

GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA:

Hip Hop is not the Problem



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and Gun Violence
correlated ?**

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**Do states with
stricter gun laws
have lower death
rates?**

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**Are states with lax gun
laws contributing to the
increase in gun deaths
per year?**

04

**Are there more mass
shootings in states
with lax gun laws?**

Why is Hip Hop the Scapegoat?



“ Rep. Ronny Jackson, TX

I just think that kids are exposed to all kinds of horrible stuff nowadays too. I look back and I think about the horrible stuff that they hear when they listen to rap music, the video games that they watch from a really early age with all of this horrible violence and stuff.

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ON GOING DEBATE ON HIP HOP VIOLENCE AND GUN VIOLENCE

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21 Savage : I ain't never promoted violence. I just rap about what I've been through, or what I've heard about, what I've saw. That ain't me promoting violence,” the rapper said on Instagram.

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But those who still seek to vilify rap might do well to focus on the sources of the crisis of violence in America rather than blaming the music that reflects it.---*When all else fails to explain American violence, blame a rapper and hip hop music-*
[theconversation.com]

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47 Rap Artists that have died due to Gun Violence

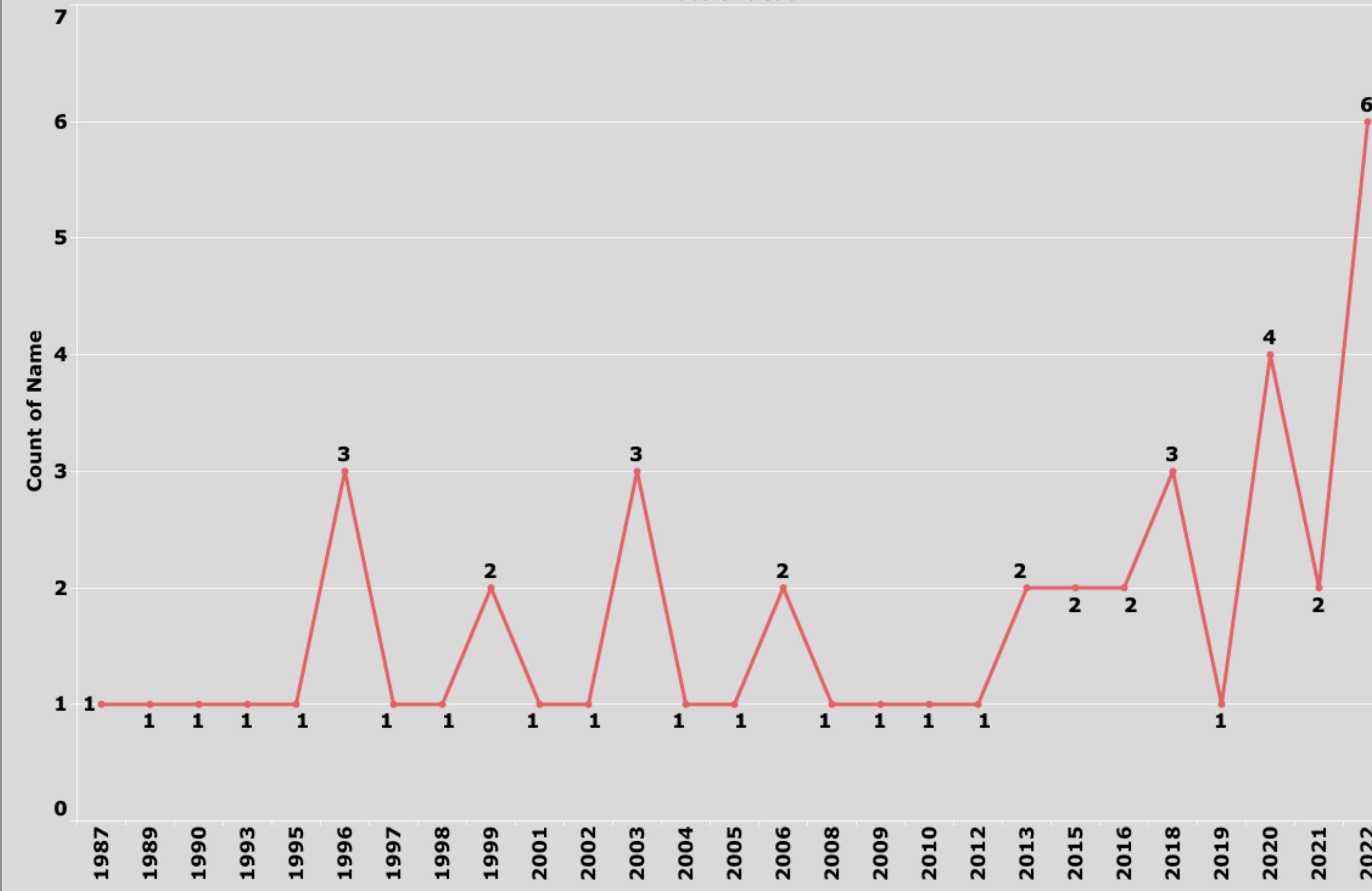
At least 1 Rap Artist has died every year since 2018

