

A recent ShotSpotter study reveals persistent urban gunfire is reaching U.S. students every day.

ShotSpotter analyzed data on the number of shootings near K-12 schools across the United States in ShotSpotter areas. The study covered an entire year, including the summer and holiday periods when events would still be taking place at schools (summer school, sporting activities, etc.) with the data yielding the following results:

2,320

NATIONAL SCHOOLS are in areas covered by ShotSpotter

GUNFIRE ACTIVITY

was recorded between the hours of **7:00 AM–5:00 PM, Monday–Friday** which coincides when schools are open

93

GUNSHOT INCIDENTS occurred per week

13

GUNSHOT INCIDENTS per day

4,856

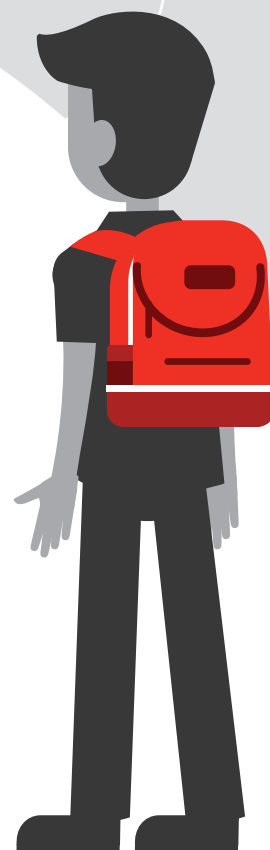
INCIDENTS OCCURRED within 1/2 mile of schools—primary areas for walking to/from school

Kids suffer trauma daily by hearing and witnessing gunfire near their schools.*

When a child's brain is exposed to gun violence, it can have damaging long-term effects – gun violence to the brain causes stress and can breed anxiety and depression, making it hard for children to concentrate in school.

“ Fresno has seen firsthand the benefits to our community with ShotSpotter gunfire detection and we made a conscious choice to protect our schools and their surrounding neighborhoods. With funding from the FUSD, the City and a federal grant, we now have a total of 65 schools protected. ShotSpotter alerts us almost instantaneously to any gunfire in the area and provides a pinpoint location for fast response. ” **– FRESNO POLICE CHIEF JERRY DYER**

NEARLY 1/3 of children exposed to violence experience **PTSD** – very similar to what a soldier experiences after fighting front lines in a war zone.*



*Baltimore Sun—Collateral Damage: Advocates Aim to Save Baltimore Children from Impact of Violence <http://www.baltimoresun.com/health/bs-md-health-violence-121114-story.htm>