ONONDAGA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

GUN VIOLENCE

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“INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE”

Rev. Martin Luther King, Letter From Birmingham Jail

GUN VIOLENCE

GUN CRIME CITY OF SYRACUSE
AUGUST YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON

Incidents of Shootings with Injury		Incidents of Shootings with Injury or Death		Shooting Victims Injured or Dead		Shots Fired	
Year	YTD Total	Year	YTD Total	Year	YTD Total	Year	YTD Total
2026	22	2026	30	2026	33	2026	339
2025	35	2025	41	2025	46	2025	280
5-Year Avg	52	5-Year Avg	61	5-Year Avg	70	5-Year Avg	386
1 Year % Change	-37%	1 Year % Change	-27%	1 Year % Change	-30%	1 Year % Change	+21%
5 Year % Change	-58%	5 Year % Change	-51%	5 Year % Change	-53%	5 Year % Change	-12%

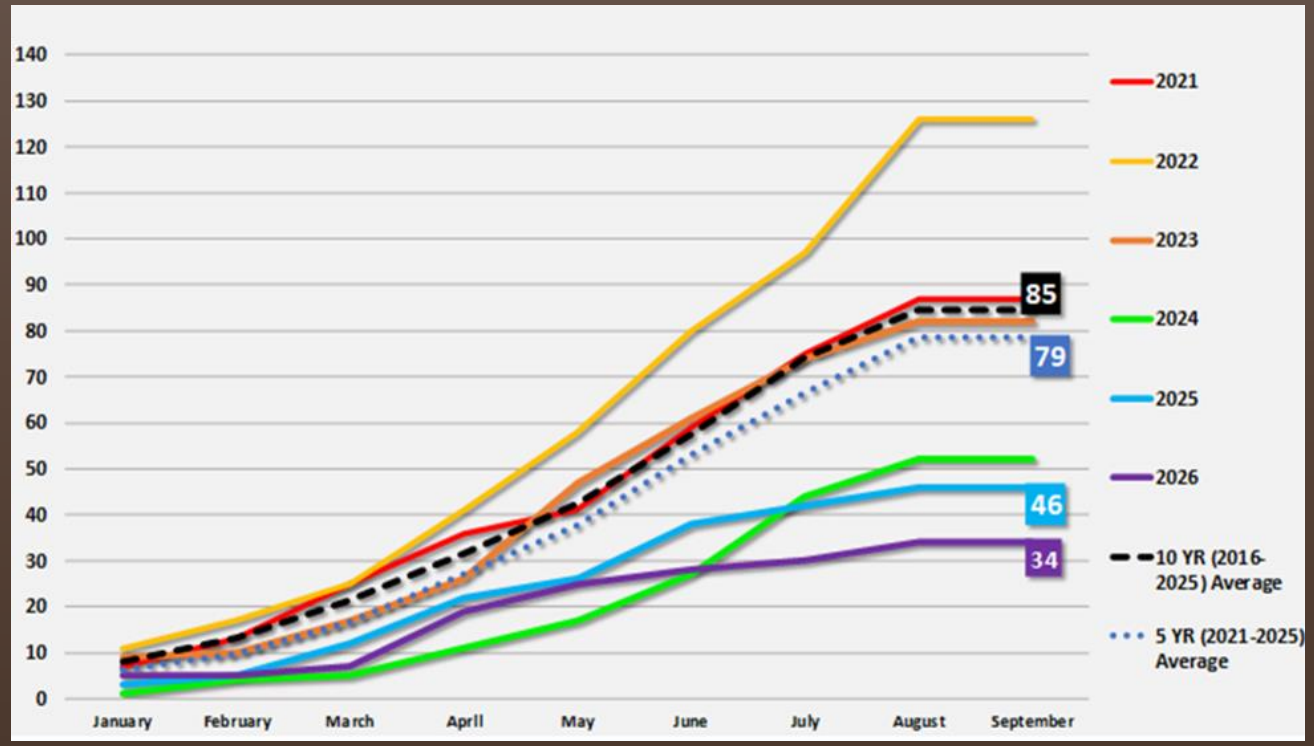
GUN CRIME ONONDAGA COUNTY UPDATE AUGUST YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON (Not Syracuse)

