

Seattle Shots Fired Trends by Category

Official Shots Fired Incident Hierarchy:

- **Shooting (Fatal Injury):**
At time of report, a person was fatally injured (deceased), as a result of a firearm.
- **Shooting (Non-Fatal Injury):**
At time of report, a person was injured (but not deceased), as a result of a firearm.
- **Shots Fired (Eyewitness, Casings or Property Damage):**
At time of report, there was ballistic evidence, property damage as a result of a firearm (but no injuries), or at least one witness who saw a gun fired.

If multiple tags match the incident, only the most severe is used. Example: if two people were injured by shots and one was deceased, only the Shooting (Fatal Injury) tag applies.

NOT considered a Shots Fired:

- The incident was a suicide or otherwise self-inflicted.
- The incident was an accidental discharge.
- The shots were fired by an officer (OIS).
- The gun used was a not a real gun (e.g., a BB/pellet gun).

Shots Fired Nexuses

The below nexuses are broad categories for when a Shots Fired incident fits into one of these categories. An incident may fit into any number of categories (though the “Other” category is only be used if no other category applies). Categorization is based off initial reporting and does not usually change based on follow-up investigations.

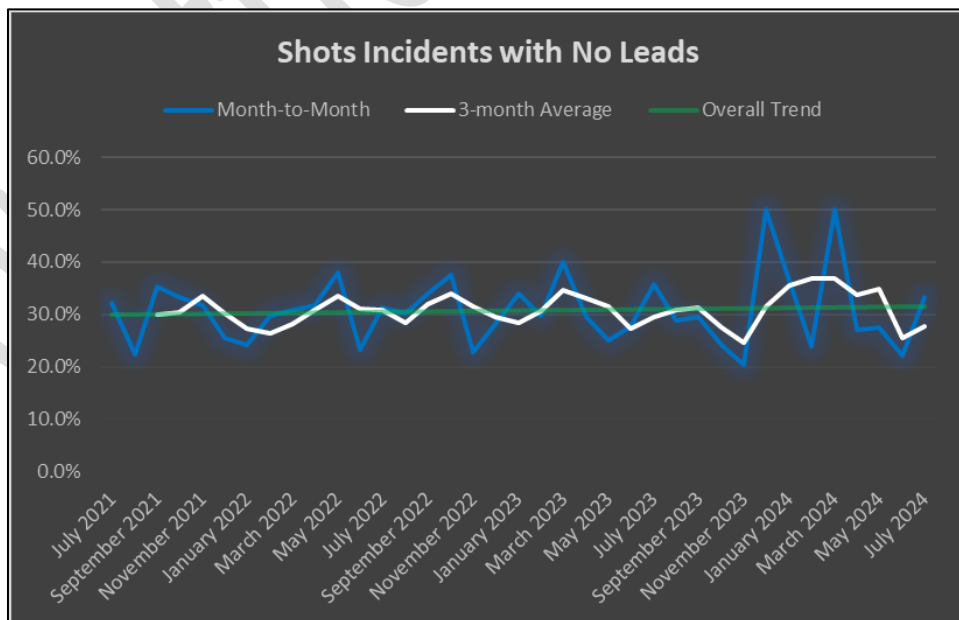
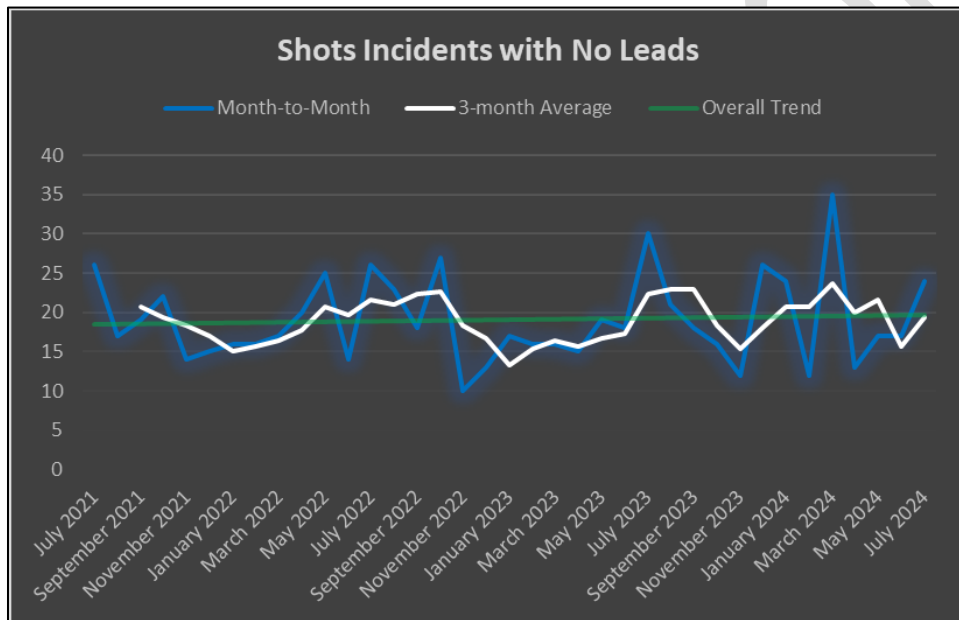
All below 2024 numbers are YTD as of 07/31/24.

No Leads

Definition: Officers noted evidence to confirm a Shots fired incident but no witnesses who saw a shooter or any other details that police can reasonably investigate.

Trend: The proportion of Shots Fired incidents with no significant leads to follow up on holds relatively steady at around 30% of all incidents.