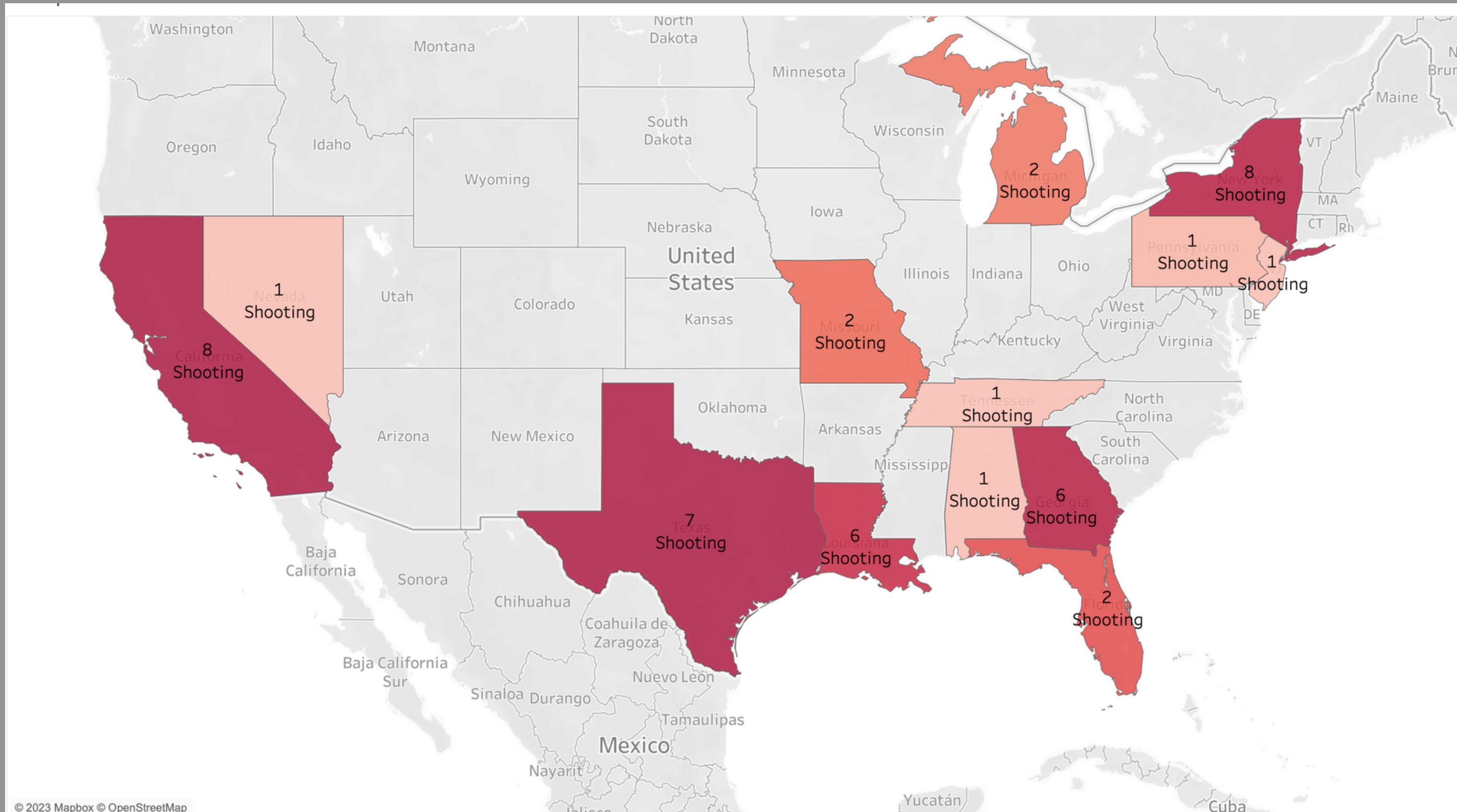
Majority of the Rap Artist are Black Americans

