

One Lexington Bi-Weekly

Report

October 15th, 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 October 15th, 2024)

Youth & Young Adult Shootings Statistics

Lexington Homicide By Gun & Shooting Statistics

2024 (to date)	13 homicides by gun (14 total homicides)
2023 (at this point last year)	21 homicides (23 total homicides)
2022 (at this point in the year)	30 homicides (37 total homicides)
2021 (at this point in the year)	29 homicides (29 total homicides)

-8 (less gun-related homicides than the previous year)

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

2024 (to date)	6 homicides
2023 (at this point last year)	11 homicides
2022 (at this point in the year)	11 homicides
2021 (at this point in the year)	20 homicides

-5 (fewer gun-related homicides than the previous year)

Lexington Shooting Statistics (Reported Residents Shot)

2024 (to date)	56 shootings
2023 (at this point last year)	72 shootings
2022 (at this point in the year)	104 shootings
2021 (at this point in the year)	110 shootings

-16 (fewer shootings than the previous year)

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

2024 (to date)	29 shootings
2023 (at this point last year)	53 shootings
2022 (at this point in the year)	78 shootings
2021 (at this point in the year)	72 shootings

-24 (fewer shootings than the previous year)

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Updating City's Strategic Plan

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE of February 4th, 2025 as ONE Lexington will be looking to update its citywide strategic plan to address youth & young adult gun violence. In the first quarter of 2022, in partnership with Cities United & the University of Kentucky Community Innovation Lab, ONE Lexington brought over 40 community partners together to build our city's plan. **While Cure Violence and CVI were solid templates and guides for our city, we felt a more intentional and Lexington-centered plan would be more impactful.** Since that plan has been enacted we've seen nearly a 60 percent decrease in homicides and a 50 percent decrease in nonfatal shootings. The majority of this progress can be attributed to community partnerships.



But now it's time to get back into the war room and fine-tune that plan TOGETHER. See what is working, what isn't working, what adjustments need to be made, what policies can be implemented, and what new trends we are seeing. We also want to make sure we are addressing the root causes of gun violence such as trauma, mental health, systemic barriers, racial disparities, education, affordable housing, economic opportunity, and more.

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We cannot do this without you. We will be inviting **survivors, former drivers of violence, public safety, the school system, courts, nonprofits, faith, youth, neighborhood associations, government agencies, and more to be a part of this discussion.** We prided the original strategic plan so much because it wasn't the mayor's plan or ONE Lexington's plan, but the city's plan. We will be coupling our 1-day strategic planning session in 2025, with multiple community forums across the city during February and March so we can also make sure the voices of the people are informing this plan.

More details will come, but please prepare to take a half day on February 4th. We can provide letters directly from the mayor's office to employers for anyone who may need to take time off work to be there. Please start making those arrangements now, and keep us posted on what you need!



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It's Time Lexington Released Episode 4 of the Good Guy Guide Podcast, "Girl Dads":

In this episode, Sam Stockley and I invited our daughters on to talk about our shortcomings as young fathers, our evolution as men, our daughters' maturation into young women, and how they approach dating in these toxic times! Check out the complete episodes below, brought to you by **It's Time Lexington!**

Watch Episode On Youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U74ct4XIKSM>

Listen On Apple Podcast - <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-good-guy-guide/id1766538903>



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Street outreach continues In the Gainesway Area:

For the last couple of months, we've been doing some youth outreach and community engagement in the Gainesway area, in response to incidents that have been happening in the area. Every Monday and Wednesday, the ONE Lexington squad kicks it with teens coming home from school, connects families to some community resources, and passes out fresh food shares from local farming organization, Black Soil. It takes a village to make our community better and safer and there's a role for everyone! Trying to figure out your place in this space? Reach out to our Community Outreach Coordinator, Larry Johnson ljohnson@lexingtonky.gov



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Supporting Gun Violence Survivors In Lexington:

