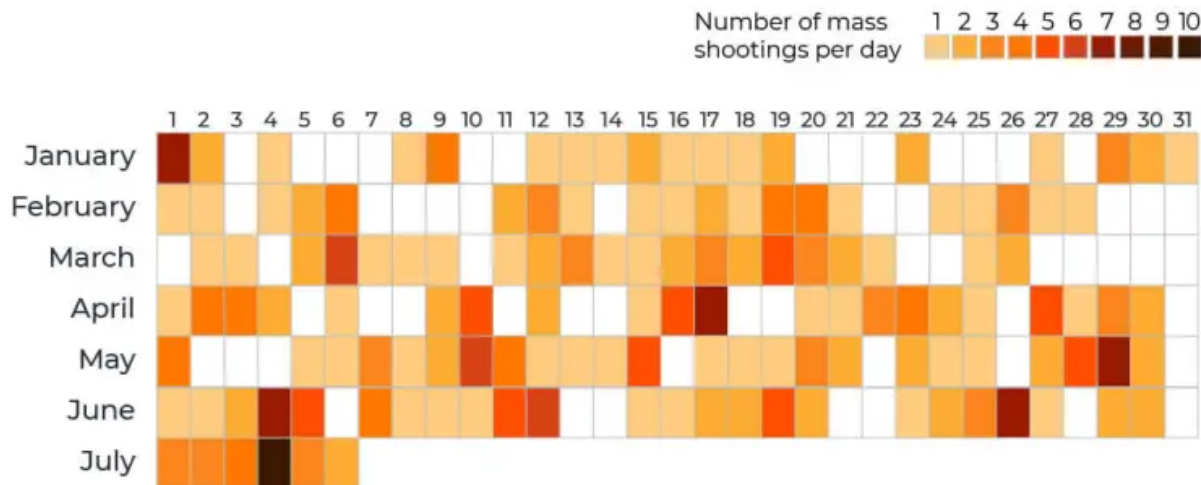
## GUN VIOLENCE

# Mass shootings across the US in 2022

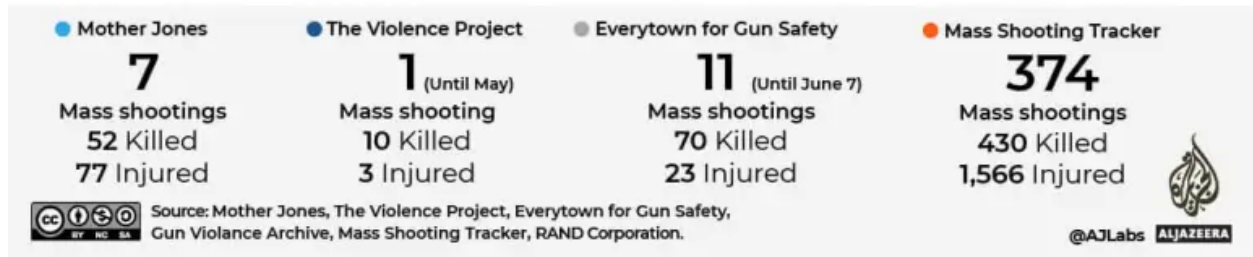
According to the Gun Violence Archive, **since the start of 2022**, there have been at least

**322** mass shootings in which four or more people were shot or killed - not including the attacker - in a single incident.

that left **351** dead and **1,425** injured



The number of mass shootings across the US from January 1 - July 6, 2022 - according to other databases:



Staff, Al Jazeera. "Infographic: How Many Mass Shootings Took Place in US This Year?"

*Infographic News* | *Al Jazeera*, Al Jazeera, 8 July 2022,

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/5/31/infographic-how-many-mass-shootings-has-the-us-had-in-2022>.