2021 Monthly Avg	15.3 (29.2%)
2022 Monthly Avg	18.8 (30.1%)
2023 Monthly Avg	18.7 (31.2%)
2024 Monthly Avg	20.1 (31.4%)

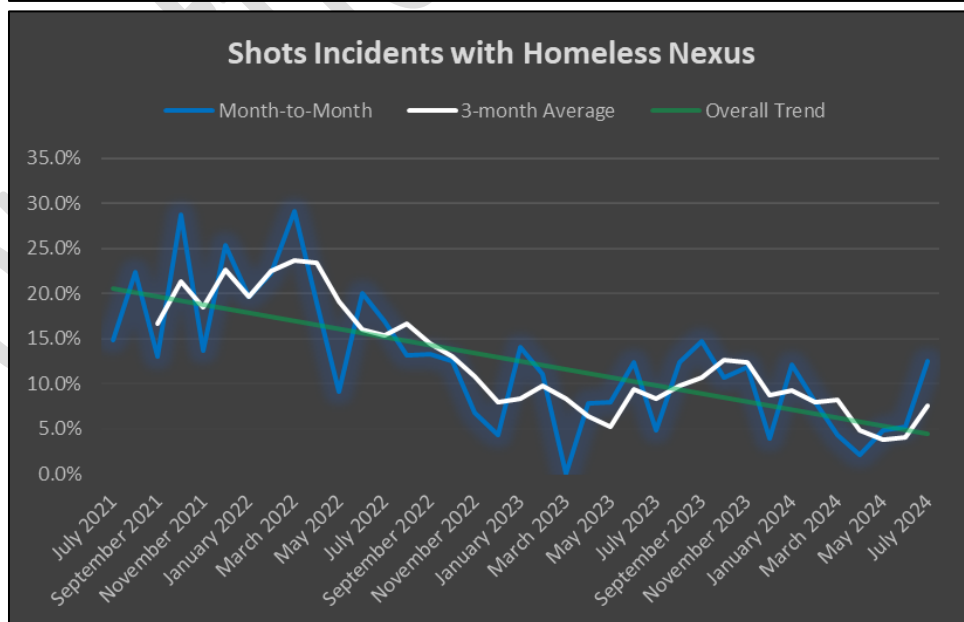
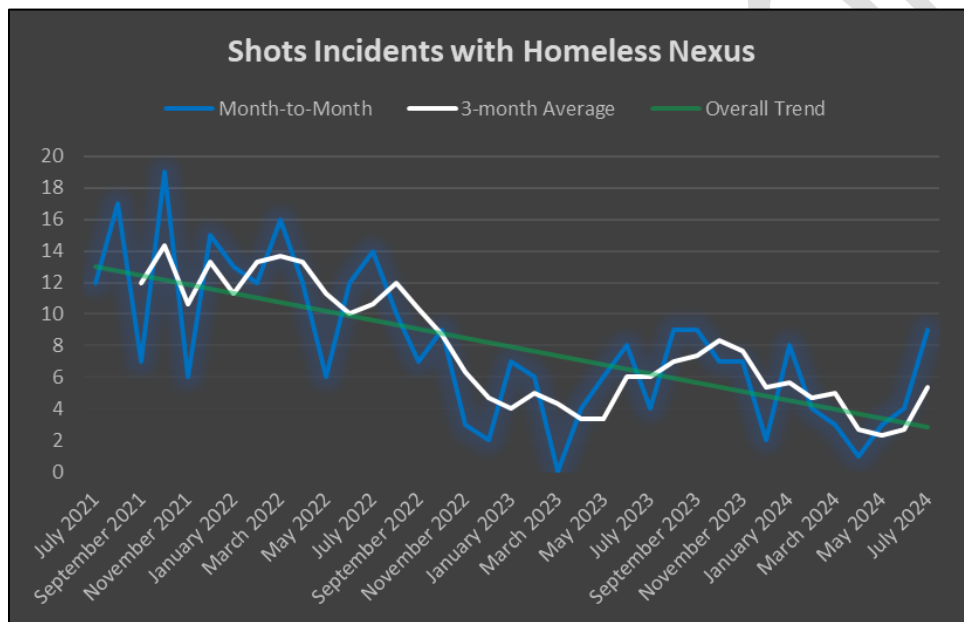


Homeless Nexus

Definition: Reporting indicates the incident occurred in/near a homeless encampment or at least one of the involved people (suspect or victim) was identified as unhoused at the time of the incident.

Trend: After peaking in 2021, the proportion of Shots Fired incidents with a nexus to homelessness has decreased dramatically.

