

Violence & Crime Data Story

A total of 19% of survey respondents selected *Violence & crime* as one of the three largest health concerns in Kenosha County. Violence affects people at all stages of life, and it affects people's physical, emotional, and mental health. Firearm-related deaths continue to be a significant public health problem across the United States, with 79% of all homicides in 2020 involving firearms. Violence is not just about homicides; intimate partner violence and sexual violence are very common. Over half of women and almost 1 in 3 men report sexual violence in their lifetimes. The causes of violence are complex and are tied to other social determinants of health, including poverty. Housing instability can also contribute to neighborhoods having high turnover, which can affect people's relationships with their neighbors and neighborhoods—the glue that binds communities together.

"We need safer communities - not as much violence."

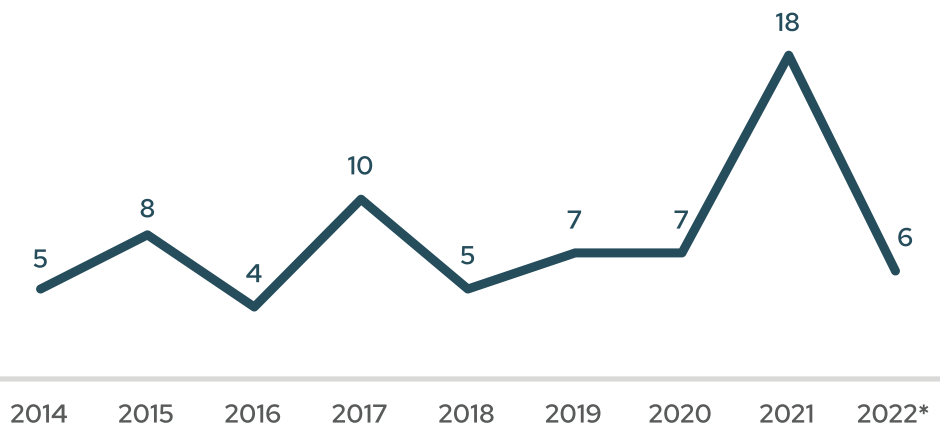


How Does Kenosha Compare?

Kenosha County and Wisconsin have a **similar rate of homicides** per 100,000 people



The **number of homicides** in Kenosha County has mostly remained steady, with a **spike in 2021**.



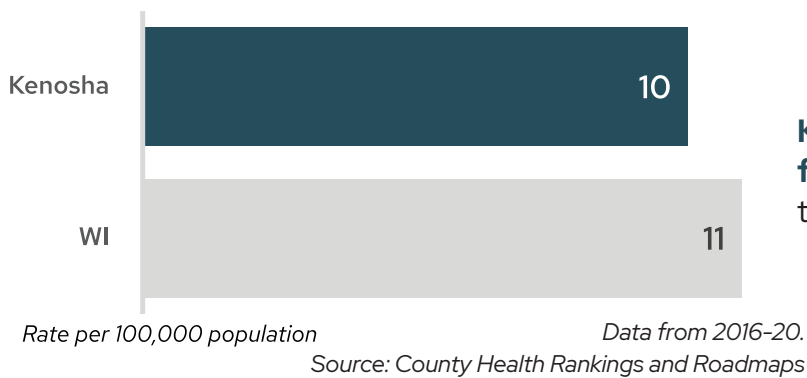
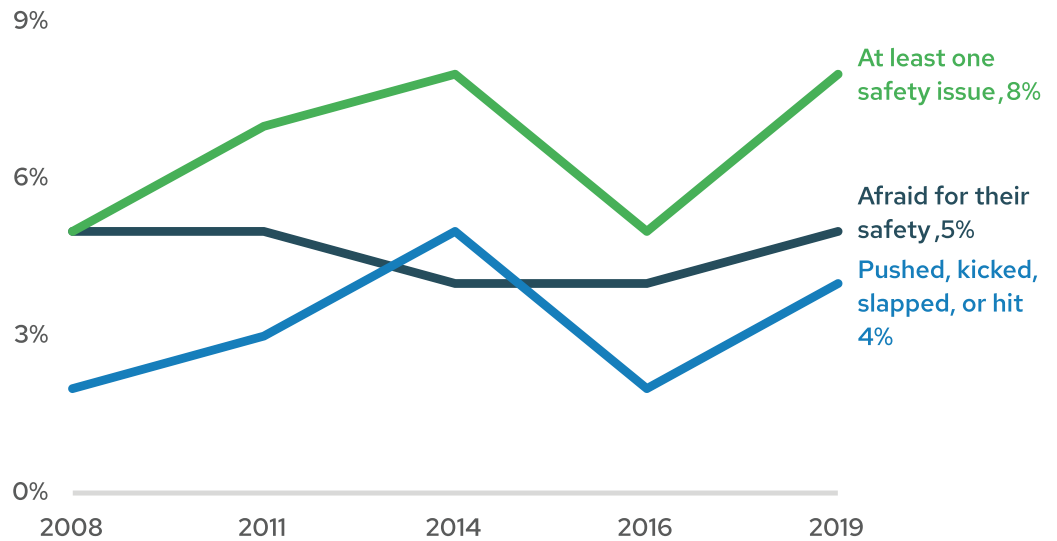
*2022 data may still change as autopsies are completed.

Source: Kenosha County Medical Examiner's Office



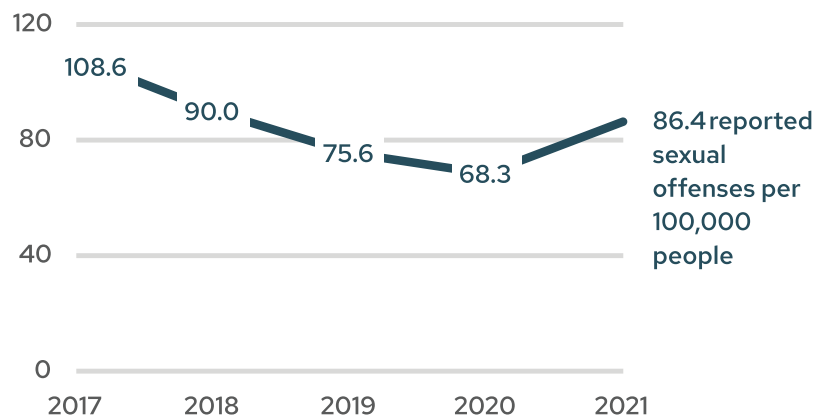
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8% of adult survey respondents reported at least one personal safety issue in the past year.



Kenosha's firearm fatality rate is similar to Wisconsin's rate.

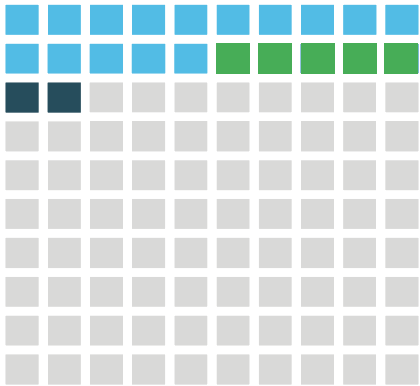
In 2021, there were **86 sexual offenses reported to police per 100,000 people** in Kenosha County.



Source: Wisconsin Department of Justice



22% of respondents felt their children were sometimes, rarely, or never safe in their neighborhood.



1 in 5 respondents said their children were bullied in the past year.



The majority of respondents reported their children experienced verbal abuse if bullied.