According to the above picture, we can see that this data is collected until July of

2022. Within only seven months, we can see that there are already 322 mass shooting cases

happened in The U.S. Which is horrendous to imagine only 7 months and over a thousand people

died in shooting. This research for sure will make people alert and feeling unsafe. I am included as well. Before I came to America, I was like other people I described above, having an American Dream. But I never expect that one day my safety will not be guarantee. Compared to China, I can go out with my family to party and walk on the street at 4.A.M without worry about anything. Let's said back then I did not even have the idea of being attack by someone. But things are different in here. I need to be 120 percent focus on my surroundings and have a sense of awareness of sensing dangers. To be honest, it is kinda tiring since you now need to spend more energy and can not be relaxed for hours but it is necessary to protect yourself Since New York wasn't really safe recently. For example, I think all fellas should have heard of the buffalo shooting. Here is what happened, according to "2022 Buffalo Shooting." *Wikipedia*, Wikimedia Foundation, 5 Dec. 2022, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2022\\_Buffalo\\_shooting](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2022_Buffalo_shooting). And "Buffalo Shooting Latest News: 10 Dead; Attack Investigated as Hate Crime." *The Wall Street Journal*, Dow Jones & Company, <https://www.wsj.com/livecoverage/buffalo-ny-supermarket-shooting-latest-news>. It states "At around 2:30 p.m. EDT (UTC-04:00), Gendron arrived at the Tops supermarket on Jefferson Avenue, in a predominantly Black neighborhood in Buffalo, New York. He was armed with a Bushmaster XM-15 AR-15 style rifle, modified to accept high-capacity magazines, and multiple 30-round ammunition magazines. In his car, he had a Savage Arms Axis XP hunting rifle and a Mossberg 500 shotgun. He was wearing body armor, a military helmet, and a head-mounted camera, through which he livestreamed the attack on the online service Twitch. As he approached the scene, he was recorded on his livestream saying "just got to go for it". At 2:31 p.m., Buffalo police received a call reporting shots fired at the store. The first responding officers

and firefighters arrived a minute later and reported bodies lying outside the building. At 2:34 p.m., a dispatcher started informing responding officers of an active shooter situation at the store.

Gendron shot four people in the parking lot, killing three. He then entered the store, shooting eight more people and killing six. According to a law enforcement source, he yelled racial slurs during the incident. Many employees and customers used the store's break room to hide from the shooter and barricaded the door with a heavy desk. Other customers were hidden by employees in the milk cooler and said the shooter shot through the coolers but the milk cartons stopped the bullets. At some point, an armed security guard, former Buffalo Police Department officer Aaron Salter Jr., shot at him. Due to the shooter's body armor, Salter's bullet did not stop him. Gendron returned fire at Salter, who died at the scene. At another point, he aimed his gun at a white person behind a checkout counter but apologized and did not shoot.

By 2:36 p.m., Gendron had gone to the front of the building, where patrol officers were able to talk him into dropping his gun after he reportedly aimed it at his neck. A total of sixty shots were fired during the shooting. After his arrest, he made disturbing statements regarding his motive and state of mind.”. And later the nurses found out most of the 9 victims were black elders. Furthermore, the most outrage thing is that the murderer was on live when he was doing it, and I saw the whole process. At that moment I just felt how weak human are under firearms. Just gently pull down the trigger and people will fall in front of you. I also felt bad about those victim’s family because when you are killing them, you are not only hurting an individual, they might be someone’s father, someone’s grandpa. You are also killing the family.

But some people might argue that if people are banned to use guns then how do they protect themselves? That is actually a good question, but my point is, ideally if most of guns are controlled and stricted, statistically there will be less mass shooting because it is harder to get a

gun, I am not saying impossible, but a lot harder which can cease the occurrence of this issue. And for those people who want to say even without guns people who kills will still do killing and doing robbery. Sure they will, but their harm will be a lot less because they are not using firearms which creates possibilities for people to ask for help to defend unlike guns, guns in my opinion is too lethal for people.

At last, I just want to say I love this country a lot, U.S has given me a lot of chance to pursue my goal and I am really thankful to be here. Therefore I don't want anyone die in shooting and want our society to be safe so everyone can live without worry about their safety.

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