2021 Monthly Avg	9.4 (17.8%)
2022 Monthly Avg	9.7 (15.5%)
2023 Monthly Avg	5.8 (9.3%)
2024 Monthly Avg	4.6 (7.1%)

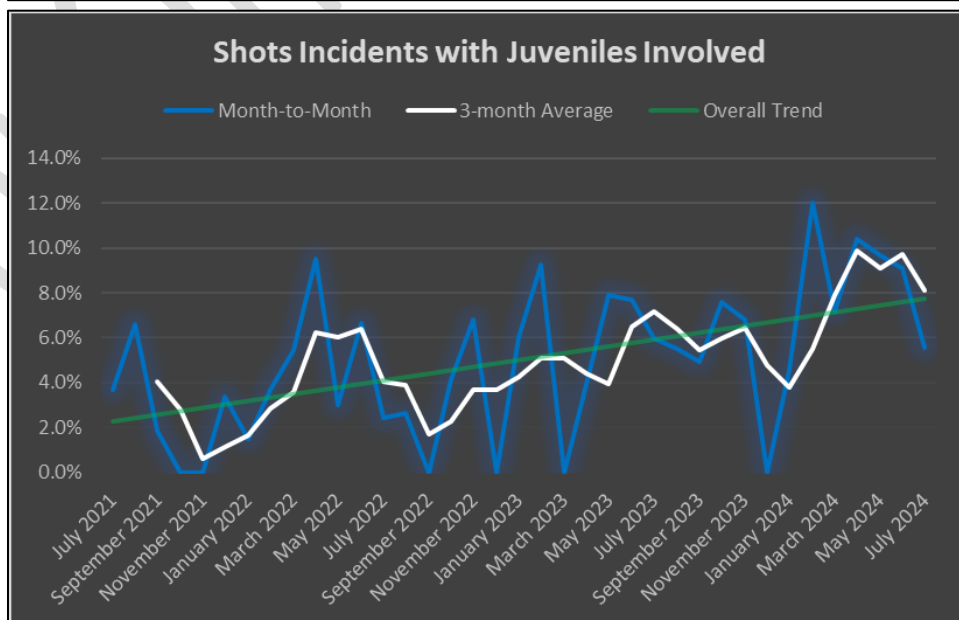
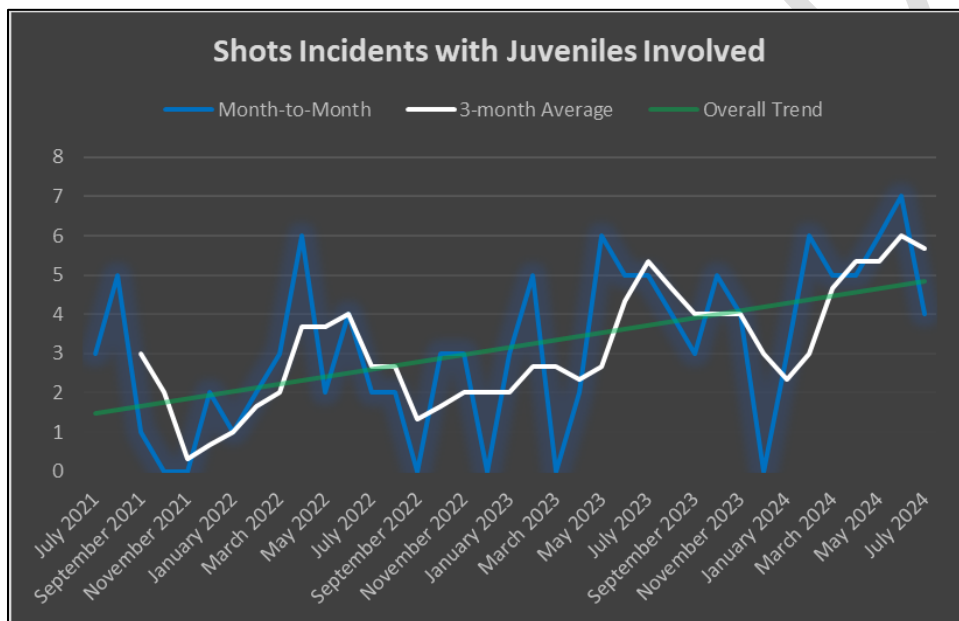


Juveniles Involved

Definition: Reporting indicates at least one of the involved people (suspect or victim) is under 18 at the time of the incident. The juvenile does not necessarily need to be identified (e.g. a witness may describe the shooter as a juvenile).

Trend: The number of Shots Fired incidents each month involving juveniles has more than doubled since 2021-22. Even though the overall number of incidents has increased dramatically, the proportion involving juveniles has also increased significantly.

2021 Monthly Avg	2.3 (4.9%)
2022 Monthly Avg	2.3 (3.8%)
2023 Monthly Avg	3.5 (5.5%)
2024 Monthly Avg	5.0 (8.2%)

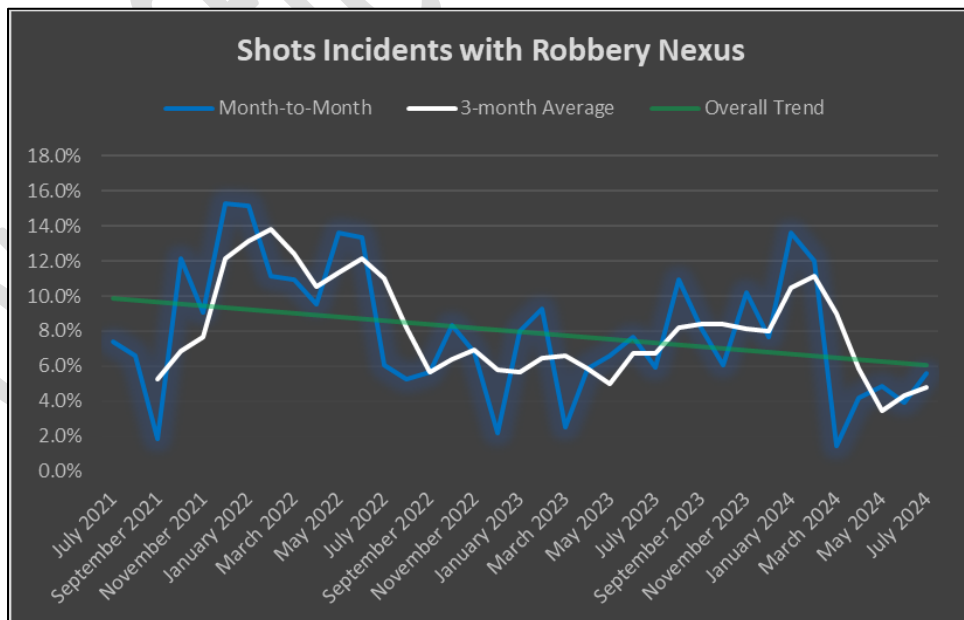
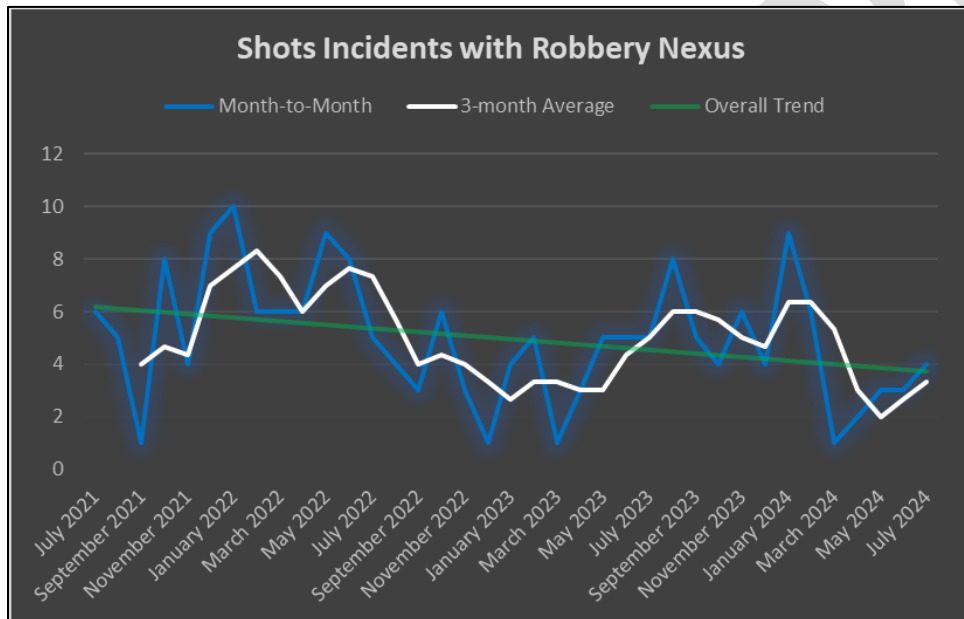


