

A NEW 2025 REPORT

Back to School

Gun Violence Report



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Executive Summary

In higher education, 102 incidents were recorded in 2024–25 — a 108.2% increase from 49 in 2023–24. Fatalities rose by 42.9%, injuries by 244%, and active shooter events surged 80.6%, highlighting escalating threats across campuses.

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.

102

Gun-Related Incidents

108%

YoY Increase





Introduction

This report focuses on U.S. colleges, universities, and community colleges. It addresses incident patterns, key case studies, and recommendations for improving campus safety and preparedness.

Methodology

Data collection follows the ZeroEyes Gun Violence Research Center framework, as each higher ed incident is documented for:

- **Location:** State, 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)

+108%

Fatalities

+43%

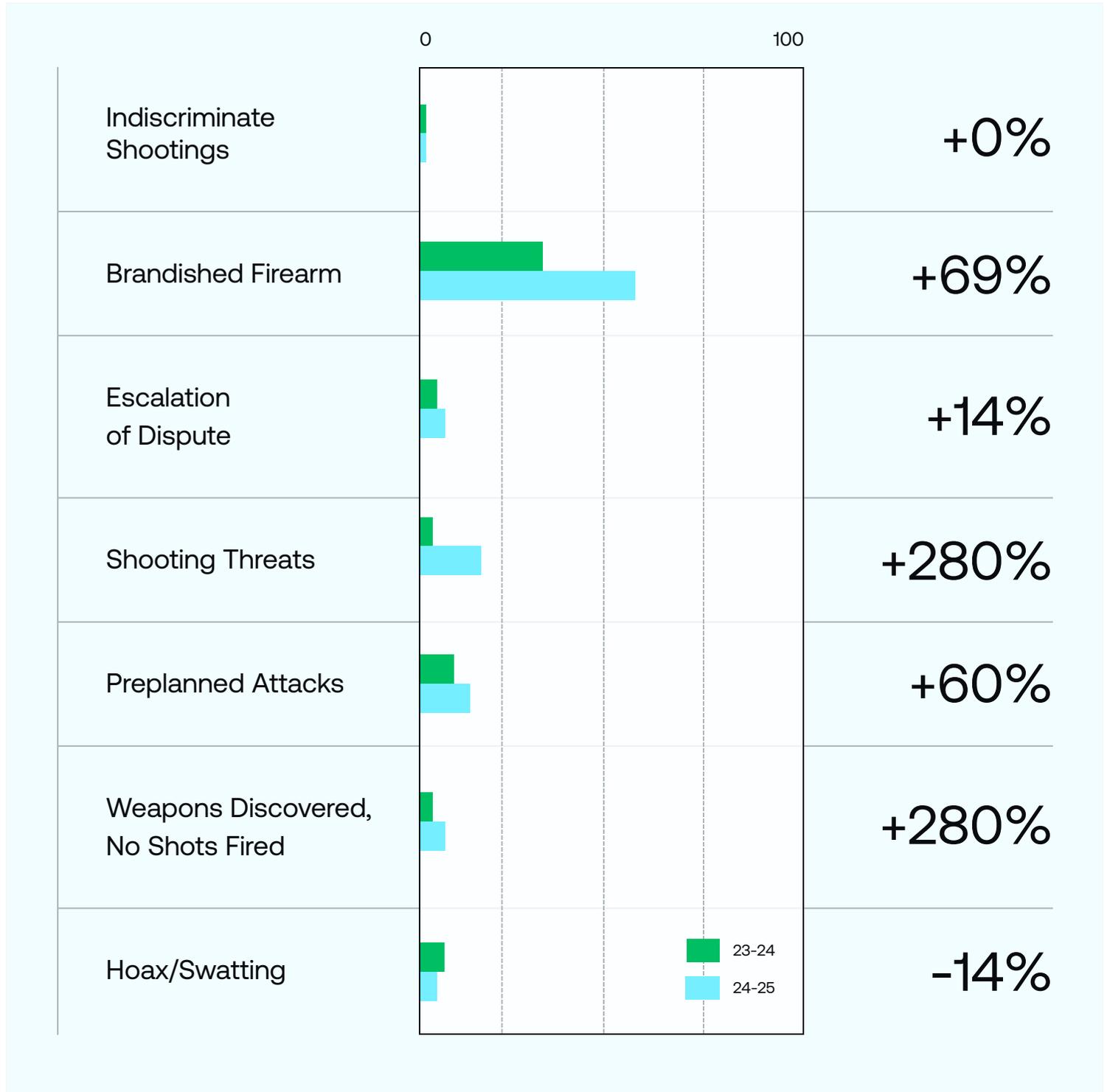
Injuries

+244%

Incident spikes are most notable in October for the second consecutive year, with 10 incidents recorded in the 2023-24 school year, and 17 incidents recorded in the 2024-25 school year.

