

# One Lexington Bi-Weekly

## Report

### July 31st, 2024



ONE Lexington is a city initiative that leverages government resources and community partnerships to address gun violence impacting youth and young adults (ages 10-29). Below are some of the latest gun violence statistics in Lexington, KY.

### Total Shootings Statistics (through July 15th, 2024)

### Youth & Young Adult Shootings Statistics

#### Lexington Homicide By Gun & Shooting Statistics

#### Lexington Homicide By Gun & Shooting Statistics (Victims ages 10-29)

2024 (to date)	7 homicides by gun (8 total homicides)
2023 (at this point last year)	12 homicides (14 total homicides)
2022 (at this point in the year)	21 homicides (27 total homicides)

2024 (to date)	3 homicides
2023 (at this point last year)	6 homicides
2022 (at this point in the year)	6 homicides

**-5** (less gun-related homicides than the previous year)

**-3** (fewer gun-related homicides than the previous year)

#### Lexington Shooting Statistics (Reported Residents Shot)

#### Lexington Shooting Statistics (Reported Residents Shot) (Victims ages 10-29)

2024 (to date)	35 shootings
2023 (at this point last year)	53 shootings
2022 (at this point in the year)	73 shootings

2024 (to date)	15 shootings
2023 (at this point last year)	38 shootings
2022 (at this point in the year)	55 shootings

**-18** (fewer shootings than the previous year)

**-23** (fewer shootings than the previous year)





## Lexington Juvenile Shot & Killed:

Rest in peace to 16-year-old C'veyoun Robinson, who was shot and killed in Lexington, KY last week. Out of respect, we don't like speaking publicly on incidents like this until we've touched base with the family, which we were finally able to last Thursday. This young king was a friend of many in our program and we had the pleasure of meeting him and speaking brief moments with him over the years. The young man had his entire life in front of him and his future was ended by gun violence. Another mother in pain, his friends forced to navigate the trauma of losing a loved one, and the community left to pick up the pieces once again. SMH! While we acknowledge the progress our city has made over the last 2 years, we still have too many in our community who are still being affected by gun violence. Keep this family and community in your prayers and if you'd like to learn more about or get involved with our efforts to address youth and young adult gun violence, please contact us at

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## Governor Awards One Lexington \$500,000 to Expand Scholarships & Trauma Support For Youth Affected By Gun Violence:

Governor Andy Beshear, Mayor Linda Gorton, and Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent Demetrus Liggins today announced a \$500,000 award from the Governor's "Everybody Counts" grant to expand scholarship opportunities in Lexington. "Governor Beshear will always put education first, and you're seeing that here today, as we're announcing \$500,000 for scholarships for young leaders in Fayette County," said Rocky Adkins, Gov. Beshear's senior advisor. "I'm proud to be here in Lexington as we celebrate the Everybody Counts program, which is helping our high school seniors start college or their career so that they can go after their dreams." The "Building Bridges to Opportunity" program will provide college scholarships and funding for non-traditional post-secondary skills development, as well as support services for the recipients through One Lexington. The program will also provide trauma-informed care services, enhance in-school mentoring, and provide additional programming to support those affected by gun violence.





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One Lexington plans to use the funds to provide \$10,000 scholarships in the 2025-26 school year to 18 rising seniors of color. Two scholarships will be offered at each of Fayette County's six public high schools; plus one scholarship at each of the district's six non-traditional high schools. Students must be interested in pursuing careers in criminal justice, public safety, education, or mental health fields. Devine Carama, One Lexington director, said, "Systemic inequalities, effects of the global pandemic, and generational barriers in many of our communities led to a spike in gun violence between 2018-2022. While a robust crisis response through programming services is vital to how we address gun violence, creating opportunities for our most underserved young people gives us the greatest chance to disrupt gun violence in our communities in the long term. This collaborative initiative does that."



*"Governor Beshear is opening the doors of opportunity to young people who have faced real challenges in their lives," Mayor Linda Gorton said. "He is making it possible for them to build bridges to bright futures."*

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The “Building Bridges to Opportunity” funding will expand the scholarship program One Lexington launched in 2022, the “Be the Change” scholarship. It began with donations from Central Bank and Galls, which teamed with the city to provide \$10,000 scholarships to two local Bryan Station High School students interested in pursuing criminal justice or public safety careers. Thanks to funding from “Everybody Counts,” One Lexington also plans to: *“Ensuring the success of our most vulnerable students is not just a priority, it is our moral obligation,”* said Dr. Demetrus Liggins, Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent. *“With the right support, every student can thrive and achieve his or her full potential. It is our duty as educators and community members to provide the resources and encouragement they need to succeed.”*

For more information go to [Building Bridges To Opportunity | City of Lexington \(lexingtonky.gov\)](https://www.lexingtonky.gov/building-bridges-to-opportunity).