Robbery Nexus

Definition: Reporting indicates that shots were fired during the commission of a robbery or burglary.

Trend: While the number of armed robberies has increased over the past few years, robberies where a shot is fired have actually gone down.

2021 Monthly Avg	5.3 (11.0%)
2022 Monthly Avg	5.6 (9.0%)
2023 Monthly Avg	4.6 (7.4%)
2024 Monthly Avg	4.0 (6.5%)

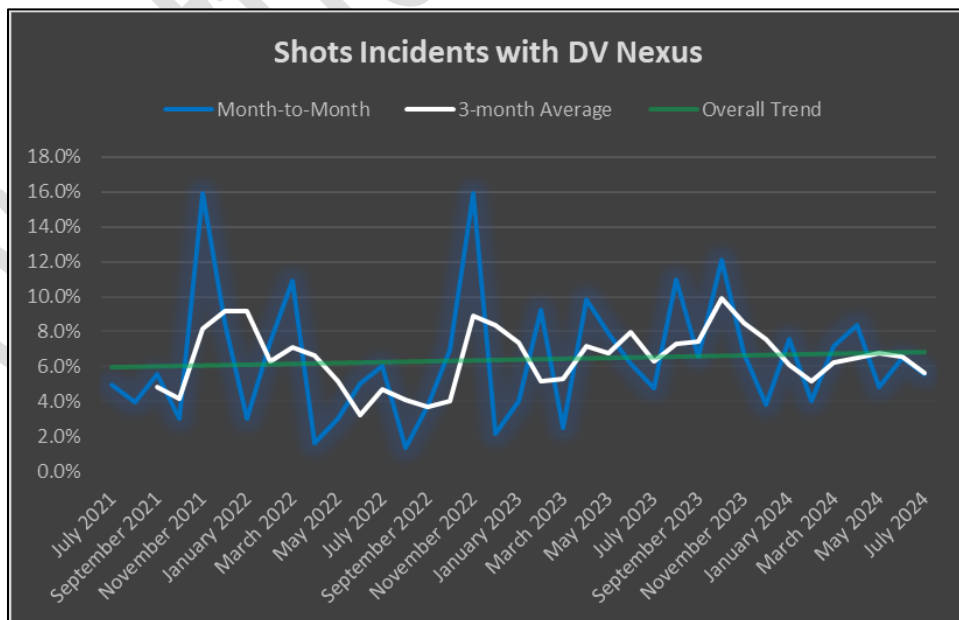
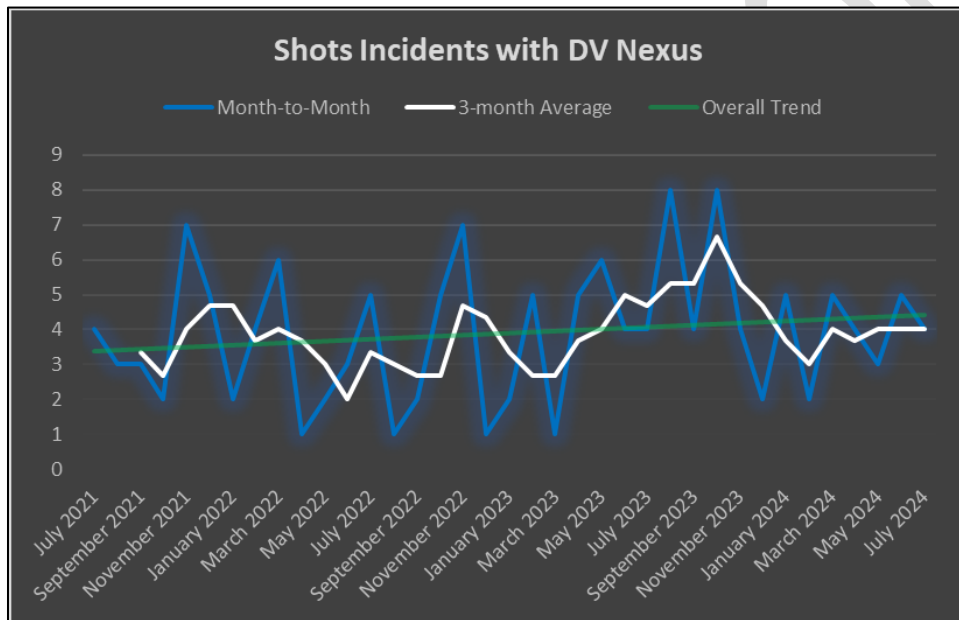


Domestic Violence Nexus

Definition: Reporting indicates that the involved people are connected through some sort of domestic relationship (e.g. a husband firing at a wife, or two people fighting over the same girl).