Since July 1st, the beginning of the fiscal year, ONE Lexington has **spent over \$60,000** of its fiscal budget on "survivor support", and this follows another **\$100,000 plus** in support for survivors in our previous fiscal year. That support includes relocation services, utility and rent support, property damage caused by gunfire, moving expenses, and more. ONE Lexington, in partnership with Governor Beshear's "Everybody Counts" initiative, has **committed another \$180,000 towards mental health and trauma support for families who have been affected by gun violence since 2020**. Every vetted violence prevention model out there talks about the importance of survivor support. It helps mitigate retaliatory violence, address untreated trauma, and incorporate the lived experiences of those affected by gun violence into a city's strategic plan. Kenneth Payne leads our Crisis Response efforts and Larry Johnson focuses on community outreach, and together they have done a great job in supporting our survivors. I've seen them help movers load up a U-Haul, track down college transcripts and diplomas of young people we've lost to gun violence, and be conduits between public safety and survivors looking for more information on their loved one's case. But, we can do better! We look forward to the update of our city's strategic plan on February 4th, 2025, so we can learn directly from survivors on how we can better serve them and incorporate them into our strategy.



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ONE Lexington Featured at Cities United's 11th Annual Convening:

Last week the One Lexington team attended the 11th annual Cities United Convening, themed "Public Safety Redefined: Shifting the Narrative". What does that look like for the city of Lexington? A strong and supportive political will, young leaders fully integrated, a government office focused on supporting and advocating community safety efforts, a clear and robust asset-framed messaging and communications strategy, an enhanced CVI ecosystem concentrated on individuals and communities most impacted, and cross-sector collaboration and accountability infrastructure. Leaders at the conference also lamented the importance of having survivor voices and credible messengers playing a central role in developing your strategy, which we hope to continue here at home. We also had the honor of sitting on a panel in front of 1,000 + mayors, doctors, educators, survivors, outreach workers, interrupters, and other violence prevention professionals from across the country at the 11th Annual Cities United Convening to speak about the amazing work being done in our city over the last 3 years. One Lexington also held a breakout session focused on developing a crisis response strategy. Larry, Kenneth, and I learned so much.



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On a personal note, only those working in this space, day in and day out, can truly understand the risk, stress, and continuous trauma you endure on a job like this. Sometimes you feel you are on an island... It was good to be around my brothers and sisters from across the country who understand the journey. We leaned on each other, encouraged each other, cried with each other, and supported each other last week and I needed that so much! I came back energized and ready to get back to work!



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One Lexington & Community Partners Support Cardinal Valley

Neighborhood:

With a spike in shootings in the Cardinal Valley area over the last month or so, One Lexington, Dunbar High School (along with other members of Fayette County Public Schools), members of public safety, other community partners from our violence prevention ecosystem, and neighbors who live in the neighborhood, all came to get together last week for a N.E.W. (Neighborhood Engagement Walks). Our goal today was to connect families affected by gun violence to resources, provide fresh food from Black Soil, and stand in solidarity with a community that oftentimes feels unheard. What happened today was so much more than what we could have ever expected. Over 100 community members of all ages came together for an impromptu prayer session led by the mother of a young man battling for his life due to gunshot injuries. Neighbors also began speaking out about what's going on in their neighborhoods, saying that they've "had enough!!" Unity and organizing began tonight and community partners will follow the lead of the residents as they build the next steps.



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ONE Lexington Mentoring Group Featured On Good Morning America:

For the second time this year, a clip from One Lexington's weekly "It Takes a Village" In-School Mentoring Program went viral and caught the attention of national platforms such as **Good Morning America** and The Blackman. The clip now has over 5 million views collectively on social media and features a lesson about the importance of long & short-term goals. Our 6th-grade group at Edythe J. Hayes was excited to know, that people across the world were encouraging them to "do the work" and take life "one step at a time"! We have seen **youth and young adult homicides and shootings drop 60 percent over the last 2 years in Lexington**, and we credit some of that progress to our amazing partnership with Fayette County Public Schools where we currently facilitate 30 weekly in-school mentoring groups across the district. You can watch the video of **Good Morning America's** coverage below.

