



WATERBURY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

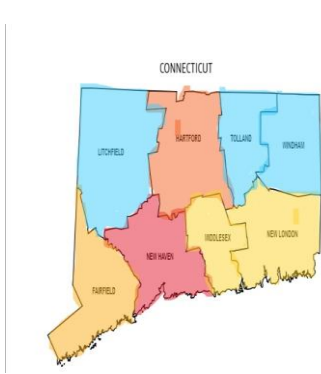
FACTSHEET #2: FIREARM VIOLENCE IN WATERBURY AND OTHER TOWNS IN CONNECTICUT



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Waterbury Gun Violence Prevention Partnership (GVPP)

1. WHAT IS THE FIREARM VIOLENCE SITUATION IN CONNECTICUT COUNTIES?

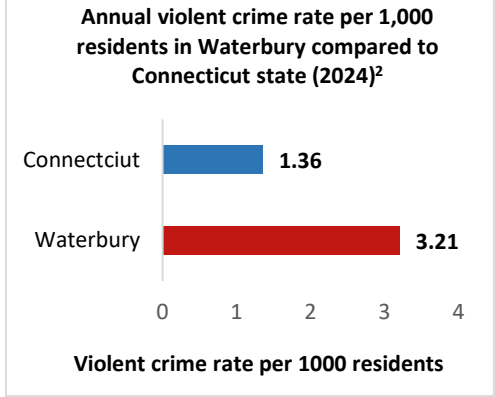


County Name	Cumulative firearm homicide counts (2020-2025)	Cumulative firearm suicide counts (2020-2025)
Fairfield county	102	115
Hartford county	173	142
Litchfield county	<10	52
Middlesex county	11	30
New Haven county	194	151
New London County	15	70
Tolland	<10	34
Windham	<10	30

New Haven county recorded the **highest** firearm homicides (194) and firearm suicides (151) in Connecticut, followed by Hartford and Fairfield county from 2020 to 2025 ¹

2. WHAT IS THE OVERALL VIOLENCE AND FIRERAM VIOLENCE SITUATION IN WATERBURY?

1 in 312 chances of becoming a victim of a violent crime in Waterbury, compared to **1 in 735** in the state of Connecticut ²



161 firearm related incidents were reported in **Waterbury** between 2020 to 2025 ³

58 firearm related incidents in Waterbury were fatal (out of the total 161) between 2020 to 2025 ³

59 individuals were killed in Waterbury during the fatal shooting incidents between 2020 to 2025 ³

151 individuals were injured during all firearm related incidents in Waterbury between 2020 to 2025 ³



37 emergency department (ED) visits for gunshot injuries were reported in Waterbury between April 2025 to March 2026. Most ED visits were reported among **Non-Hispanic Black** people ⁴

3. WHO IS MORE AFFECTED IN WATERBURY?



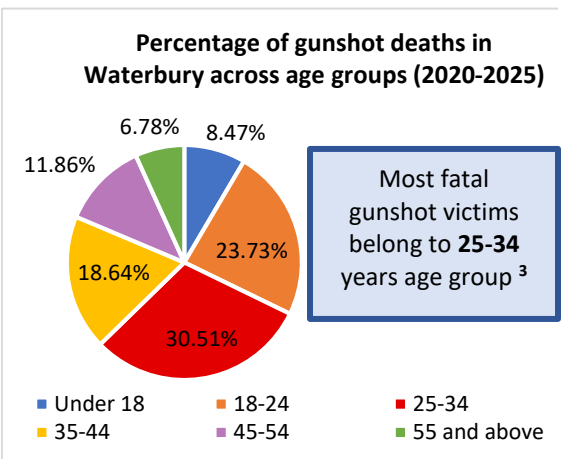
88% of the fatal gunshot victim were **males** during 2020-2025 ³
Males reported a higher gunshot ED visit rate of **7.6** per 10,00 visits as compared to **2.7** in females in the past one year



3 out of 7 female fatal gunshot victims died as a result of **domestic violence** involving firearms, while the other 4 were killed by either a stray bullet or group gun violence during 2020-2025 ³