Trend: Domestic Violence-related Shots Fired incidents vary significantly from month to month but have remained relatively stable over the years.

2021 Monthly Avg	3.8 (8.3%)
2022 Monthly Avg	3.3 (5.6%)
2023 Monthly Avg	4.4 (7.1%)
2024 Monthly Avg	4.0 (6.3%)

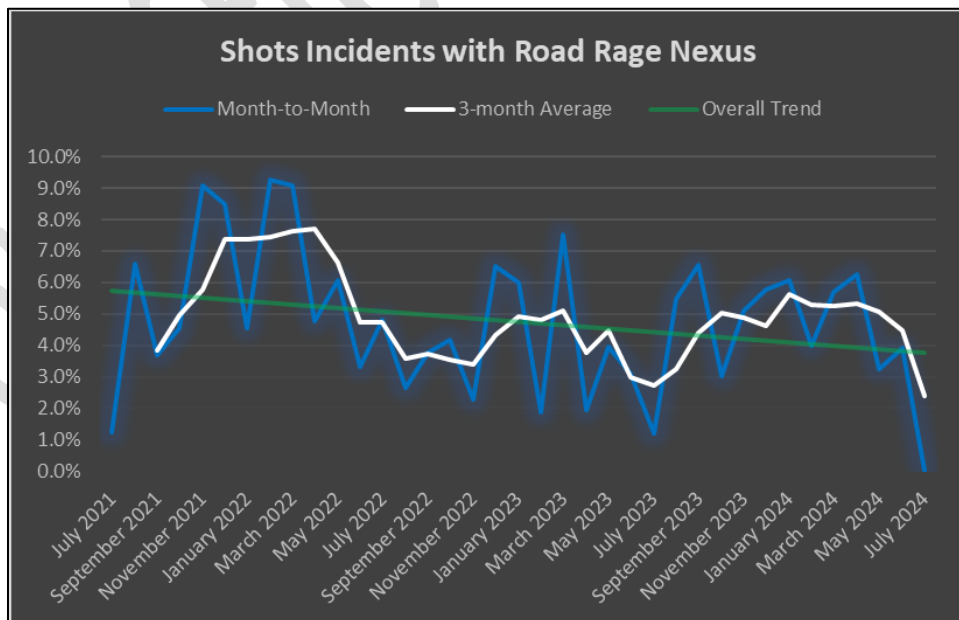
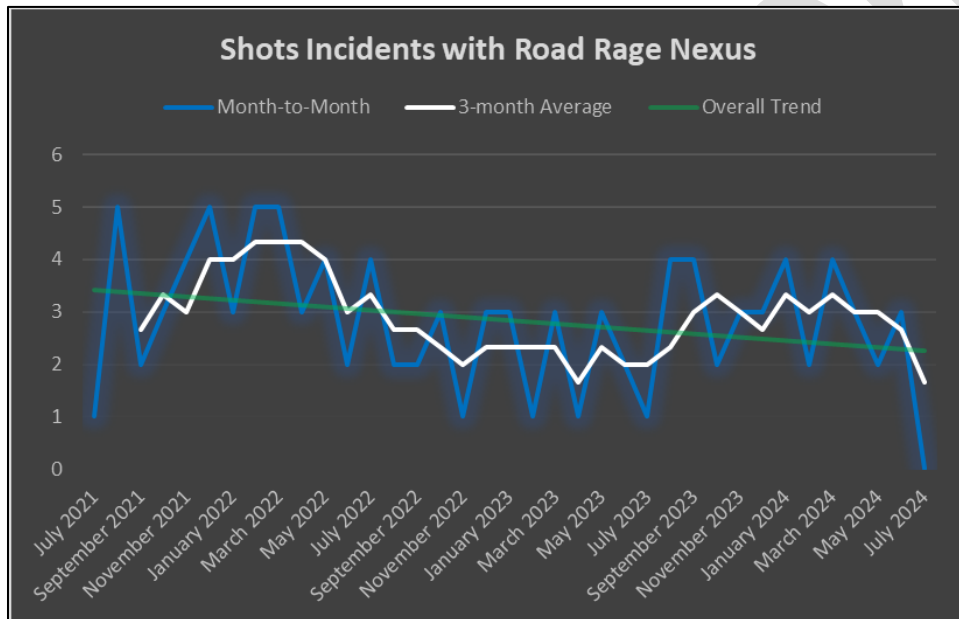


Road Rage Nexus

Definition: Reporting indicates Shots Fired were fired in an altercation involving a vehicle.

Trend: The average number of Road Rage related Shots Fired incidents per month has remained relatively static, even as the overall number of Shots Fired incidents increased.