[Mentor uses inspiring demonstration to teach kids about goals - Good Morning America](#)



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2025 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness

Grant OPEN:

NAVAA is excited to announce the application is open for 2025 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Projects! The National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA), in cooperation with the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), is seeking proposals for innovative and collaborative approaches to promoting community-wide public awareness of the rights and available services for victims of all types of crimes during **National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW), April 6-12, 2025.**



Successful applicants will be awarded up to \$5,000 each in reimbursement for approved NCVRW public awareness activities through the NCVRW Community Awareness Project's (CAP) program. Public agencies, nonprofit organizations, community-based victim service organizations, faith-based organizations, tribal organizations, and community coalitions committed to advocating for the rights and services of crime victims are among those encouraged to apply. Please share this opportunity with your subgrantees and other community-based organizations.

The application deadline is Friday, November 8, 2024, 7:59 pm ET. A webinar for applicants will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 2:00 pm ET/1:00 pm CT. Advance registration is required by clicking [HERE](#). Please see the attached funding announcement for more information and details on how to apply. If you have any questions, email cap@navaa.org.

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FREE Mental Health Support For Students & Families of Students

Affected By Gun Violence:

This Summer, the Governor's office announced a half-a-million-dollar grant to One Lexington through the state's Everybody Counts program. We are utilizing this funding through our "Building Bridges to Opportunity" initiative, including expanded scholarship opportunities for students of color, skills scholarships for all students affected by gun violence, and more.



\$150,000 of that money has been set aside to supplement mental health costs for students, parents, and immediate family members affected by gun violence! That resource is available now!

One of the root causes and residual effects of gun violence is untreated trauma and mental health issues. Our ultimate goal with this program is "building" bridges to opportunity for our city's most vulnerable students. Due to financial disparities and the stigmatization of mental health, many communities who are affected by gun violence the most, lack access and opportunity to services.

Follow the link below to apply for funding for mental health services for you and/or your children. Make sure you read the information to make sure you meet the criteria.

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City of Lexington Hosts Expungement Clinic:

The Clean Slate Expungement Clinic is facilitated by Tiffany Brown who is the Equity & Implementation Officer for the city of Lexington. Everyone should have the opportunity to start over. Come out, and meet with employers and lawyers so that we can begin breaking down barriers to success in your life, community, and our city. Walk-ins are welcomed.

<https://www.lexingtonky.gov/expungement-clinic-job-fair>

CLEAN SLATE LEXINGTON
EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC & JOB FAIR

*UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES.
TRANSFORMING LIVES.*

This clinic is a beacon of hope and transformation, designed to provide practical resources, opportunity and a sense of community for those looking to re-enter society after experiencing setbacks. Whether you're someone with a record, a supporter of second chance initiatives, or interested in inclusive fair chance employment, this event is tailored to meet your needs.

REGISTER NOW

Central Bank Center

October 30th
10AM - 3 PM

[lexingtonky.gov/expungement](https://www.lexingtonky.gov/expungement)

WE OFFER

RESOURCES AND NETWORKING
Discover a range of resources from exhibitors specializing in education, mental health, trade, housing opportunities, and employment. Engage with experts who can guide you on your journey to re-enter society with confidence and purpose.

EDUCATION & EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC
Get expert legal advice if you are needing to get your record expunged. Space is limited. No walk-ins accepted.

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Rise UP Support Survivors of Domestic Violence:

RISE UP with us! Make sure you're there this Thursday, October 17th in the District Courthouse Plaza (150 N. Limestone) from 5:30-7:30 pm! There will be a resource fair, empowering guest speakers, music, food, an open mic section, domestic violence survivors, and a united community. The Fayette County Sheriff's Office, KY invites you to join them! Members of the ONE Lexington team will be there to support and we ask that our community partners show up in support as well!

#DoingGoodForALiving #DomesticViolenceAwarenessMonth

DOING GOOD FOR A LIVING

RISE UP

A SURVIVORS TRIBUTE

This event will feature a resource fair, guest speaker music, food, an open mic section, survivors of domestic violence, and united community. The Office of the Fayette County Sheriff Invites you to join us!