Average age at Death is 28

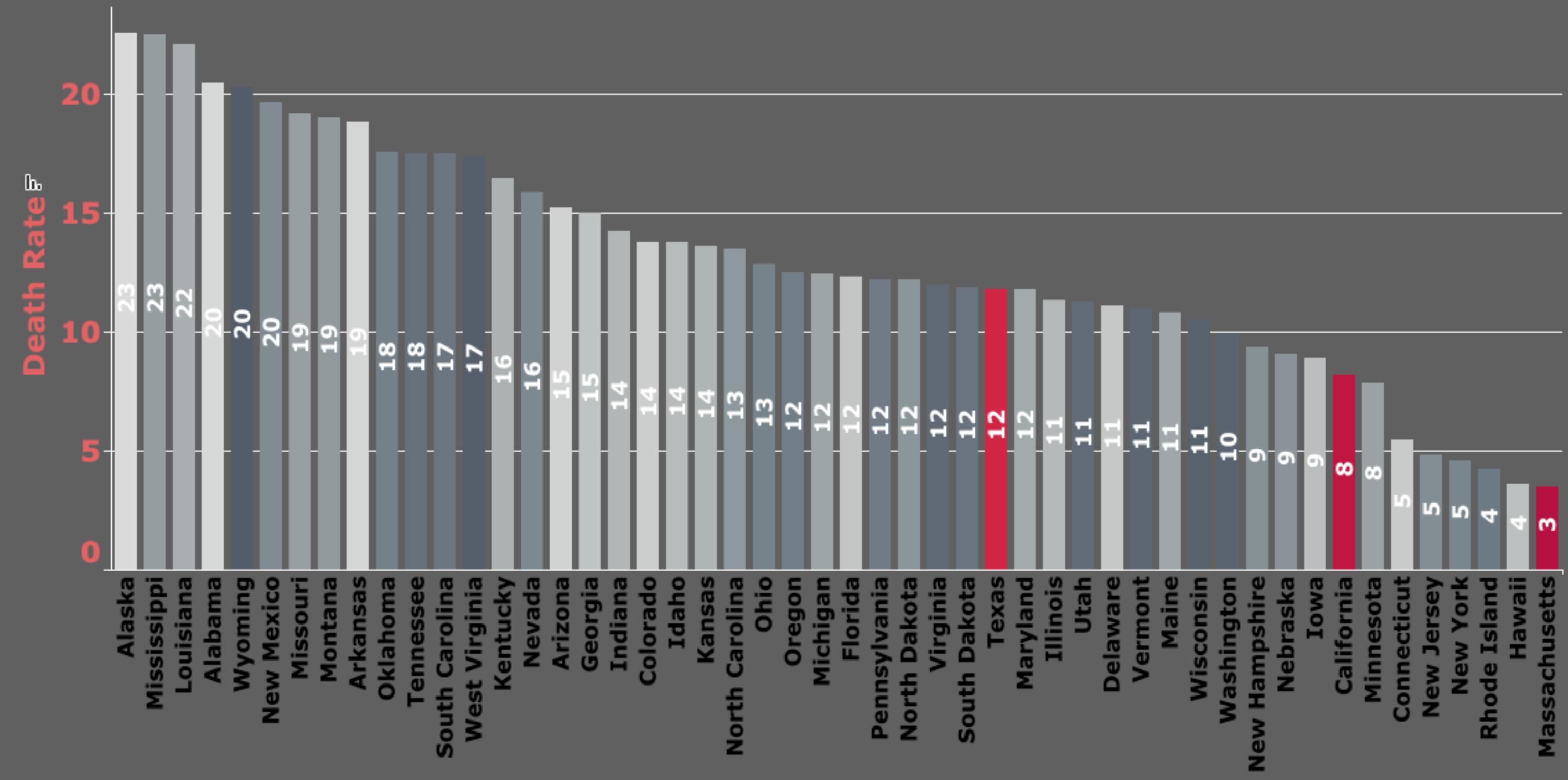
Timeline of Hip Hop Artist Death

Date of death

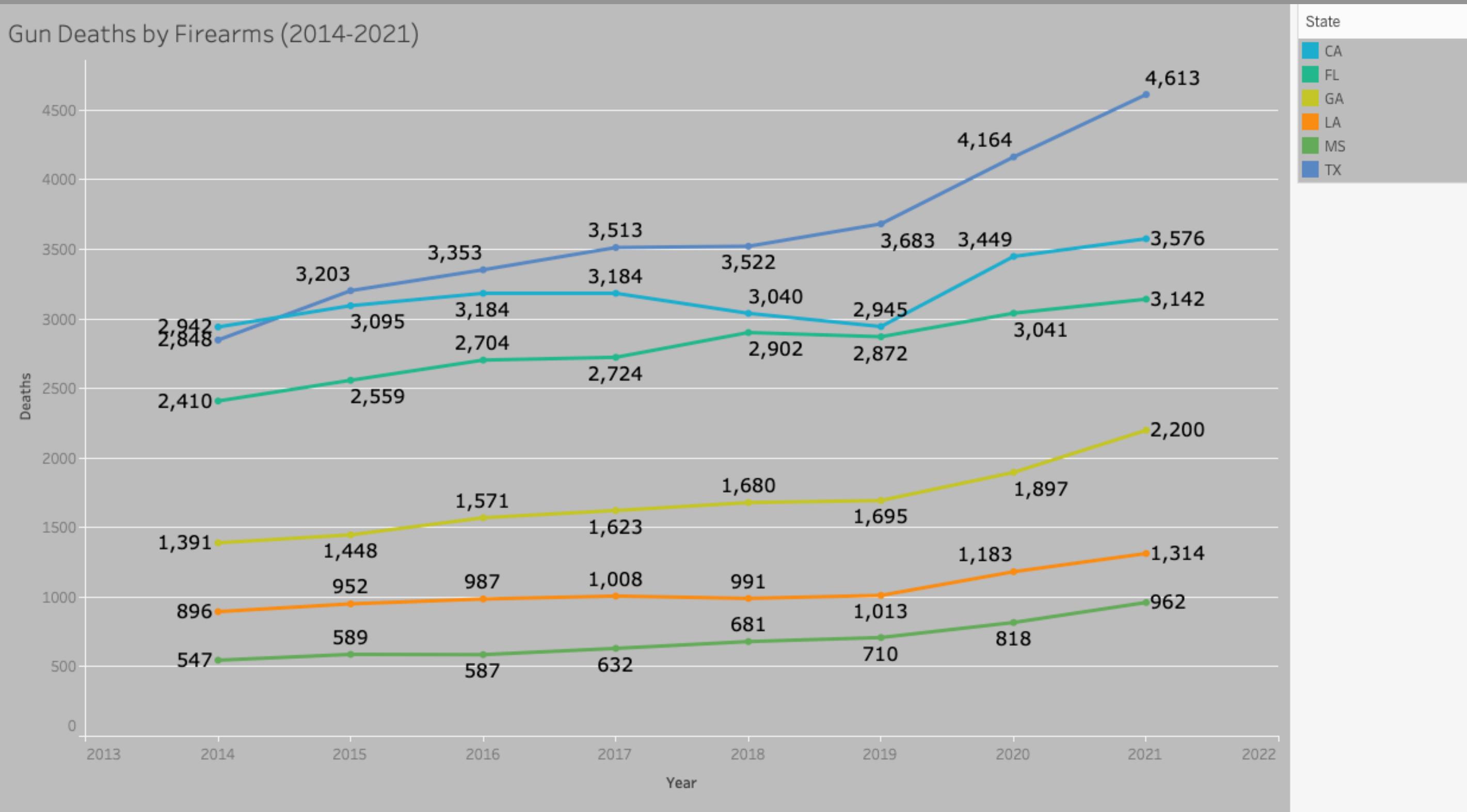




