

A NEW 2025 REPORT

# Back to School

Gun Violence Report



# Executive Summary

The 2024–25 school year marks a troubling milestone in K-12 gun violence, with 1,724 incidents — a 153.53% increase from 680 incidents in 2023–24. While fatalities rose slightly from 29 to 30, injuries declined by nearly 23%. This shift indicates that schools are experiencing more non-shooting incidents, such as weapons discovered without shots fired, hoax or swatting calls, and shooting threats.

These events may not always result in physical harm, but they cause significant disruption, emotional trauma, and resource strain, underscoring the evolving nature of school safety challenges.

# 1,724

## Gun-Related Incidents

# 154%

## YoY Increase





# Introduction

This report examines the scale, nature, and impact of gun violence in K-12 schools across the U.S., drawing on verified incident reports and law enforcement data. It aims to inform educators, school resource officers (SROs), policymakers, and communities about evolving threats and potential interventions.

# Methodology

Data collection follows the ZeroEyes Gun Violence Research Center framework, cataloging each incident by:

- **Location:** State, school type, indoor/outdoor.
- **Incident Type:** Active shooter/planned attacks, weapons discovered, threats, hoaxes.
- **Weapons:** Firearm types and imitation/non-lethal devices.
- **Shooter Outcomes:** Apprehended, fled, surrendered.
- **Victimology:** Fatalities, injuries, shooter affiliation.

*Sources include law enforcement reports, school district notifications, and verified media coverage.*



# National Trends

(from 23-24 school year to 24-25 school year)

Total Incidents (YoY)

