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The conclusions are confusing. What is the takeaway from this data?

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On Tue, Sep 13, 2022 at 10:42 AM Chief David Zack <[dzack@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:dzack@ashevillenc.gov)> wrote:  
Doug,

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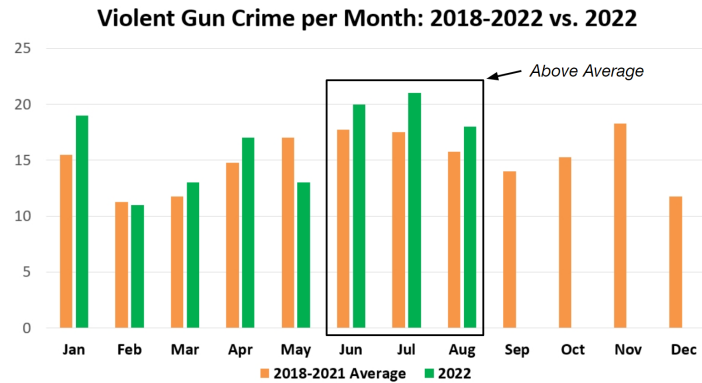
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On Mon, Sep 12, 2022 at 2:24 PM Douglas R. Oeser <[doeser@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:doeser@ashevillenc.gov)> wrote:  
Chief Zack,

Here's an initial start on the review of gun violence data. I've focused on gun calls and violent gun crime to illustrate how we've had an above average year and that may be an indication of the winter to come.

*A summer of elevated gun violence may be an indicator of winter to come*

## Violent Gun Crime



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## Shots Fired Calls

☛ Since 2018, we've averaged **529 shots fired calls a year**.

○ Highest year: 2020 – 652

☛ This year, we've averaged **43 shots fired calls per month**; a total of 367 for the year

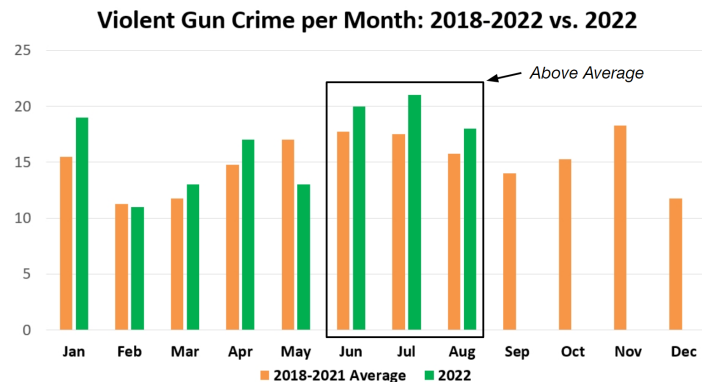
☛ Typically, we've seen a seasonal decline in shots fired calls in August with an increase in September

○ This year, we've seen an **above average number of shots fired calls** in July and August

○ If the seasonal 10% increase in September continues, we could see as many as 55 shots fired calls this month; especially given ongoing gun violence disputes.

☛ Gun calls often drop in October only to rise again through November and December

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## Gun Crime

☛ Since 2018, we typically have **180 violent gun crimes per year** (i.e. homicide, aggravated assault, rape and robbery)

○ Highest year: 2019 – 195

○AA So far, there have been 138 this year

℞•AAAAAA On average, there are **15 violent gun crimes reported each month.**

○AA 5 of the last 8 months have seen above average gun violence. There was an average of ***20 violent gun crimes per month from July to August.***

℞•AAAAAA As with gun calls, there is a seasonal increase of violent gun crimes in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter with a peak in November

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