



Selected Research and Publications
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I. Homicide Database Series

Freely available at [Hamline University VPRC Database Access](#):

- Homicides in U.S. Houses of Worship, 2000–2025
- Homicides in U.S. K–12 Schools, 2000–2025
- Homicides in U.S. Colleges and Universities, 2000–2025
- Homicides in U.S. Medical Settings, 2000–2025
- Insider Workplace Homicides, 2000–2025
- Family Annihilation Events, 2000–2025
- U.S. Presidential and Political Assassinations and Attempts
- U.S. Public Mass Shooter Database, 1966–Present

II. Mass Shootings in the United States

- *Gun violence (and mass shootings)*. In **APA Handbook of Forensic Psychology, 2nd Ed.** American Psychological Association, 2026.
- [Epidemiology of mass shootings in the United States](#). **Annual Review of Clinical Psychology, 2024.**
- [An exploration of K–12 school shooting threats in the United States](#). **Journal of Threat Assessment and Management, 2024.**
- [How mass public shooters use social media: exploring themes and future directions](#). **Social Media + Society, 2023.**
- [Mass shootings and mental health in the United States: key dynamics and controversies](#). In **All American Massacre: The Tragic Role of American Culture and Society in Mass Shootings**. Temple University Press, 2023.
- [Crumbley parents lose their appeal. Why that could be a game changer on school shootings](#). **CNN, March 28, 2023.**
- [We profiled the 'signs of crisis' in 50 years of mass shootings. This is what we found](#). **New York Times, Jan. 26, 2023.**
- [US mass public shootings since Columbine: victims per incident by race and ethnicity of the perpetrator](#). **Preventive Medicine, 2022.**
- [The steps we can take to reduce mass shootings in America](#). **TIME, June 20/27, 2022.**
- [Hate is not at the root of most mass shootings](#). **Washington Post, May 16, 2022.**
- [Psychosis and mass shootings: A systematic examination using publicly available data](#). **Psychology, Public Policy, and Law, 2022.**
- [Communication of intent to do harm preceding mass public shootings in the United States, 1966–2019](#). **JAMA Network Open, 2021.**
- [The Violence Project: How to Stop a Mass Shooting Epidemic](#). Abrams Press, 2021.



- [*Presence of armed school officials and gunshot injuries during mass school shootings, United States, 1980–2019.*](#) **JAMA Network Open**, 2021.
- [*We have studied every mass shooting since 1966. Here's what we've learned about the shooters.*](#) **Los Angeles Times**, Aug. 4, 2019.
- [*We can do more to prevent mass workplace shootings like Aurora, Illinois.*](#) **USA Today**, Feb. 21, 2019.

III. National Survey of 10,000 American Adults on Firearm Violence

- *Americans aren't as divided on mass shootings as politics makes it seem.* **The Hill**, Sept. 9, 2025.
- *The long reach of mass shootings.* **Public Health Post**, Sept. 3, 2025.
- [*Factors associated with secure firearm storage among U.S. gun owners.*](#) **American Journal of Preventive Medicine**, 2025.
- [*Mental health consequences of exposure to mass and non-mass shootings in a national sample of U.S. adults.*](#) **Nature Mental Health**, 2025.
- [*Direct exposure to mass shootings among U.S. adults.*](#) **JAMA Network Open**, 2025.
- [*Gun violence in Minnesota: what the numbers show.*](#) **Star Tribune**, Sept. 15, 2024.
- [*The grim legacy of Columbine after 25 years.*](#) **Denver Post**, Apr. 14, 2024.

IV. Homicide in the Twin Cities (Before, During & After COVID-19 and George Floyd)

- [*Exploring the overlap: Suicidal thoughts and homicidal acts among incarcerated offenders.*](#) **Deviant Behavior**, 2024.
- [*Murder in a time of crisis: a qualitative exploration of the 2020 homicide spike through offender interviews.*](#) **Journal of Crime and Justice**, 2024.
- [*Isolation, 'psychache,' violence and self-destruction: What research shows.*](#) **Star Tribune**, Jan. 13, 2025.

V. Extreme Risk Protection Orders

- [*Minnesota's Extreme Risk Protection Order Law: Implementation Guide.*](#) Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions, 2025.
- [*Extreme Risk Protection Orders \(red flag laws\) in Minnesota — a year of evidence-based prevention.*](#) **Star Tribune**, Feb. 16, 2025.

VI. Violence Against Minnesota Peace Officers

- A commissioned study by the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Superintendent of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (report complete, not yet public).