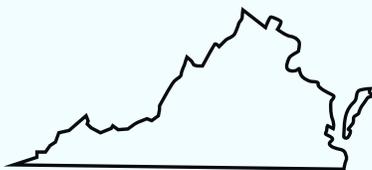
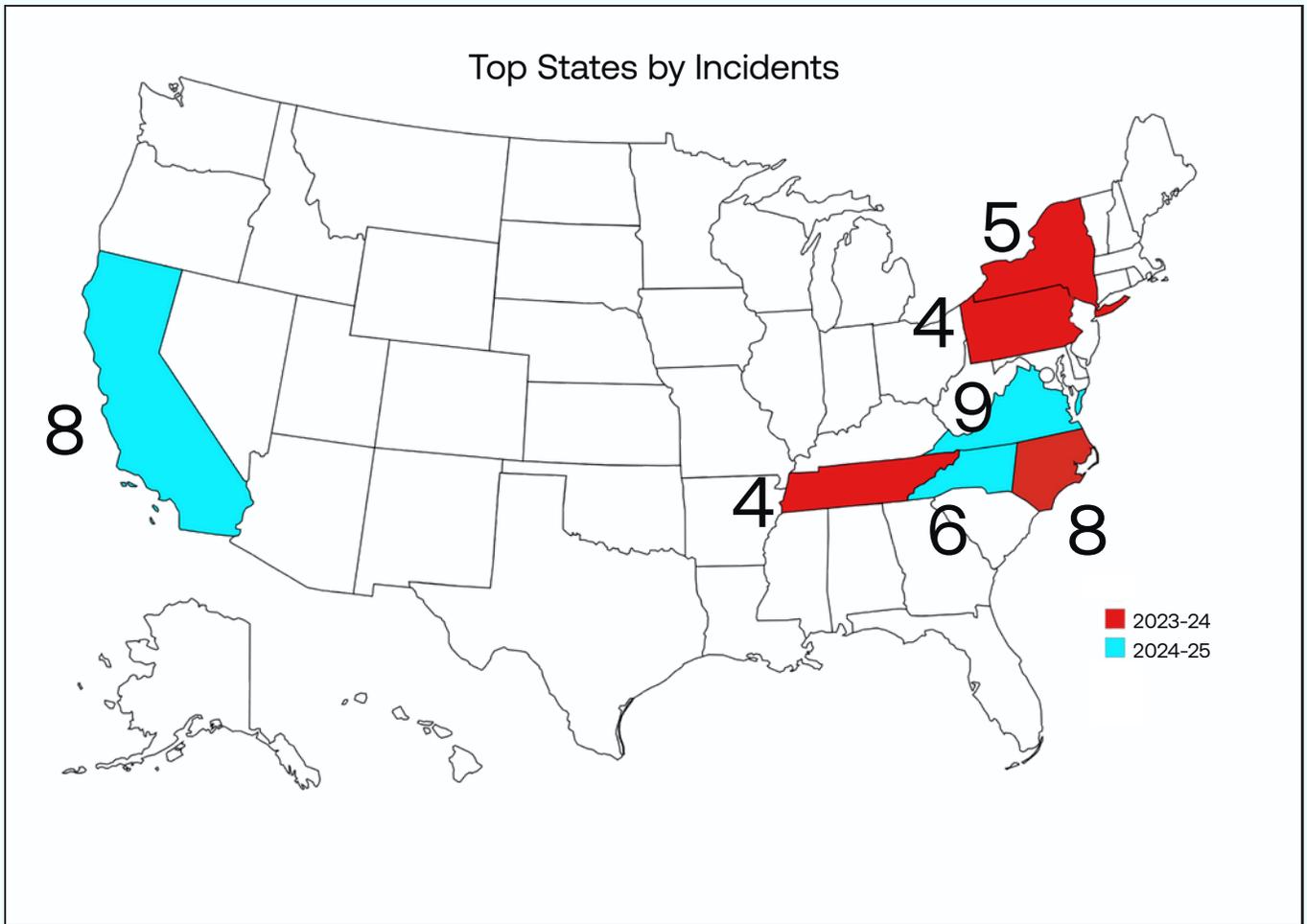
Incident Types & Situational Analysis