2021 Monthly Avg	2.5 (5.1%)
2022 Monthly Avg	3.1 (5.1%)
2023 Monthly Avg	2.5 (4.3%)
2024 Monthly Avg	2.6 (4.2%)

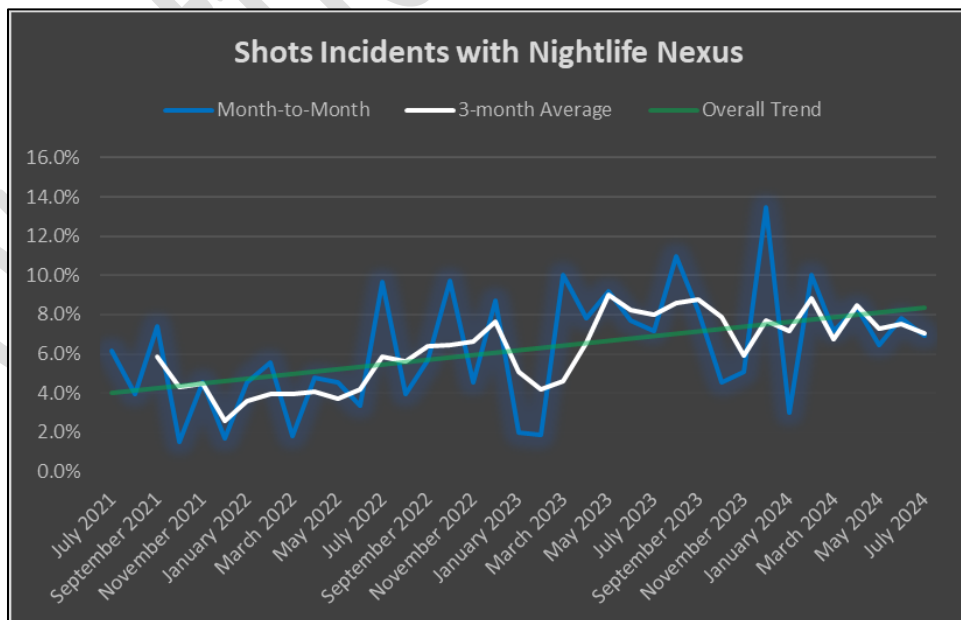
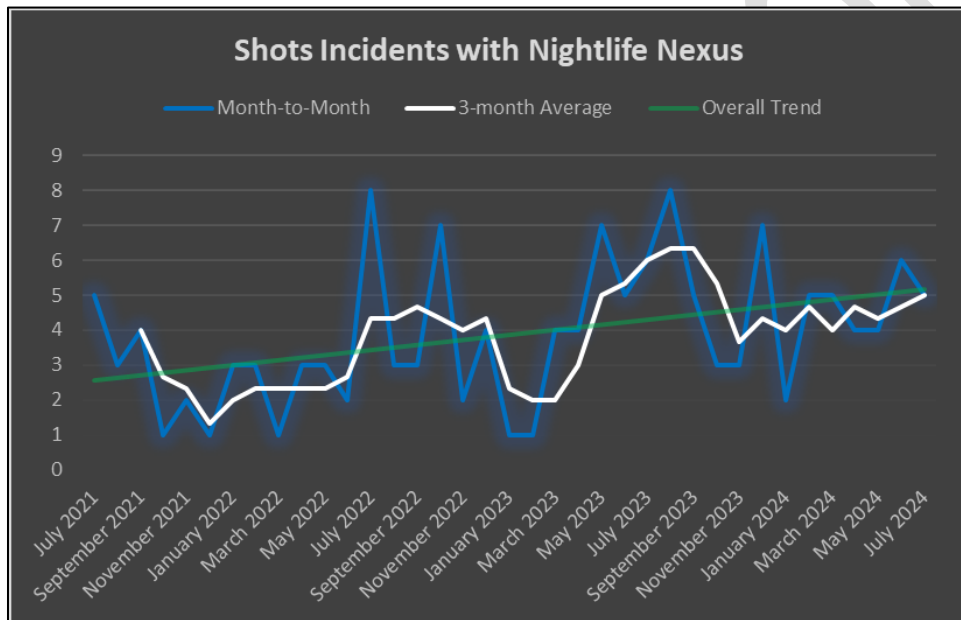


Nightlife Nexus

Definition: Reporting indicates that the involved subjects were at a nightlife establishment (e.g. bar, nightclub, hookah bar, music venue, etc.) during or before the Shots Fired.

Trend: As nightlife establishments opened back up starting in 2021, the number and proportion of Nightlife-related Shots Fired incidents has increased significantly.