**+153.53%**

Fatalities

**+3.45%**

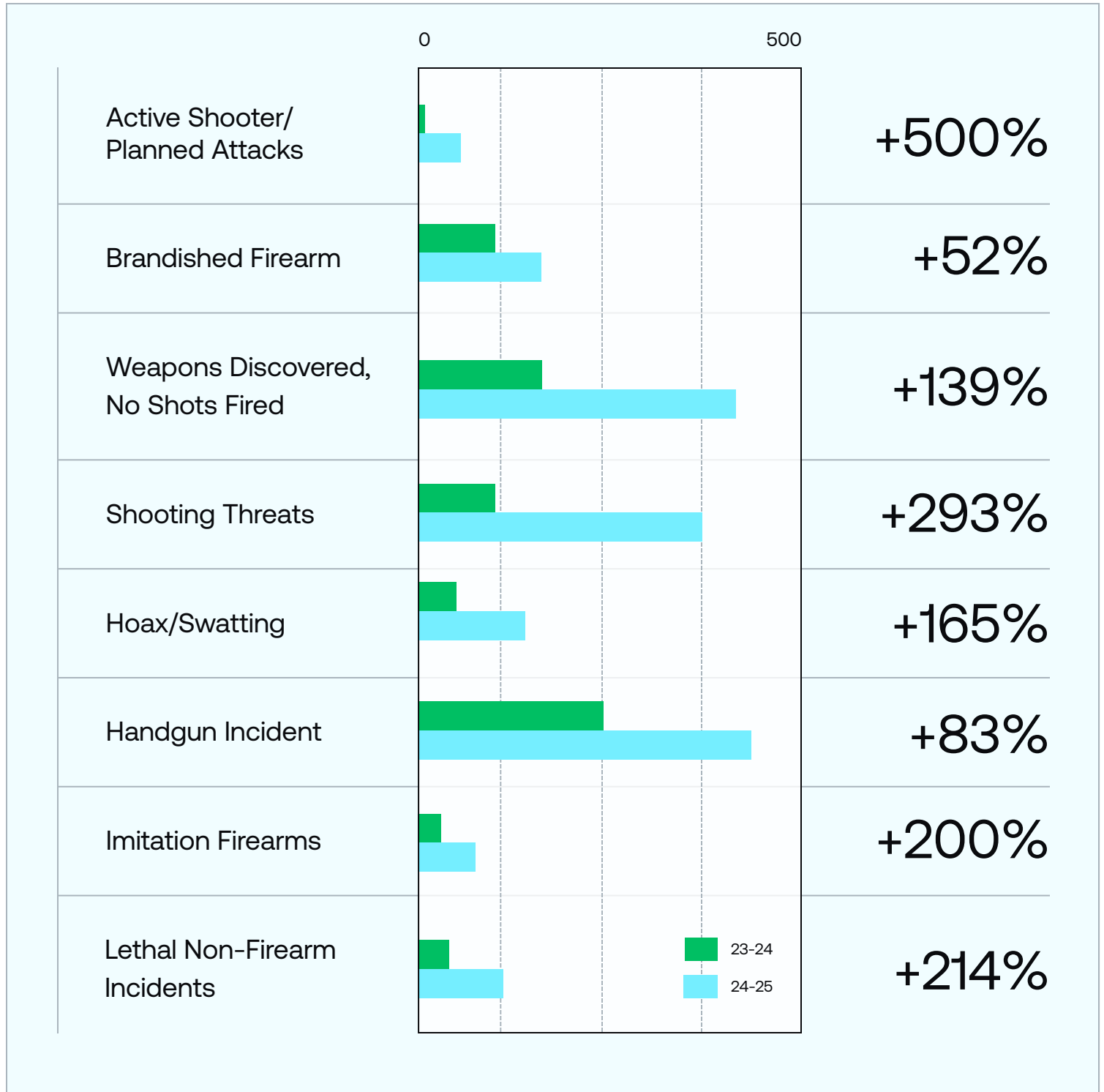
Injuries

**-22.92%**

Sharp rise in **non-shooting threats** and imitation weapon cases.

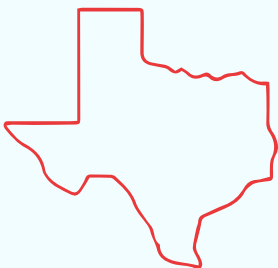
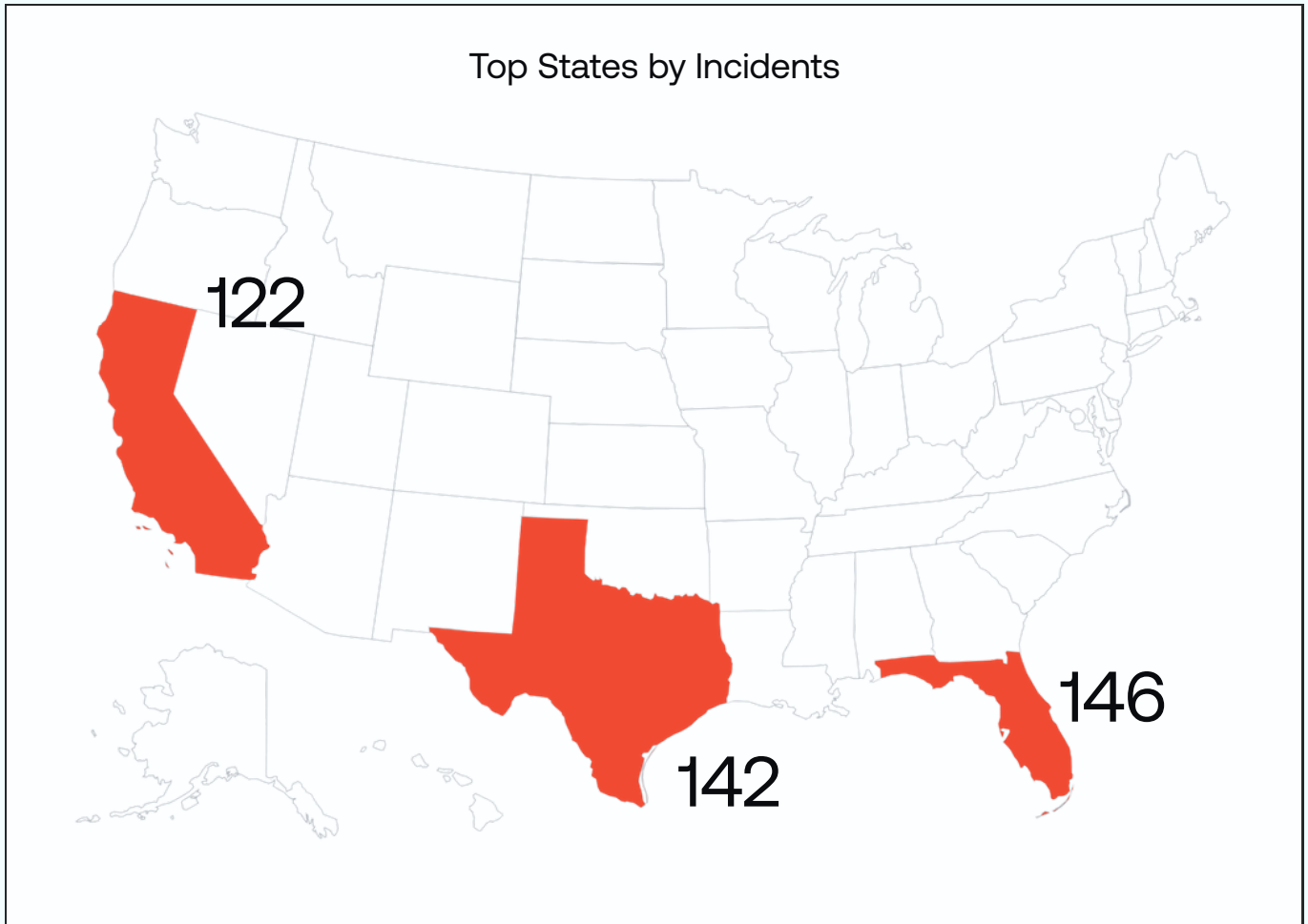
# Incident Types & Situational Analysis