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



Geographic Trends

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



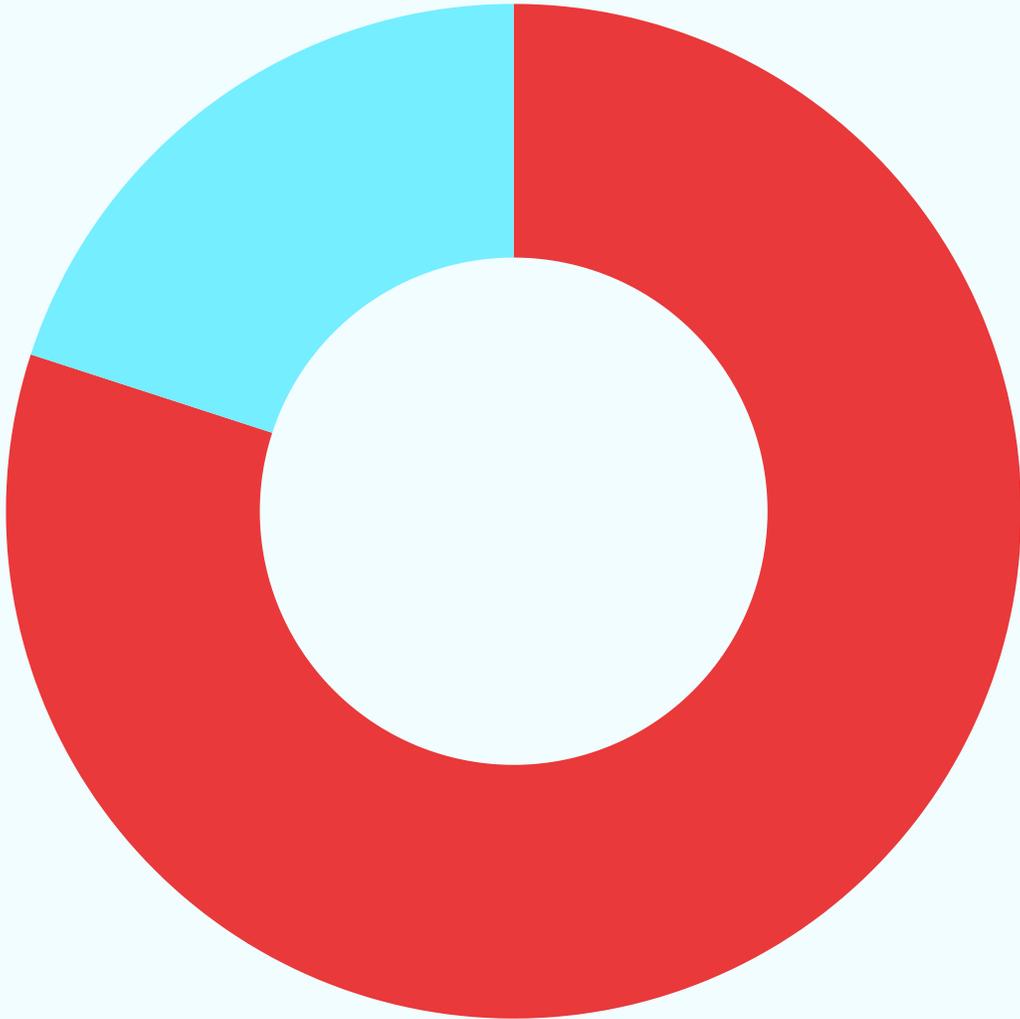
Virginia had the most incidents (9)

Location Impact

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

Parking Lot Incidents (YoY)