2021 Monthly Avg	1.5 (2.5%)
2022 Monthly Avg	3.5 (5.6%)
2023 Monthly Avg	4.5 (7.3%)
2024 Monthly Avg	4.4 (7.1%)

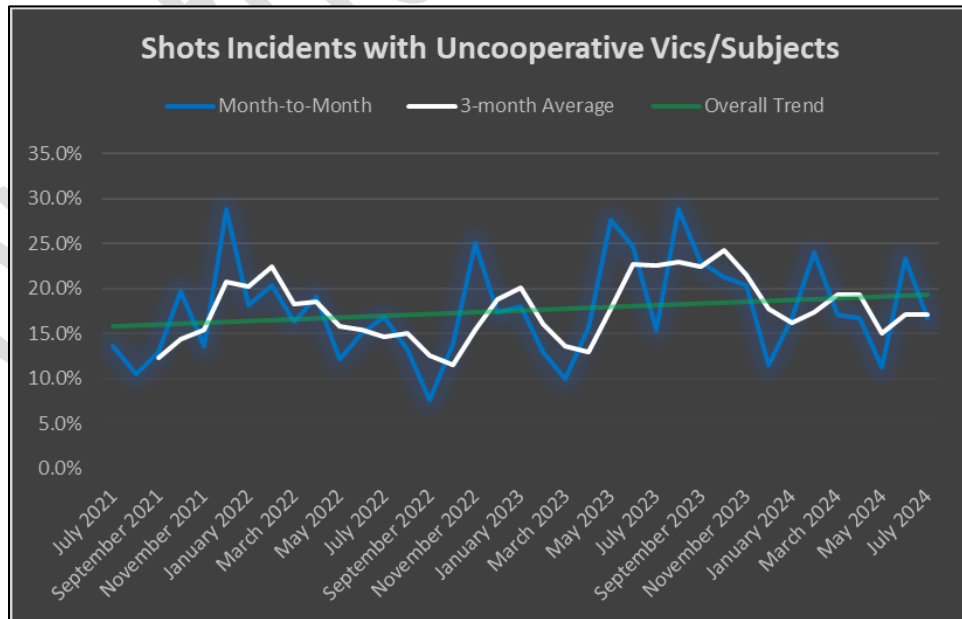
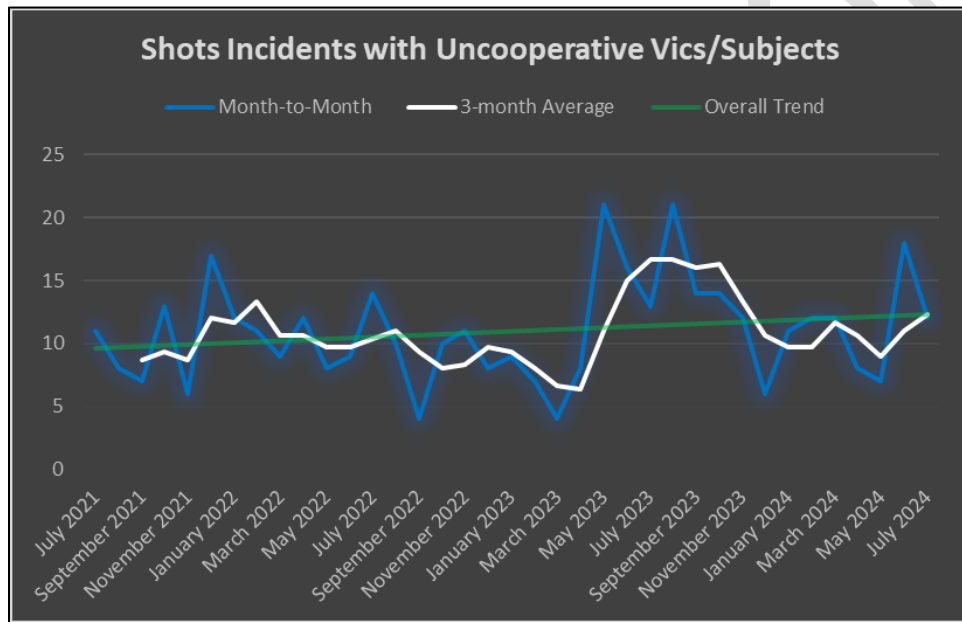


Uncooperative Victims/Subjects

Definition: Reporting indicates officers contacted someone other than a suspect who either refused to speak with officers or intentionally withheld information from officers.

Trend: There have been more than twice as many Shots Fired incidents where officers contacted an uncooperative subject or victim in 2024 compared to 2021.

2021 Monthly Avg	6.9 (13.0%)
2022 Monthly Avg	12.9 (21.3%)
2023 Monthly Avg	10.8 (17.9%)
2024 Monthly Avg	14.4 (22.8%)



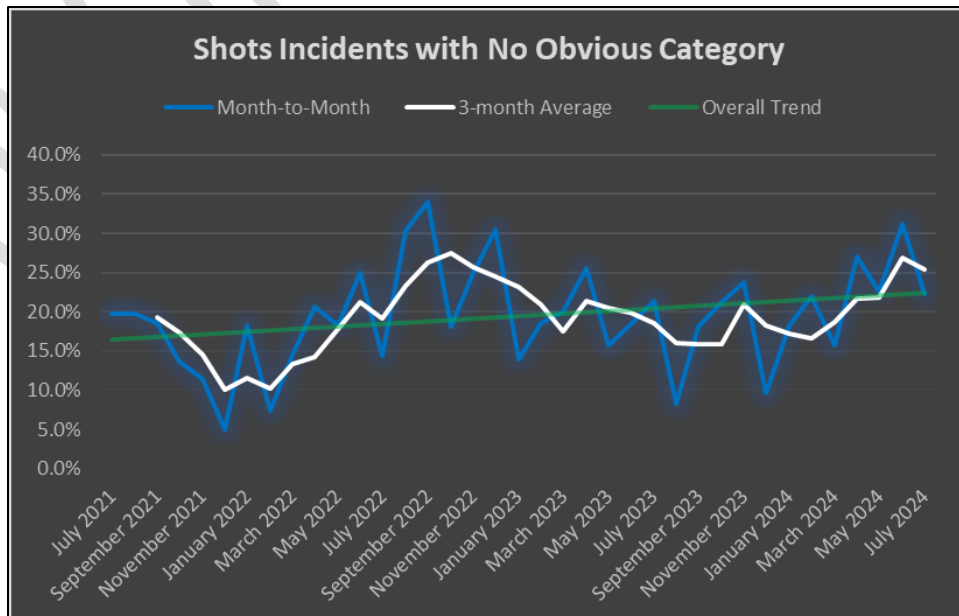
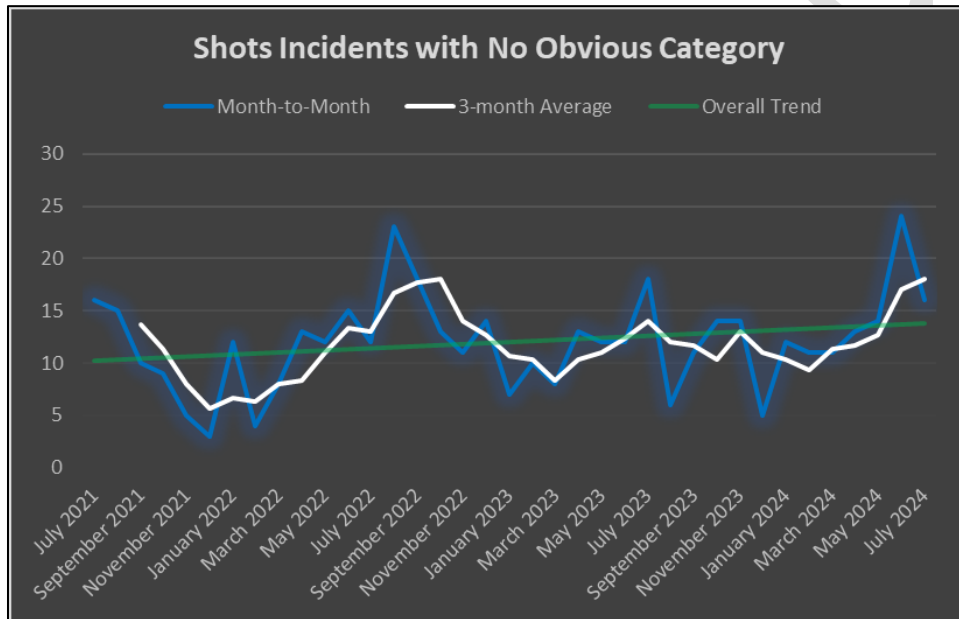
Other