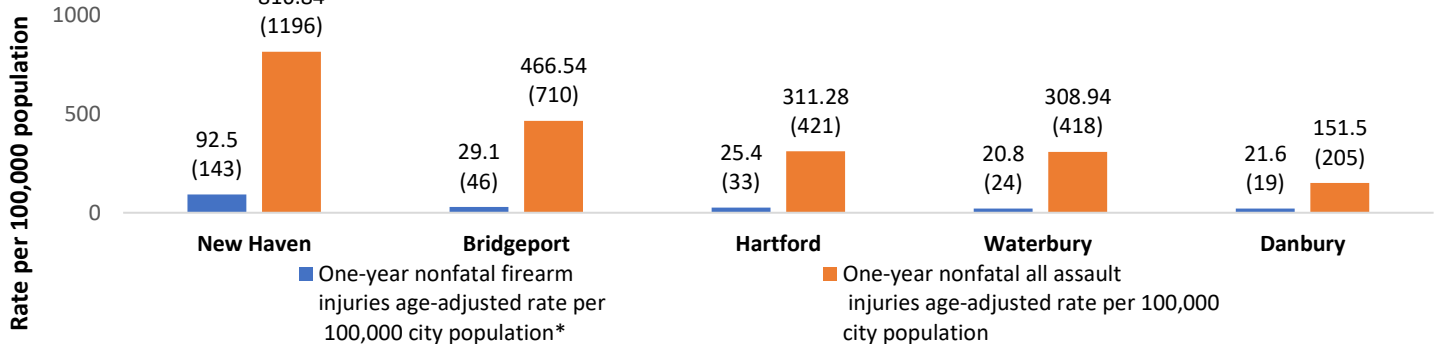


12% of the fatal gunshot incidents involved possession of gun by a felon or prohibited person, while **7%** were drive-by violence³ incidents



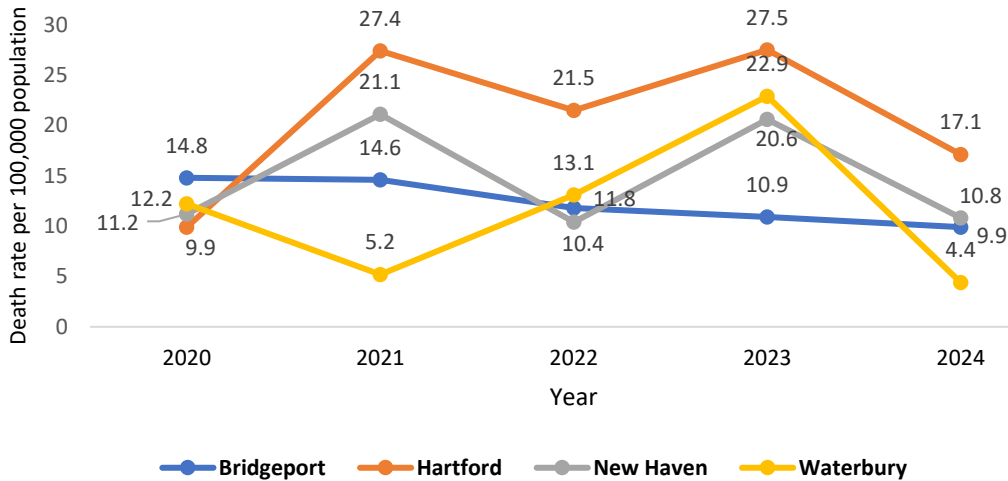
4. HOW DOES WATERBURY COMPARE TO OTHER TOWNS IN CONNECTICUT?

Connecticut cities with high overall nonfatal assault injuries and nonfatal firearm injury rates
(June 1st 2024 to June 30th 2025) ⁴



TRENDS IN FIREARM HOMICIDE RATES IN WATERBURY AND OTHER TOWNS

Firearm homicide death rates in Waterbury and other big towns in Connecticut
(2020-2024)



In 2020, Waterbury's firearm homicide rate was 11.2 per 100,000 population, declining to 5.2 per 100,000 in 2021. It sharply rose to 13.1 in 2022 and reached 22.9 in 2023 ⁵

City of Hartford consistently recorded the highest firearm homicide rates compared to other towns ⁵

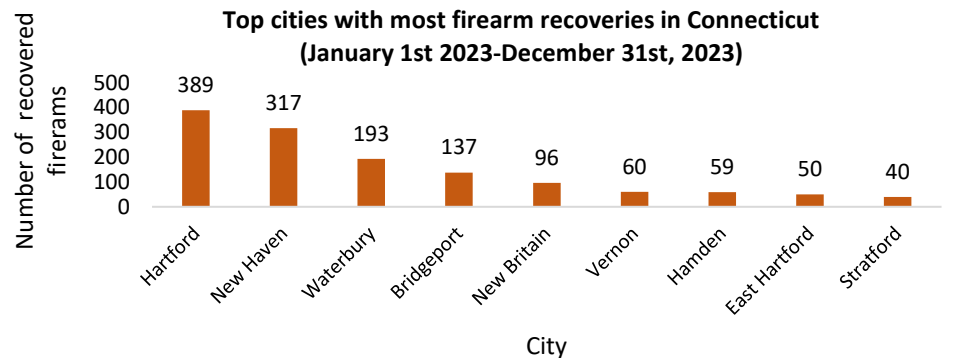
All towns including Waterbury, reported a decline in firearm homicide rates in 2024 ⁵

From January to December 2023, Hartford, New haven and Waterbury recorded the highest firearm recoveries in CT ⁶

Hartford reported 389 recovered firearms, New haven had 317, and Waterbury ranked 3rd with 193 firearms ⁶

137 firearms were recovered in Bridgeport, 96 from New Britain, and Hamden, East Hartford and Stratford recovered 59, 50 and 40 firearms respectively ⁶

NUMBER OF FIREARMS RECOVERED IN WATERBURY AND OTHER TOWNS



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