+80%



Shooter Outcomes

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

+190%

Apprehended
at Scene

2023-24

10

2024-25

29

+100%

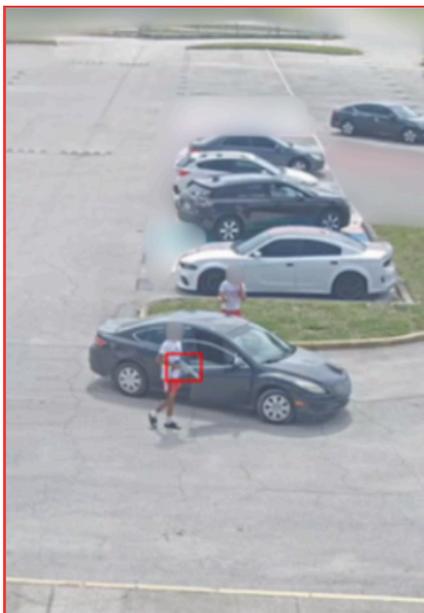
Fled Scene

2023-24

21

2024-25

42



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Notable Incidents

Florida State University, FL

Tallahassee, FL

April 17, 2025

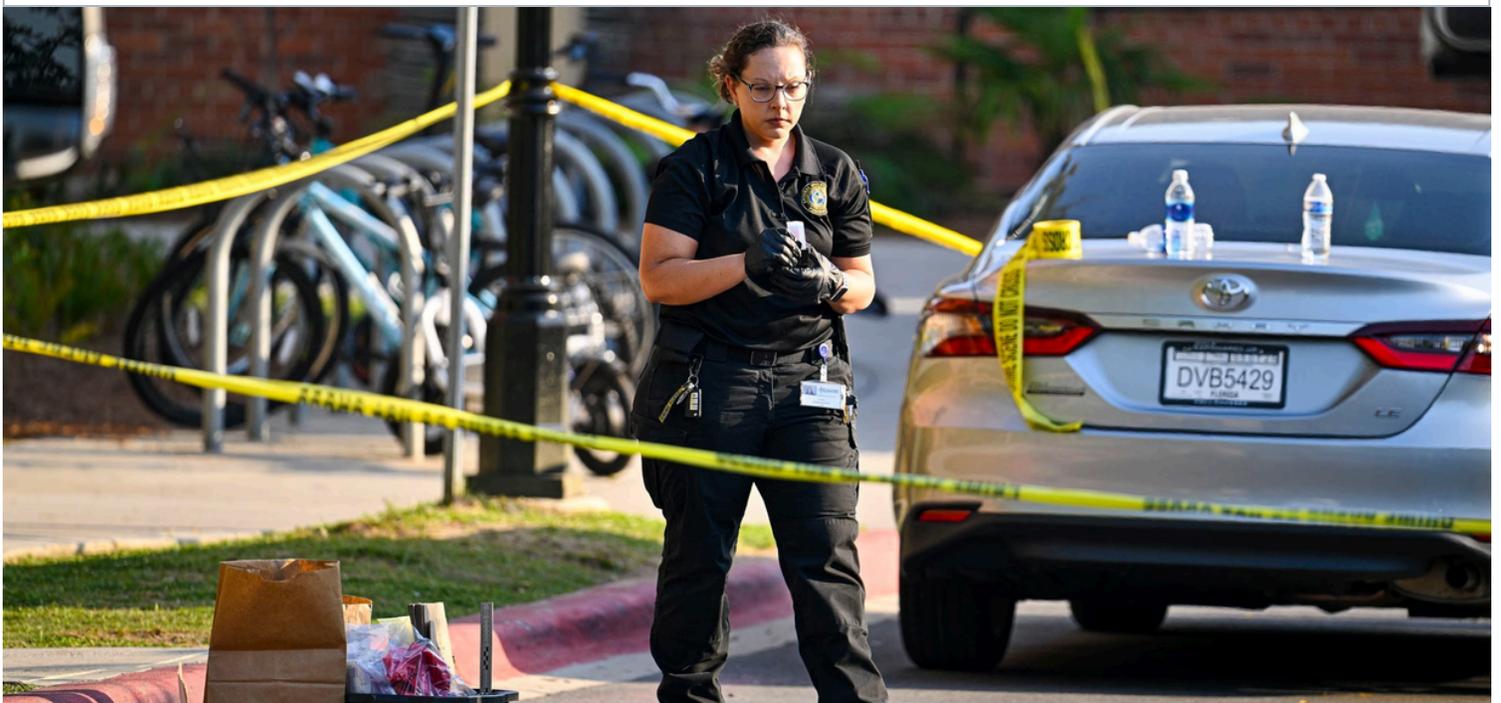
Weapons: Rifle and Pistol

Victims: 5 injuries, 2 deaths

Location: Took place at FSU
Student Union

Shooter outcome:

Four minutes after his first shot, the shooter was shot and taken into custody by police.



Notable Incidents

Tuskegee University, AL

Tuskegee, Alabama

November 10, 2024

Weapon: illegal machine gun
(fully automatic)

Victims: 12 injuries, 1 death

Location: West Commons
on-campus parking lot

Shooter outcome:
Arrested while
leaving the scene

3 other suspects were later
arrested and charged with
discharging a firearm on
school property



Recommendations

01. Enhance Perimeter and Zone Security

Deploy surveillance and monitoring around parking lots, garages, and campus entrances to intercept threats before they reach crowded areas.

02. Strengthen Event Safety Measures

Implement stricter screening, camera coverage, and security patrols for large gatherings like homecomings, concerts, and sporting events.

03. Integrate ZeroEyes AI-Powered Gun Detection

Add real-time gun detection capabilities to existing camera systems to identify visible firearms instantly and trigger alerts to campus police.

04. Reduce Response Times

Leverage ZeroEyes alerts to give security teams actionable intelligence within seconds, enabling rapid threat containment.

05. Improve Coordination with Law Enforcement

Ensure campus police and local agencies receive instant notifications to align responses and minimize confusion during incidents.

06. Foster a Safer Learning Environment

Knowing that an advanced detection system is in place can help alleviate the constant worry about potential gun violence, allowing students, faculty, and staff to focus on academic and community life.

07. Pair Technology with Policy

Combine firearm detection with updated emergency response protocols, regular drills, and interagency training for a comprehensive safety strategy.





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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
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