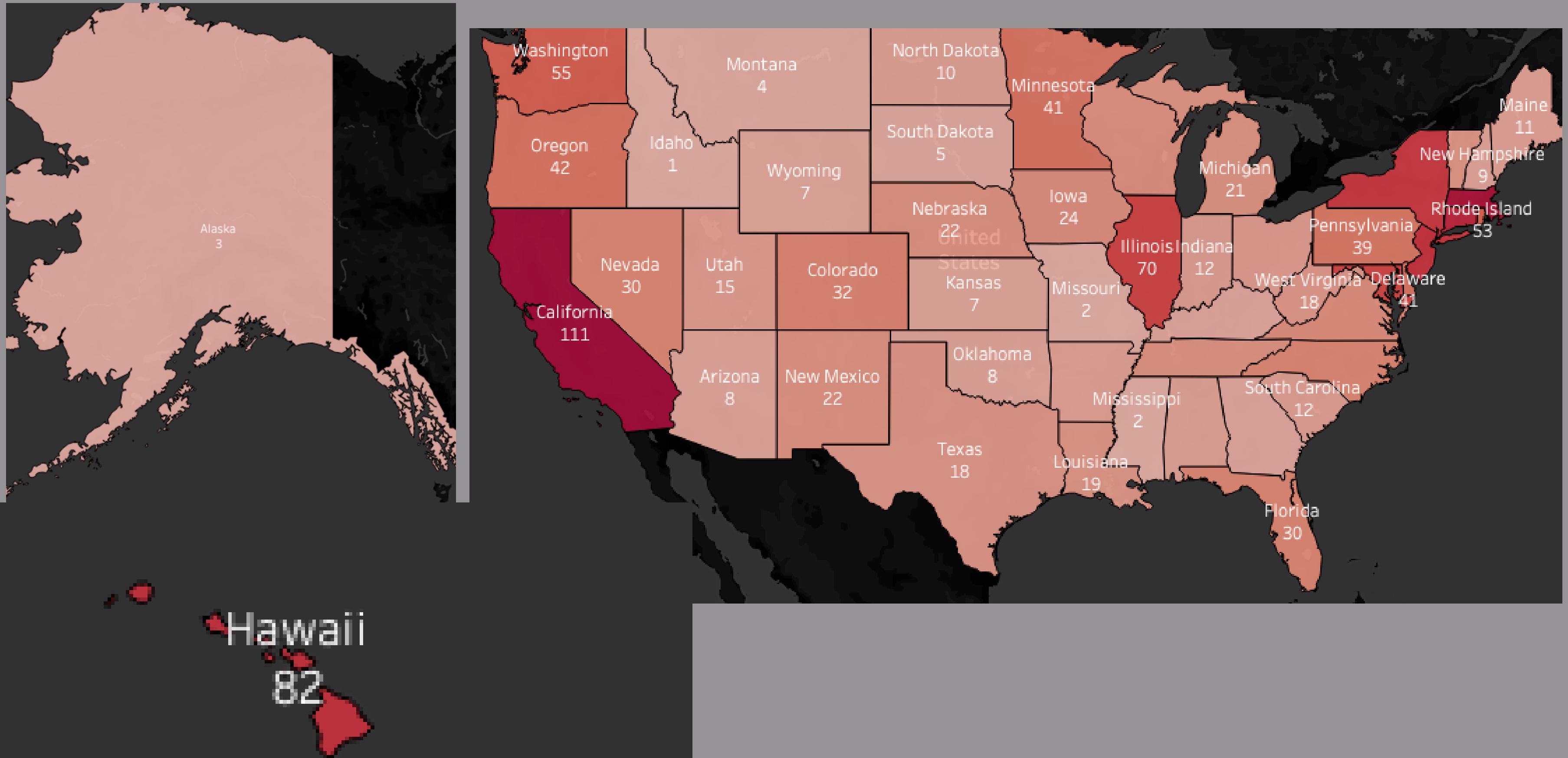
Death Rate by State(2022)



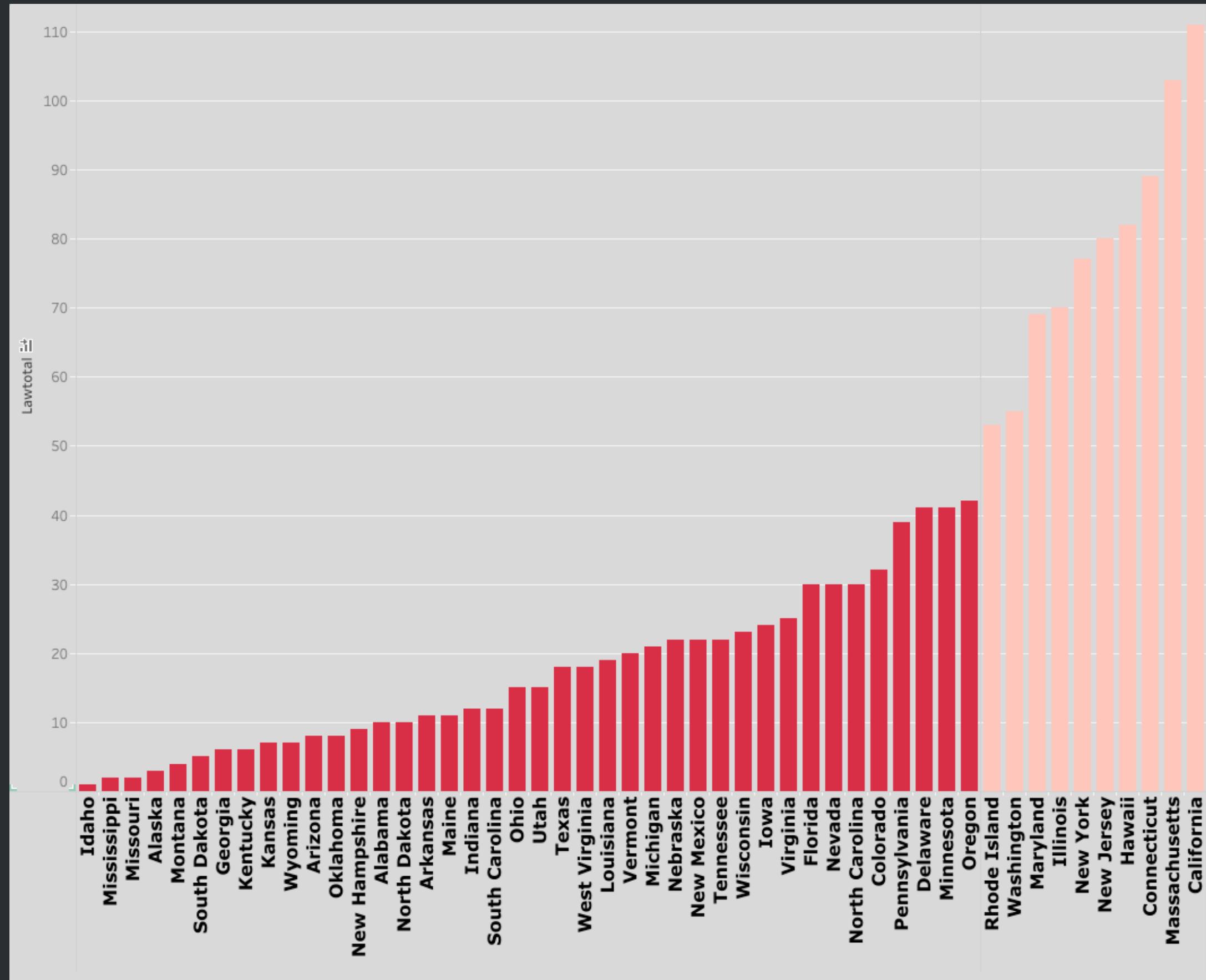
Gun Deaths by Firearms (2014-2021)