Definition: Any incident that does not fit into any other category. These incidents may involve leads that, once pursued by a detective, may reveal information that pushes the incident into another category (e.g. officers identified a possible suspect but the motivation for the shots is unclear during initial reporting).

Note: prostitution- and crisis-related Shots Fired often fall into this category.

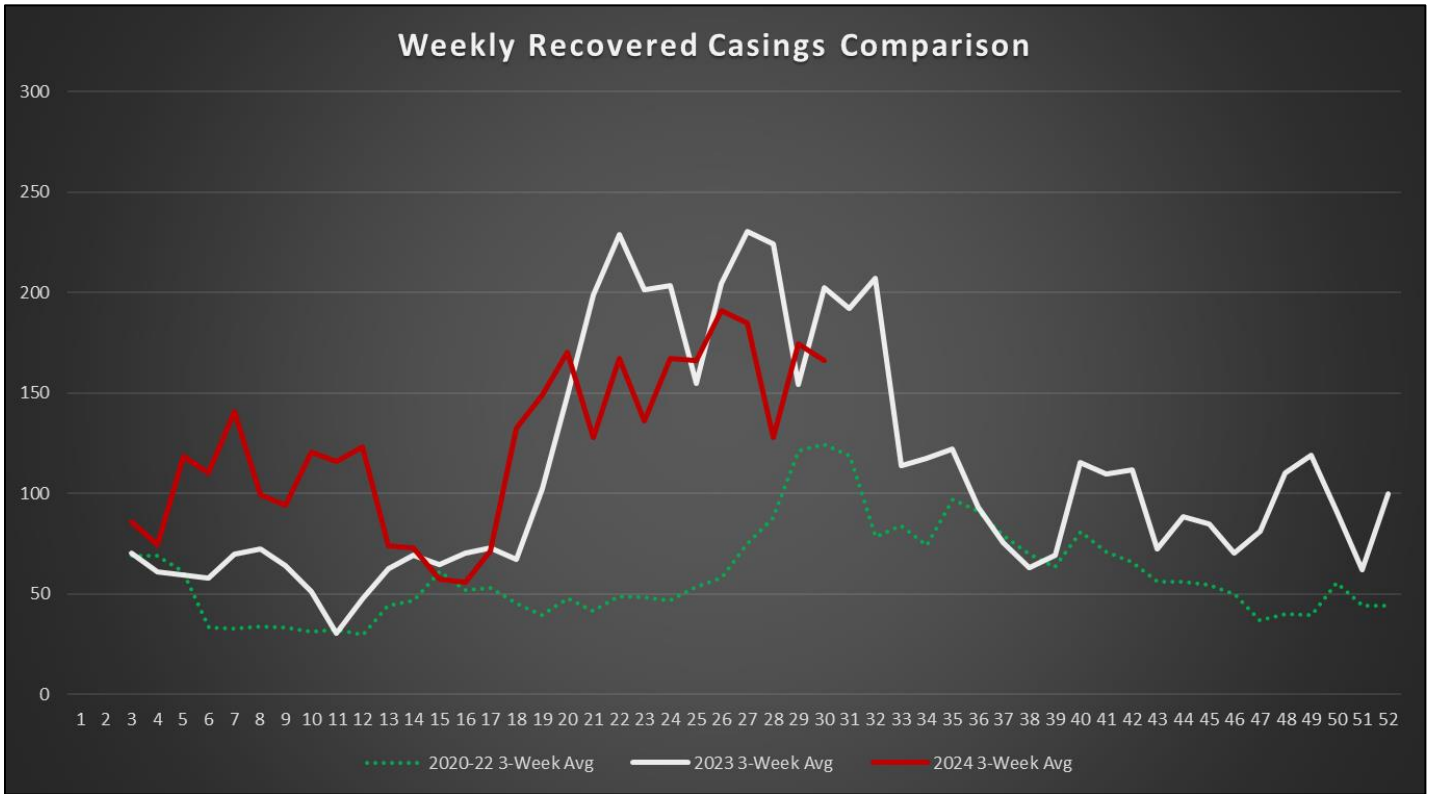
Trend: Incidents not meeting any other nexus criteria fluctuate but have increased over the past three years. Some of this increase may be due to prostitution-related Shots Fired as well as limitations from current staffing levels.

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Recovered Casings

The number of casings recovered YTD in 2024 is more than any previous year. However, this summer has not been as bad as 2023 in terms of volume of casings recovered, so 2023's YTD casings may soon pass 2024's.



Recovered Casings by Month					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	476	224	187	255	510
February	129	79	158	305	334
March	148	163	226	229	505
April	184	149	320	288	333
May	95	154	326	912	657
June	108	354	310	711	775
July	437	559	564	962	679
August	302	361	444	509	
September	172	263	434	274	
October	259	182	408	450	
November	101	158	219	464	
December	103	205	288	387	
TOTAL	2,514	2,851	3,884	5,746	3,793
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
YTD Casings	1,583	1,693	2,100	3,712	3,793