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SHOTS FIRED

Each bullet on this page represents a shooting that was reported to authorities in Hampton Roads in 2023. If you counted them all, as we have, the tally would be 922 — homicides, suicides, accidents with guns and nonfatal shootings — and that number only includes those police and the state medical examiner recorded and reported to us. It's a staggering figure, and the toll it represents, even moreso.

Today, the Daily Press and Virginian-Pilot launch "Shots Fired: Combating a culture of gun violence in Hampton Roads," a yearlong series that will explore why the problem is so prevalent here and what can be done about it.

INSIDE TODAY: The scope of Hampton Roads gun violence. **Page 3**

ONLINE: Go to pilotonline.com/shotsfired to see special coverage.

Nonfatal shooting
plain black tip: 586

Homicide
long, brass tip: 189

Suicide
gray, hollow point: 141

Undetermined/accidental death
short, brass tip: 6

Homicide, suicide and accidental death numbers from the Virginia Department of Health, based on autopsy information from the state medical examiner's office. Data is preliminary. Includes gun deaths from Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach, as well as Franklin, Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City County, Mathews, Middlesex, Poquoson, Surry, York County and Williamsburg.

Nonfatal shooting numbers provided by city police departments.