Gun Laws Total By State



STRICT OR LAX GUN LAW STATES



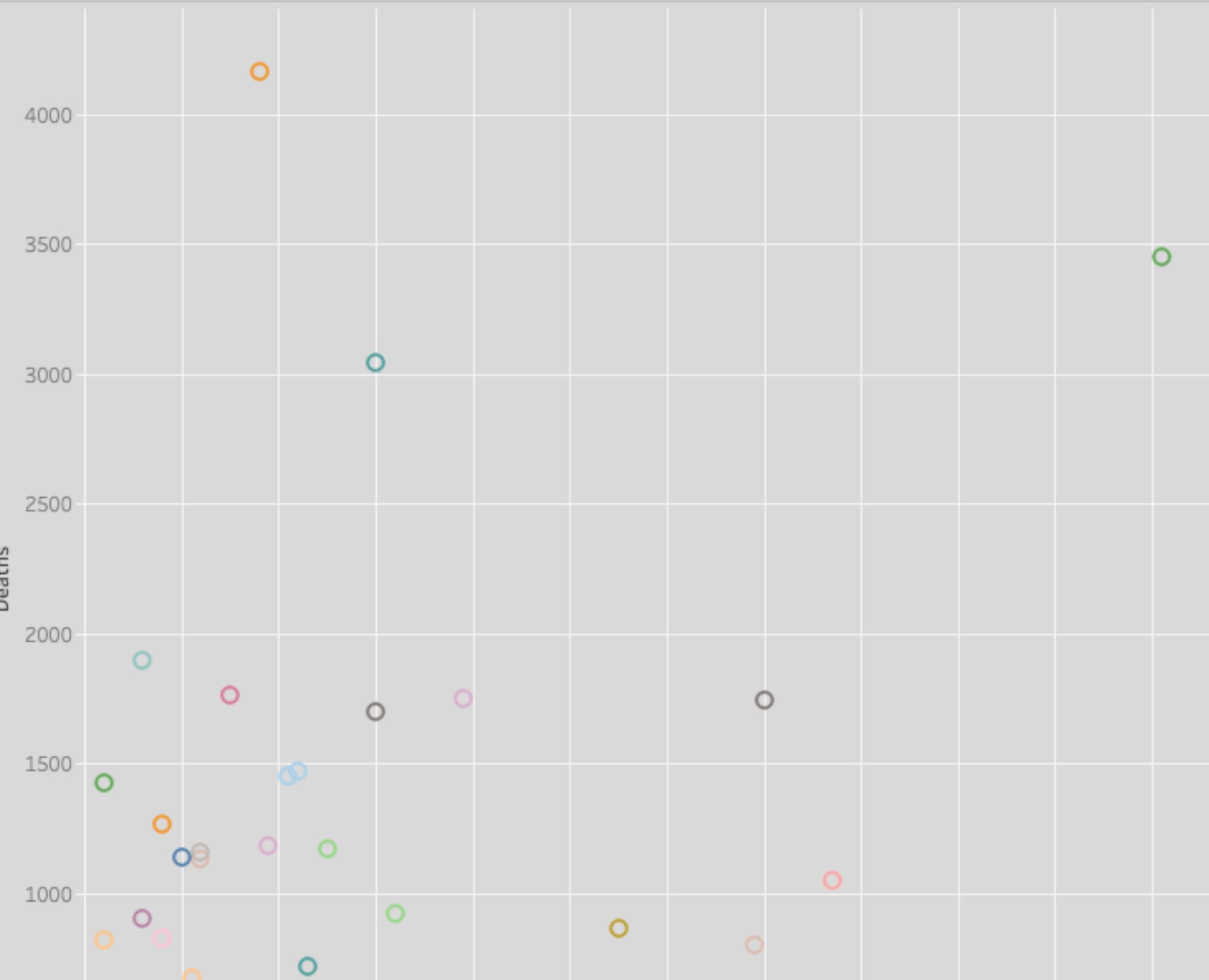
- No possession of long guns until age 18
- Concealed carry permit process requires background check.
- Firearm possession is prohibited if person is deemed by court to be a danger to oneself or others
- Domestic violence restraining order
- Firearm possession is prohibited for all people with a felony conviction
- Waiting period is required on all firearm purchases from dealers
- Firearm possession is prohibited for people who have been involuntarily committed to an inpatient facility
- Ban on sale large capacity magazines beyond just ammunition for pistols
- A license or permit is required to purchase all firearms
- State conducts separate background checks, beyond the federal NICS check, for all firearms
- No stand your ground law