The Fayette Education Foundation, which supports educational excellence in Fayette County Public Schools by promoting equity for all students, will administer the “Building Bridges to Opportunity” grant with support from the Blue Grass Community Foundation. Blue Grass Community Foundation connects charitable individuals, families, businesses, communities, and nonprofit organizations with causes they care about to meet community needs and make a difference.



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### One Lexington Visits Washington DC to Advocate For Community

#### Violence Intervention Funding:

The ONE Lexington team has spent the week in Washington DC speaking to several lawmakers about the impact of Community Violence Intervention. Lexington (which has seen a 55 percent decrease in homicides and shootings over the last 2 years) was 1 of 4 cities across the country selected by the Friends Committee on National Legislation - FCNL come have conversations with representatives from both sides of the aisle about the important work be done the address this issue.

This has been a life-changing experience for our team and we are honored to not only represent Mayor Linda Gorton's office but all of the survivors who have been affected by gun violence and organizations who dedicate themselves to addressing this issue every day. I pray our presence and voices today made a difference.



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### Final Week of One Lexington's "It Takes a Village Summer Youth

#### Program:

This week is the final week of ONE Lexington's It Takes a Village Summer Youth Program! Yesterday, Program Director Tania Walker and her team of volunteers, including the Perfect Imperfections KY LLC organization, presented end-of-the-summer rewards for youth who were exceptional in certain areas of behavior, leadership, and improvement. Also, shout out to the Cooperate Target Team for providing some back-to-school rewards for all kids in attendance. Lexington hip hop artist, painter, and youth speaker, Tony Wavy, came out and blessed the kids with a performance and some inspirational words of encouragement. We'd also like to acknowledge Andrews Brothers Counseling and Partners for Youth Foundation, Inc. for joining us yesterday! This Thursday we conclude our summer program with a trip to Hurricane Bay at Kentucky Kingdom! Thank you, William Saunders, Jenny Ballou Stotz, Zina Merkin, Andre Wilson, Doyle Lee, and our 2022 Be the Change Scholarship winner, Nola Lewis, for joining us yesterday as volunteers!



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## Symposium For Youth & Young Adult Gun Violence Registration Is OPEN:

Please register and join us on September 18th, 2024 from 10 am to 3 pm, as One Lexington will be hosting its second annual "Symposium on Youth & Young Adult Gun Violence". This 1-day event will not only feature national speakers and workshops focused on the work of addressing community gun violence but will also celebrate and highlight YOU and the amazing work your organization is doing to make our community a safer place. We are also going to take this opportunity to get more feedback from you to see what gains have been made since we last met, as well as gain insight into any new challenges that you've encountered in your work. Even if you can't make it for the entire day, still register!!

There will also be a networking opportunity where different organizations and individuals can connect and begin the process of building some new partnerships. This year's symposium will be focused on the root causes of gun violence and will feature professional development opportunities and breakout sessions centered **on systemic inequalities, educational disparities, mental health access and stigmas in communities of color, substance use disorder, income inequality, poverty,** and more! We will also talk about the impact social media and music is playing when it comes to youth conflicts.

As we close out the month of June, Lexington has seen a **60 percent decrease in homicides and a 50 percent decrease in shootings** compared to this time in 2022. We believe that progress can be attributed to the advancements in public safety and the collaboration and work of community partners like yourselves. Our goal is to continue fostering this "all hearts on deck" approach by building the capacity and relationships of those who are on the ground doing the work!

Register HERE - <https://forms.gle/XMjWDgrVNoaYyTZe8> - Attached is a flier with a QR Code as well!

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### SAVE THE DATE

ONE LEXINGTON SYMPOSIUM TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE

WEDNESDAY:

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

10:00A.M - 3:00P.M

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
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### ONE Lexington Community Interactions - June 24th - July 15

#### Community Events/Meetings

- ViolenceDisruptionSymposiumInWashingtonDC
- KY-CCBDBehaviorInstituteConference
- CitiesUnitedCheck-In(Grant)
- ViolenceInterventionTeamMeeting
- OneLexingtonTeamMeeting
- ViolencePreventionNeedsAssessment
- BackpackRallyatGaineswayPark/Mayor

#### Youth & Young Adults

##### Engagements:

- It Takes A Village Summer Youth Program - 107
- **Total: 107**

#### Youth & Young Adult Conflict

##### Mediations

- Public Safety - 0
- Courts - 0
- School System - 0
- Community - 0
- **Total: 0**

#### Crisis Response Referrals

- UK Trauma Center (Project Peace) - 0
- Public Safety - 3
- Courts - 0
- School System - 0
- Community - 2
- **Total: 5**

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