(from 23-24 school year to 24-25 school year)



# Geographic Trends

(from 23-24 school year to 24-25 school year)



Texas had the highest  
year over year increase

**+178% YoY Increase**

# Locations & School Level Impact

(from 23-24 school year to 24-25 school year)

Inside School Incidents

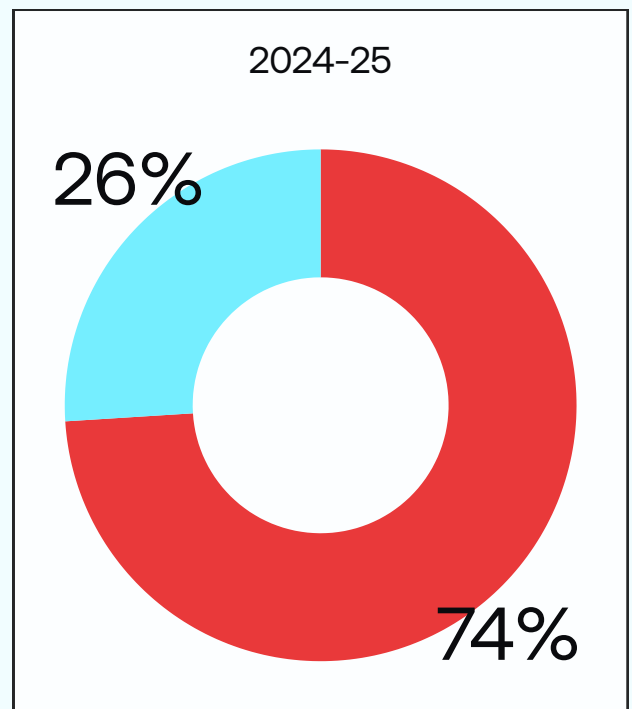
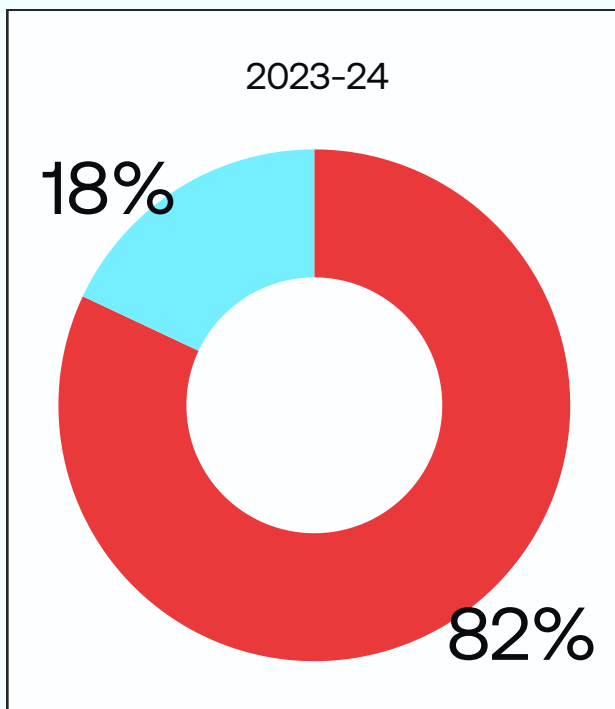
**+250%**