	Alaska	California	Massachusetts	Mississippi	New Jersey	Texas
Age18Longgunpo..	0.000	0.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	0.000
Ccbackground	0.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	1.000
Danger	0.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	0.000
Dvro	0.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	1.000
Felony	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000
Gvro	0.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	0.000
Invcommitment	0.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	0.000
Magazine	0.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	0.000
Permit	0.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	0.000
Statechecks	0.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000	0.000
Waiting	0.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
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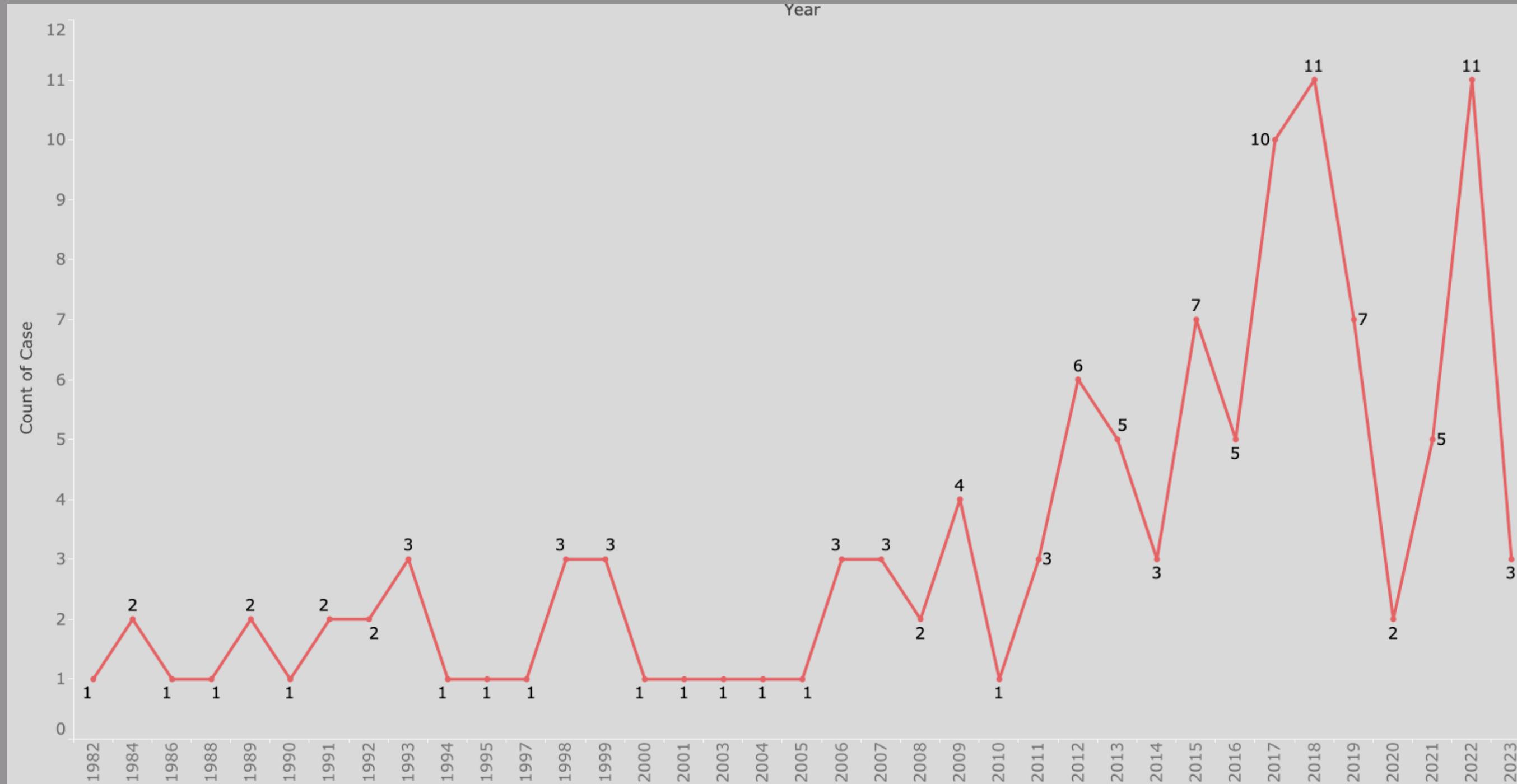
Is there a Correlation Between the amount Guns laws and Deaths by Firearm?

THE AMOUNT OF GUN DEATHS
ARE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH
GUN LAWS BEING
IMPLEMENTED IN EACH STATE

