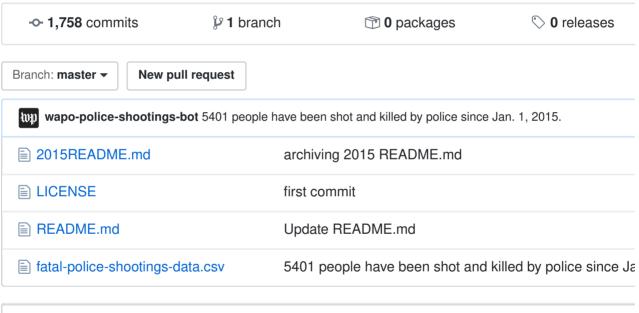
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# About this story

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The Washington Post is compiling a database of every fatal shooting in the United Stasince Jan. 1, 2015.

In 2015, The Post began tracking more than a dozen details about each killing — incl circumstances of the shooting, whether the person was armed and whether the victim by culling local news reports, law enforcement websites and social media and by mor Killed by Police and Fatal Encounters. The Post conducted additional reporting in main

In 2016, The Post is gathering additional information about each fatal shooting that or requests with departments. More than a dozen additional details are being collected a

The Post is documenting only those shootings in which a police officer, in the line of c circumstances that most closely parallel the 2014 killing of Michael Brown in Ferguso culminating in Black Lives Matter and an increased focus on police accountability natipeople in police custody, fatal shootings by off-duty officers or non-shooting deaths.

The FBI and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention log fatal shootings by pc data is incomplete. In 2015, The Post documented more than two times more fatal sh by the FBI. Last year, the FBI announced plans to overhaul how it tracks fatal police  $\epsilon$ 

The Post's database is updated regularly as fatal shootings are reported and as facts seeking assistance in making the database as comprehensive as possible. To provide since Jan. 1, 2015, send us an email at policeshootingsfeedback@washpost.com. The of the deceased and original videos of fatal encounters with police.

## About the data

#### race:

• W: White, non-Hispanic

• B: Black, non-Hispanic

• A: Asian

N: Native American

• H: Hispanic

• O: Other

None: unknown

### gender:

• M: Male

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F: Female

• None: unknown

The **threat\_level** column was used to flag incidents for the story by Amy Brittain in Oohttp://www.washingtonpost.com/sf/investigative/2015/10/24/on-duty-under-fire/ As desthe attack label was that there was the most direct and immediate threat to life. That vothers were shot at, threatened with a gun, attacked with other weapons or physical for flag the highest level of threat. The other and undetermined categories represent all reincidents where officers or others faced significant threats.

The threat column and the fleeing column are not necessarily related. For example, the moving away from officers (fleeing) and at the same time turns to fire at gun at the off immediately before fatal shots by police; while fleeing could begin slightly earlier and

**body\_camera**: News reports have indicated an officer was wearing a body camera a incident.

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