Outside Incidents

**+124%**

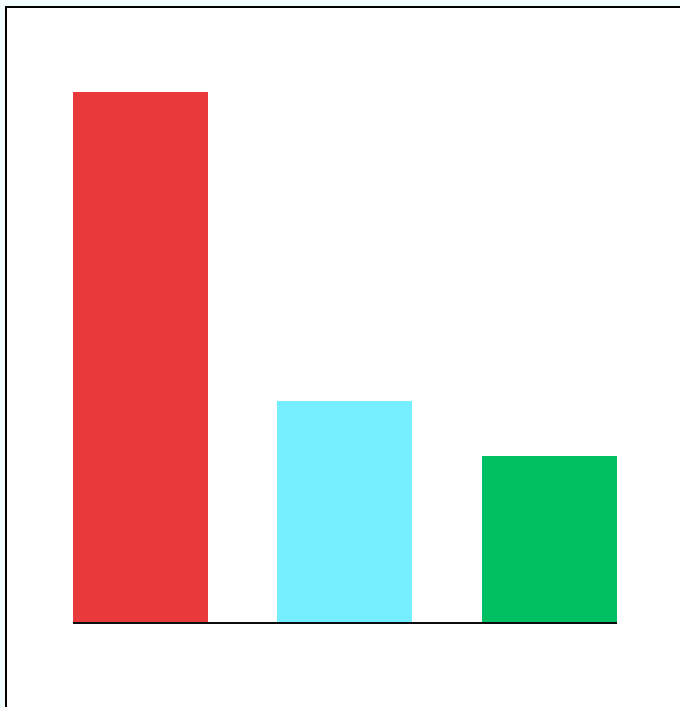
Most Brandished Firearm Incidents Occur **Outdoors**

■ Outdoor  
■ Indoor



# School Type Breakdown

(from 24-25 school year)



■ High Schools

857

■ Middle Schools

346

■ Elementary Schools

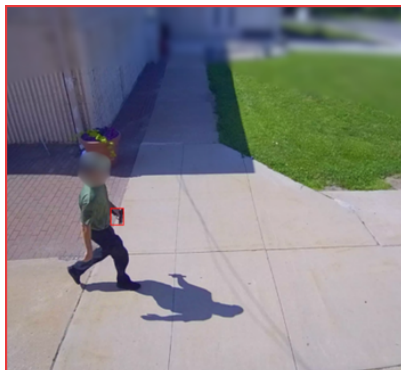
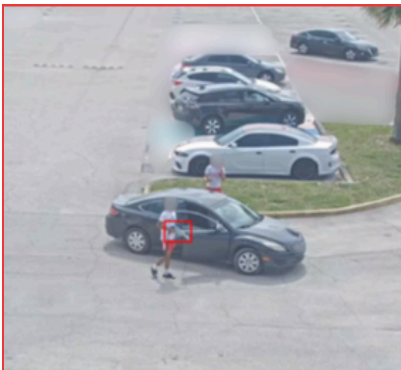
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# Shooter Outcomes

(from 23-24 school year to 24-25 school year)

<b>+214%</b>	2023-24	2024-25
Apprehended at Scene	<b>353</b>	<b>1,110</b>
<b>+44%</b>	2023-24	2024-25
Fled and Later Apprehended	<b>78</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>+15%</b>	2023-24	2024-25
Fled and Escaped	<b>87</b>	<b>100</b>



ZeroEyes **Gun**  
Detections on  
School Campuses

Notable Incidents

# Apalachee High School

Location: Widener, GA

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Situation: Indiscriminate Shooting

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Date: September 4, 2024

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Weapons: Handgun

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Time: 10:20 AM

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Victims: 9 victims Injured, 4 Deaths

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Location: Inside of High School

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Shooter outcome: Surrendered

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Gun Violence Type: Active  
Shooter/Planned Attack



Notable Incidents

# Wilmer-Hutchins High School

Shooter entered via unsecured door

Location: Dallas, TX

Situation: Indiscriminate Shooting

Date: April 16, 2025

Weapons: Handgun

Time: 1:00 PM

Victims: 4 victims Injured

Location: Inside of High School

Shooter outcome: Surrendered

Gun Violence Type: Active  
Shooter/Planned Attack



# Recommendations

## 01. Tighten Access Control

Secure all entry points, monitor doors, and enforce strict visitor protocols to prevent unauthorized access.

## 02. Expand Threat Assessment Programs

Train staff and administrators to recognize behavioral warning signs and escalate concerns quickly.

## 03. Improve Communication Systems

Implement rapid alert channels between school staff, law enforcement, and parents to ensure immediate response in emergencies.

## 04. Shorten Response Times

Use ZeroEyes alerts to bridge the critical gap between weapon visibility and first responder arrival, reducing the risk of harm.

## 05. Alleviate Fear and Uncertainty

Knowing a proactive detection system is in place can ease anxiety for students, parents, and staff, creating a safer, more focused learning environment.

## 06. Combine Technology with Policy

Pair detection capabilities with drills, lockdown procedures, and law enforcement partnerships for a comprehensive safety plan.





# See a Live Gun Detection Demonstration



## About ZeroEyes

ZeroEyes combines the power of AI with the skills of former military professionals, adding new layers of protection to your school's security portfolio. Because the sooner you can identify a brandished firearm hiding in plain sight, the faster you can respond – and the more lives you can save.

**Speak with a ZeroEyes specialist in your state  
and see gun detection in action.**

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