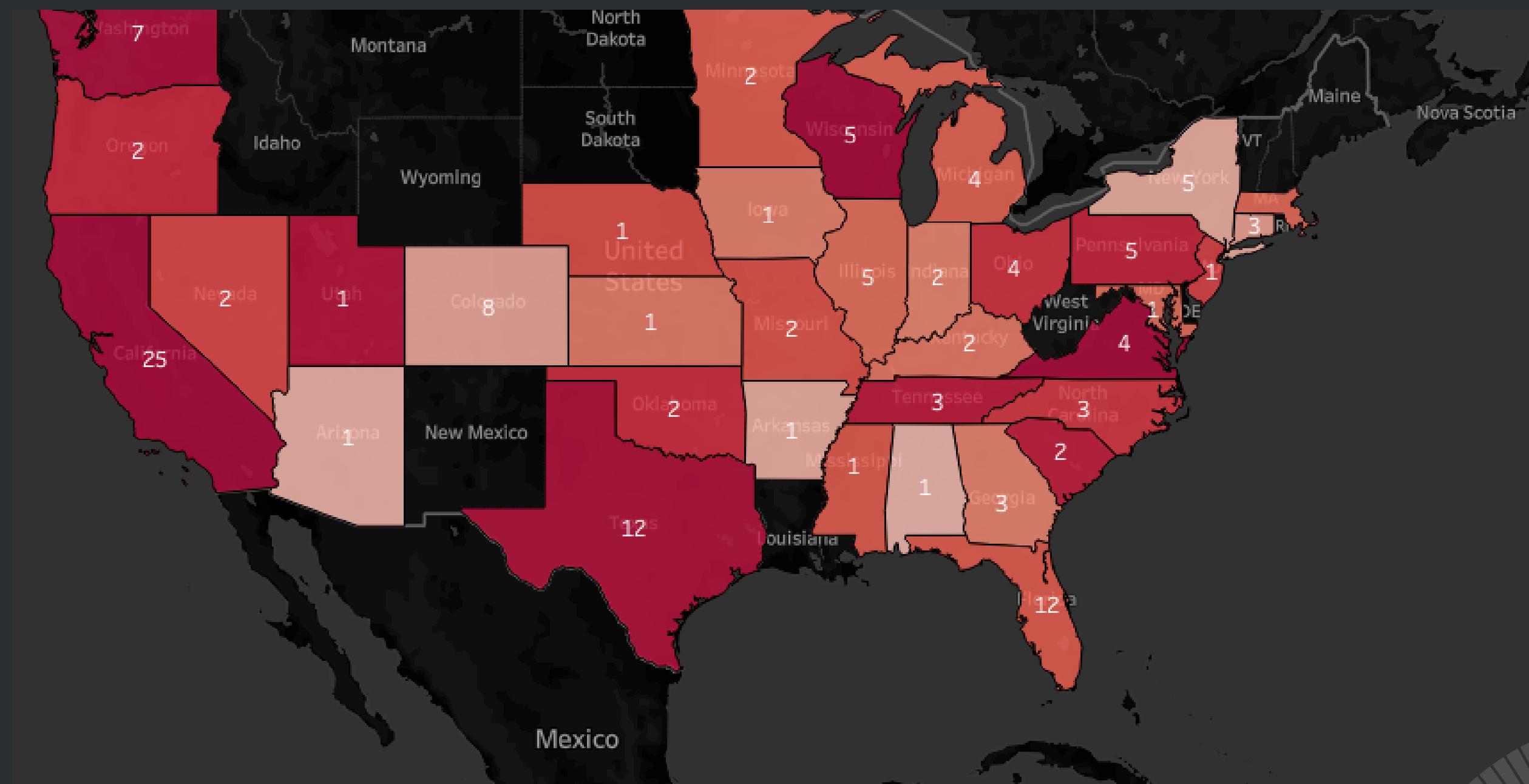
NO CORRELATION



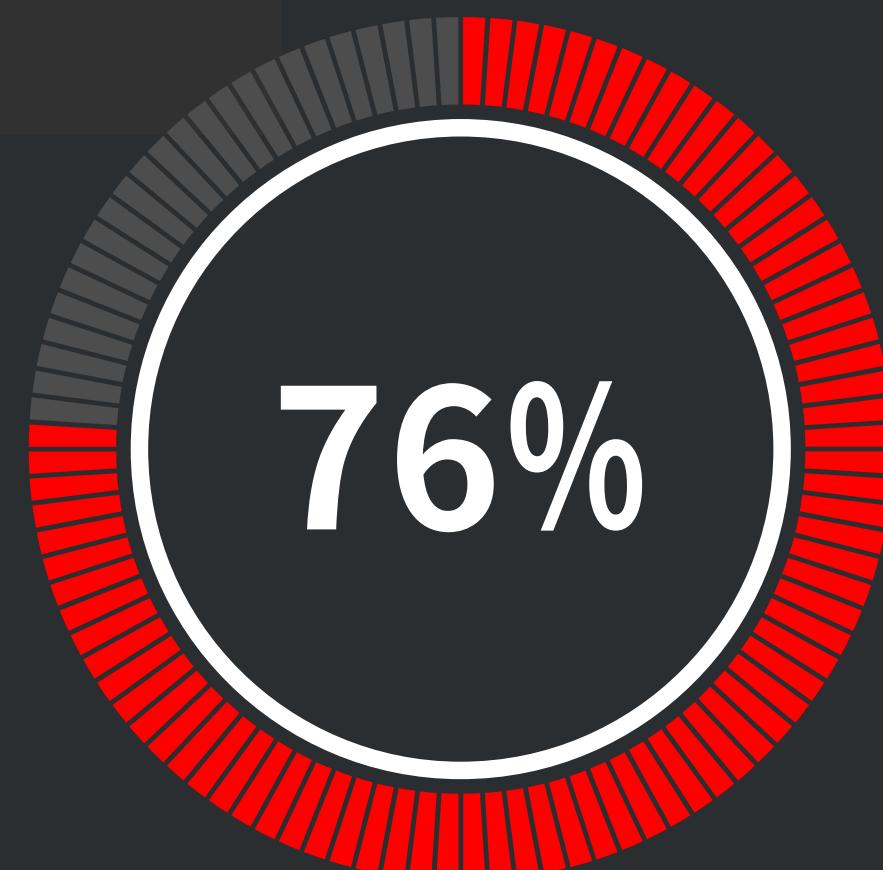
Timeline of Mass shootings (1982-2023)