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 17TH, 2024

TIME
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

COURTHOUSE PLAZA
150 N. LIMESTONE LEXINGTON,
KY 40507

For More Information
Call 859-252-1771

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The Lyric Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Launches the Lyric Arts Scholarship Fund:

The Lyric Theatre & Cultural Arts Center is proud to announce the creation of the Lyric Arts Scholarship Fund, which will provide financial support to young individuals passionate about pursuing the arts. This scholarship fund will offer access to specialized programs, camps, lessons, and training opportunities in various artistic disciplines, including integrating technology into artistic creation. To kick off fundraising efforts for this important initiative, Grammy-winning national recording artist Hezekiah Walker, along with his choir led by nationally recognized artist Jayson Clayborne, and the Bracktown Praise team will perform at The Lyric on October 19th. Additionally, on September 27th, Lexington's icon TD Young and national hip-hop recording artist Keith Murry will donate proceeds from his performance to support the Lyric Arts Scholarship Fund. "We are thrilled to have both national and local artists recognize the importance of investing in our young people and helping them overcome financial barriers in their artistic journeys," said Executive Director Christian Adair at The Lyric. "The Lyric is a platform where aspiring and professional artists can thrive, and this scholarship fund will further uplift our community by making the arts more accessible to everyone." As a historic institution known for its dedication to diversity, inclusion, and inspiration, The Lyric Theatre & Cultural Arts Center continues to foster community engagement and support for the next generation of artists. You can contribute to this mission by attending these exciting events and visiting our website at www.historiclyric.com to learn more and make a donation.

Event Details: ● September 27 – Performance by TD Young & Keith Murray at TD's ● October 19 – Hezekiah Walker & Jayson Clayborne Choir Live in Concert

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THE LYRIC THEATRE
A CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

LIVE

IN CONCERT

HEZEKIAH WALKER

AND JASON CLAYBORN
BRACKTOWN , ALL STAR CHOIR and many more
Gospel Comedian Mattie J

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

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Fayette County Sheriff's Department Host Survivor Event:

Last week the Fayette County Sheriff's Office, KY hosted a floral therapy session! It was a great way to bring in the fall season! Special thanks to Agape Fields for supplying the pumpkins and flowers to make this event special! #DoingGoodForALiving



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ONE Lexington Community Interactions - September 25th-October 15th

Youth & Young Adults

Engagements:

- Crawford 8th Grade class - 8
- Street Outreach - 75
- Audrey Grevious Center - 25
- Beaumont Middle School - 27
- Booker T. Washington Elementary School - 20
- Bryan Station High School - 9
- Crawford Middle School - 17
- Dixie Elementary School - 7
- Edythe J. Hayes Middle School - 20
- Frederick Douglas High School - 3
- MLK Academy of Excellence - 42
- Morton Middle School - 35
- Southern Elementary School - 10
- Southern Middle School - 20
- Success Academy - 0
- The Learning Center - 27
- Tates Creek Elementary School - 20
- Tates Creek Middle School - 8
- William Wells Brown Elementary School - 35

Total: 696

Youth & Young Adult Conflict

Mediations

- Public Safety - 0
- Courts - 0
- School System - 2
- Community - 0
- **Total: 2**

Community Events/Meetings

- Mayor's Office Staff Meeting (2)
- Violence Intervention Team Meeting (2)
- Lexington Police CompStat Meeting
- One Lexington Crisis Response Team Meeting
- Domestic Violence Podcast (3)
- One Lexington Team Meeting (2)
- One Lexington & Louisville Mentoring Program Meeting
- 11th Annual Cities United Convening
- Cities United Conference Meeting (2)
- Meeting W/ Arbor Youth
- Domestic Violence Podcast Taping (3)
- ONE Lexington & FCPS Student Support Meeting
- N.E.W. In Cardinal Valley Neighborhood
- Meeting w/ Smart Cities About Conference In Austin
- Meeting w/ Councilmember Chuck Ellinger
- Crisis Response - Dropped Off Bed to Survivor

Crisis Response Referrals

- UK Trauma Center (Project Peace) - 0
- Public Safety - 7
- Courts - 0
- School System - 1
- Community - 9
- **Total: 17**

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