Incidents of Shootings with Injury		Incidents of Shootings with Injury or Death		Shooting Victims Injured or Dead		Shots Fired	
Year	YTD Total	Year	YTD Total	Year	YTD Total	Year	YTD Total
2026	2	2026	2	2026	2	2026	18
2025	4	2025	4	2025	8	2025	11
5-Year Avg	3	5-Year Avg	4	5-Year Avg	5	5-Year Avg	22
1 Year Change	-2	1 Year Change	-2	1 Year Change	-6	1 Year Change	+7
5 Year Change	-1	5 Year Change	-2	5 Year Change	-3	5 Year Change	-4

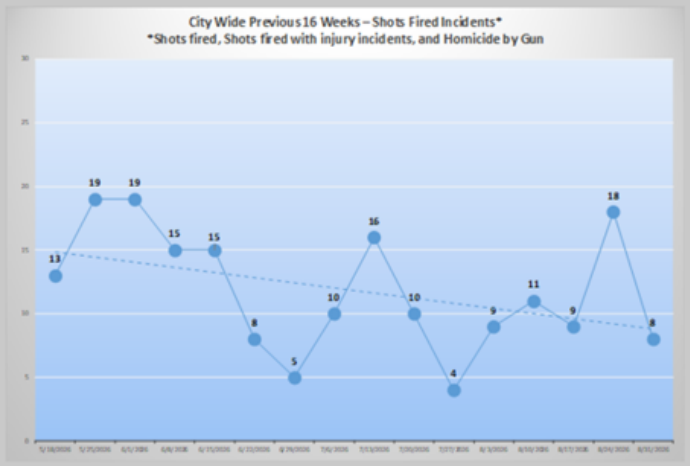
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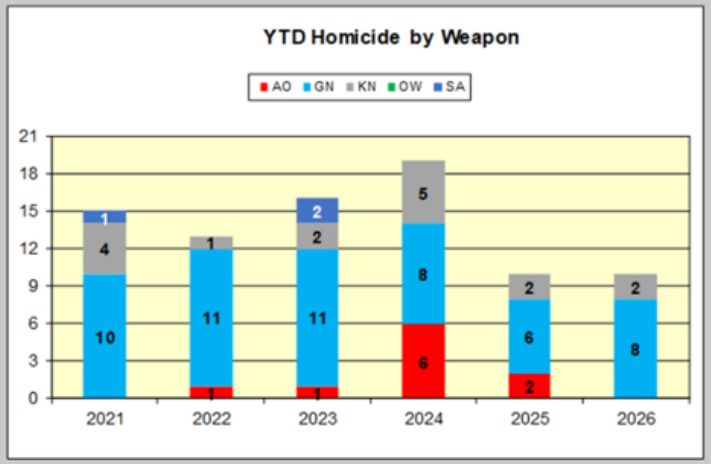
Cumulative Year to Date

Data Complete through September 1, 2026



HOMICIDE, GUN CRIME & FIREARM TRENDS





Shots Fired	
Year	YTD Total
2025	280
2026	339
% Change	+21%

Incidents of Shootings with Injuries	
Year	YTD Total
2025	35
2026	22
% Change	-37%

Incidents of Shootings with Injuries or Death	
Year	YTD Total
2025	41
2026	30
% Change	-27%

Shooting Victims Injured or Dead	
Year	YTD Total
2025	46
2026	34
% Change	-26%

Recovered Firearms Statistics			
	2026	2025	% Change
Recoveries	147	147	0%
Recoveries with CPW Arrest	109	107	+2%
% of Recoveries with Arrest	74%	73%	
CPW - Firearm Arrests			
Arrests	209	199	+5%

SYRACUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT FIREARMS STATS

Recovered Firearms

Agency	2026	2025	% Change
Syracuse Police Department	146	147	-1%
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office	59	92	-36%
New York State Police	32	30	7%
Total	237	269	-12%

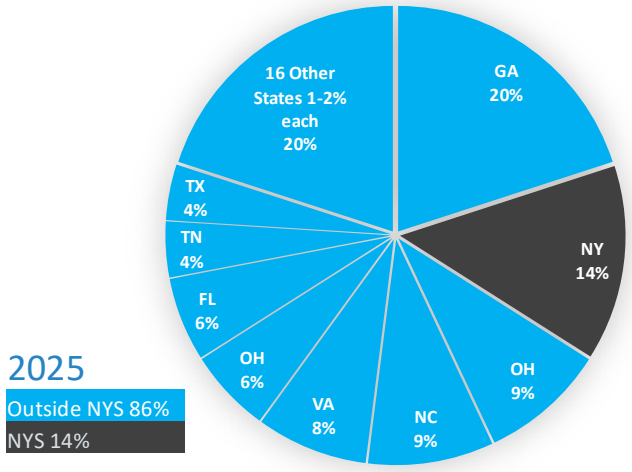
Data through Aug 31

CPW Arrests

Arrest Location	2026	2025	% Change
City of Syracuse	214	229	-7%
Onondaga County (w/o City)	53	63	-16%
Total	267	292	+9%