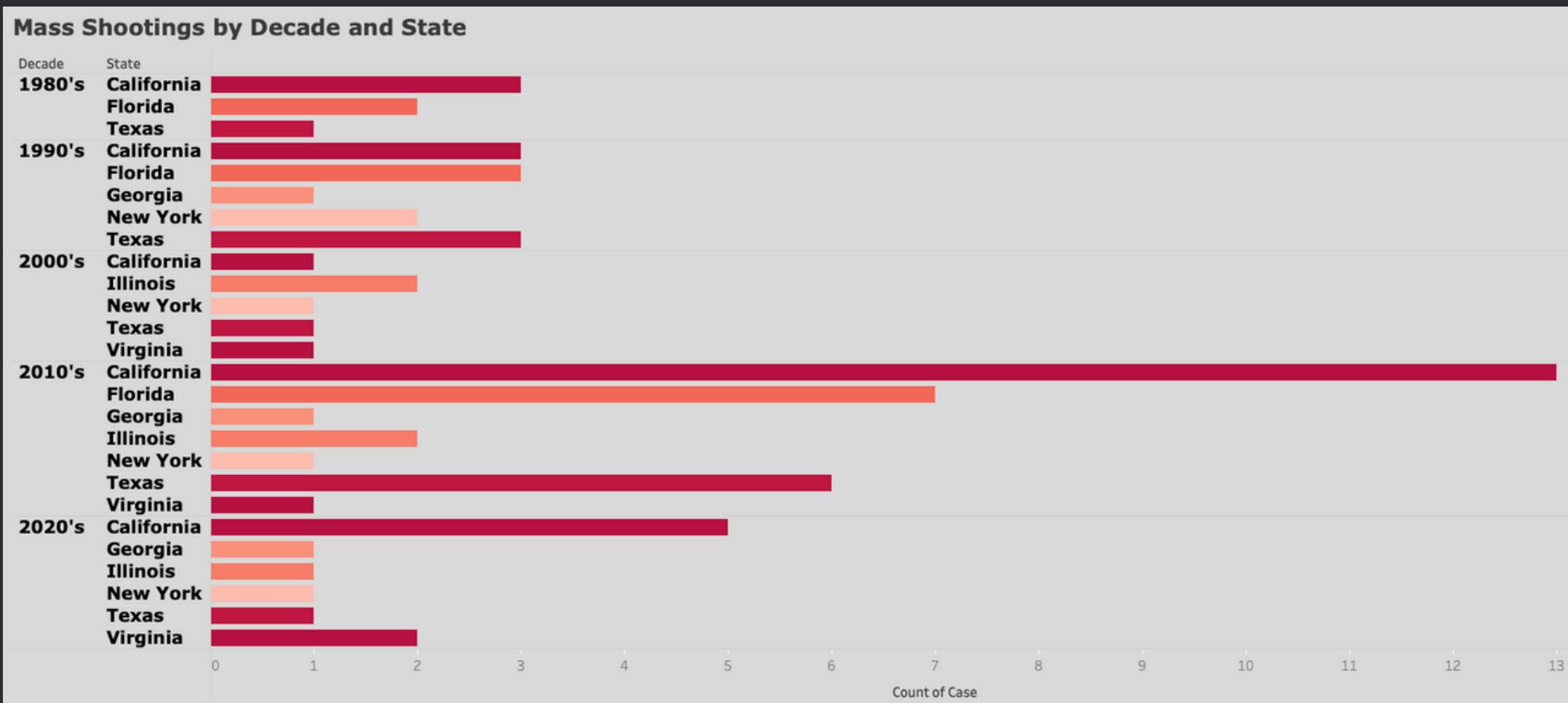


A MASS SHOOTING IS DEFINED AS A MINIMUM OF FOUR VICTIMS SHOT, DEAD OR ALIVE, NOT INCLUDING THE SHOOTER WHO MAY HAVE ALSO BEEN INJURED OR KILLED DURING THE INCIDENT.



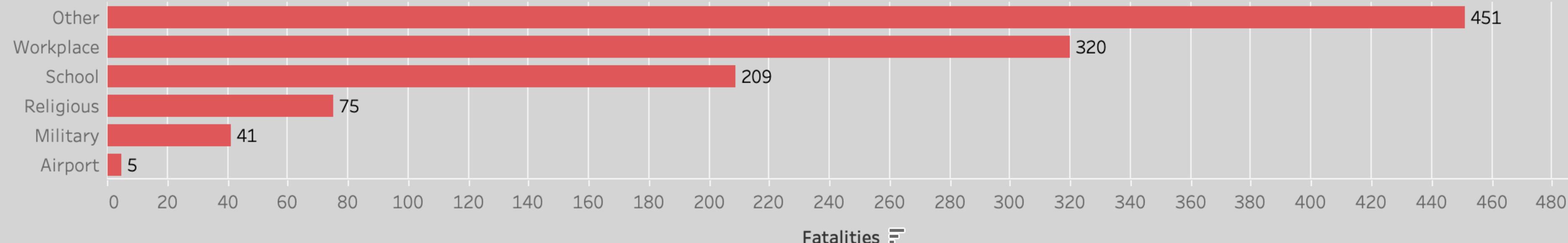
38 OUT OF 50 STATES HAVE EXPERIENCE AT LEAST 1 MASS SHOOTING WITHIN A 40 YEAR TIMESPAN





ARE MASS SHOOTINGS AN AMERICAN PROBLEM?

Number of Fatalities by location



Count of Cases	Avg. Age Of Shooter	Fatalities	Injured	Total Victims
120	33	975	1,413	2,383

Conclusion

- Being a Rap Artist is becoming a dangerous profession.
- There is a limit in State power when it comes to decreasing gun violence.
- No evidence that proves listening to Hip Hop triggers more gun violence.
- Too many guns in the U.S. to completely prevent gun violence.

Next Steps

- Background checks for all gun sales should be a federal mandate
- Buying a gun should be like buying a house



RESOURCE PAGE

Datasets

Firearm Mortality: [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes/gun/deaths.htm)

Gun Laws: [State Firearm Laws](https://statefirearmlaws.com/)

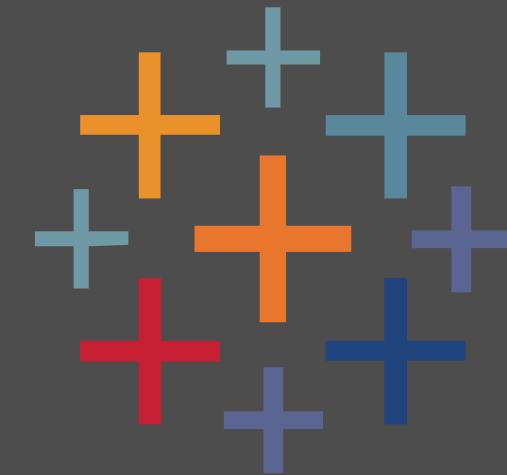
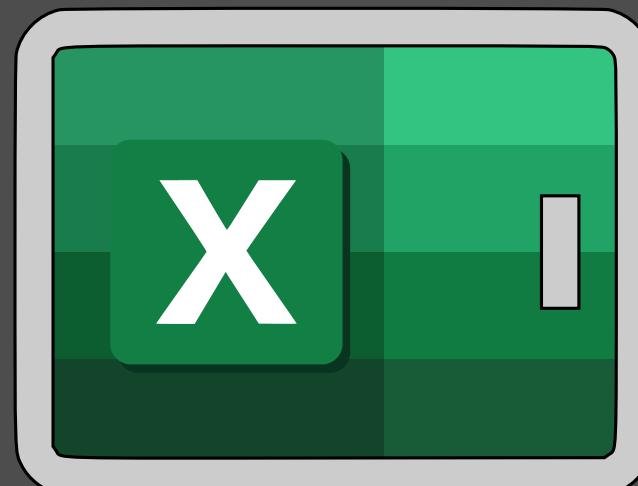
Kaggle : [U.S. Mass Shootings](https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/justinjordan/us-mass-shootings)

List of Murdered Hip Hop

_Artist

State Population(2022)

Tools Used



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