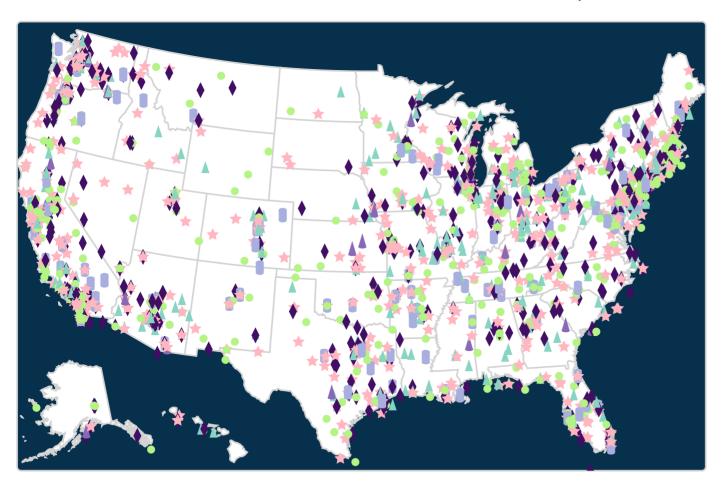
"ET, Are You Out There?"

As "The New Yorker" put across oh-so-eloquently in an article this month - flying saucers were once only referenced in jokes.

But with the Pentagon recently announcing the possible existence of extraterrestrials and legitimate sightings - confusing even experts amongst themselves - it looks like the US government has started taking UFO sightings quite seriously. Keeping this in mind, we space nerds were curious to understand trends in UFO sightings claimed across the US over the years; focusing on the alleged shape, year and location of each sighting.

As for whether Aliens exist...well, we'll let you decide!



1975

1980

1985

1990

1995

2000

1960

1965

1970

1955

UFO Shape

Percentage | Value

- ★ fireball 30.1% | 711
- odisk 25.8% | 609
- ▲ delta 14.2% | 335
- cylinder 6.0% | 141
- ▲ cone 1.4% | 34
- ♦ other 22.6% | 535

HOW DO I USE THIS MAP?

Filter sightings with the year-slider below. Hover over a map marker to learn more about the sighting. The marker's shape is representative of the described physical shape of the UFO. Zoom in to take a closer look at the map via clicks, scrolls or touch.

Upon mousing over a marker, you will see the details of the sighting populate in this very box - try it out for yourself!