Data through Aug 31

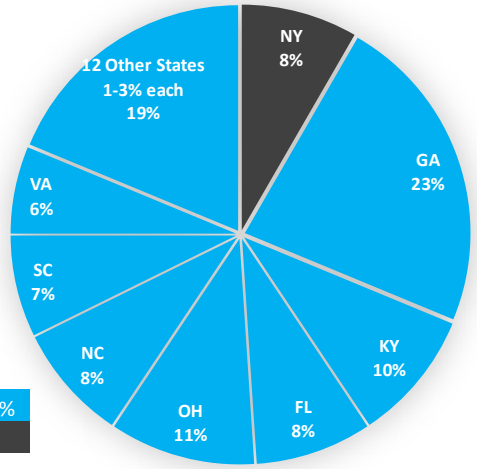
SPD Recovered Handgun Source Stats



2025

Outside NYS 86%

NYS 14%



2026

Outside NYS 92%

NYS 8%

FELONY CASES

APPROXIMATELY 4,000 – 4,500 FELONY CASES PER YEAR

APPROXIMATELY 650 INDICTMENTS PER YEAR

2025 FELONY TRIAL CONVICTION RATE 88%

ADA SALARIES

ADA SALARIES COMPARISON TO ASSIGNED COUNSEL

LINE ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY SALARIES = $92,139 - $121,521

ASSIGNED COUNSEL HOURLY RATE = $158.00/hr

40 hrs x $158.00 X 50 weeks = $316,000/yr

FORENSIC SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP

THE WALLIE HOWARD JR. CENTER FOR FORENSIC SCIENCES

MY OFFICE PARTNERS WITH OUR NATIONALLY ACCREDITED, STATE OF THE ART CENTER FOR FORENSIC SCIENCES TO UTILIZE CUTTING EDGE SCIENCES TO SOLVE PREVIOUSLY UNSOLVABLE CRIMES

DIVERSIONARY COURTS

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ANIMAL CRUELTY COURT

CARE COURT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT

DRUG COURT (SCTC)

EMERGING ADULTS COURT

HUMAN TRAFFICKING COURT

RECOVERY COURT

VETERAN'S COURT

INVESTIGATOR SALARIES

How we match up to non-District Attorney entities

The current starting salary is **$56,010** for an investigator in the Onondaga County District Attorney's office. District Attorney Investigators are not eligible for overtime compensation for duties completed after hours.

- **Syracuse Airport Police:** $83,000 with the option for overtime.
- **NYS Attorney General's Office:** $78,000 with the option for overtime.
- **Jamesville/Dewitt SRO:** $60,000 with opportunities for overtime, summer and school breaks off.
- **Cicero/North Syracuse SRO:** $58,000 with opportunities for overtime, summer and school breaks off.
- **West Genesee SRO:** $65,000 with opportunities for overtime, summer and school breaks off.
- **Jordan/Elbridge SRO:** $60,000 with opportunities for overtime, summer and school breaks off.
- **LeMoyne Security:** $75,000 with opportunities for overtime.
- **Federal Building:** $86,000 with opportunities for overtime.
- **Syracuse University DPS:** $70,000 with opportunities for overtime and free child tuition after working 3 years.

How Onondaga County matches up with other upstate District Attorney Offices

- **Albany County District Attorney's Office:** $80,000.
- **Schenectady County District Attorney's Office:** $69,691.
- **Erie County District Attorney's Office:** $64,347.
- **Monroe County District Attorney's Office:** $63,000.
- **Broome County District Attorney's Office:** $60,379.
- **Oswego County District Attorney's Office:** $61,000.

SPECIAL PROSECUTOR ASSIGNMENTS MARCY & MID-STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

MARCY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY DEATH OF ROBERT BROOKS

MID-STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY DEATH OF MESSIAH NANTWI

CONCLUSION