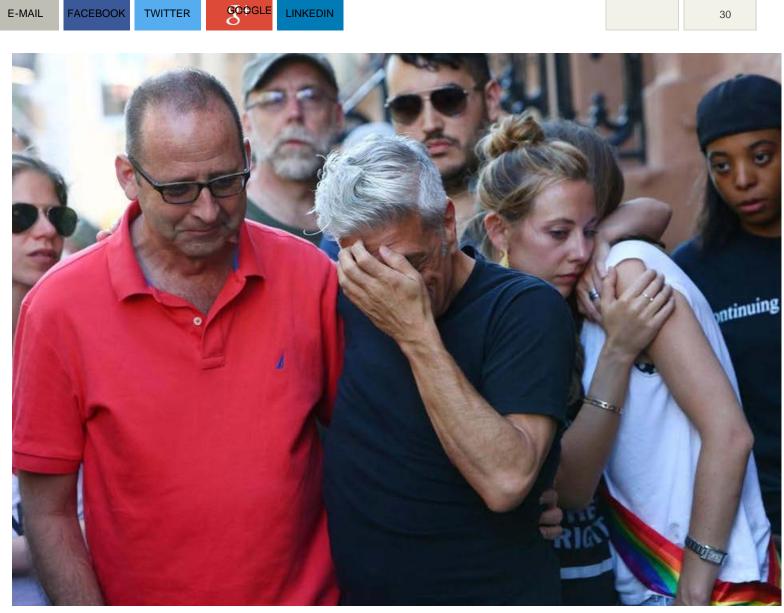


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More than 8,400 people have been fatally shot in the US so far this year



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People embraced during a vigil outside the Stonewall Inn in honor of the victims who were killed hours earlier in the Orlando shooting on June 12.

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More than 8,400 people have been shot to death in the United States so far this year, as of Aug. 8, according to the Gun Violence Archive, a nonprofit that tracks the data.

That averages out to more than 1,100 people killed by guns per month; or about 38 shooting deaths per day.

The data show that 8,435 people had been killed in shootings as of the morning of Aug. 8. Of that total, 381 were 11 years old or younger, and 1,851 were between 12 and 17.

Another 17,630 people had been injured in shootings.

The Gun Violence Archive formed in late 2013 and has <u>full-</u> year data on shootings for 2014 and 2015.

This year is roughly on pace with 2015 in terms of shooting deaths.

Across the United States last year, 13,451 people – 3,396 of them under age 17 – were killed and 27,010 were injured in shootings.

Those figures were up from 2014 when 12,591 people – 2,995 of them under age 17 – died and 23,024 were injured.

The Gun Violence Archive says it collects its data by scouring media, law enforcement, government, and commercial sources daily. The Washington, D.C.-based organization says it has used more than 1,500 sources to compile and verify its data.

The organization says it is not an advocacy group.

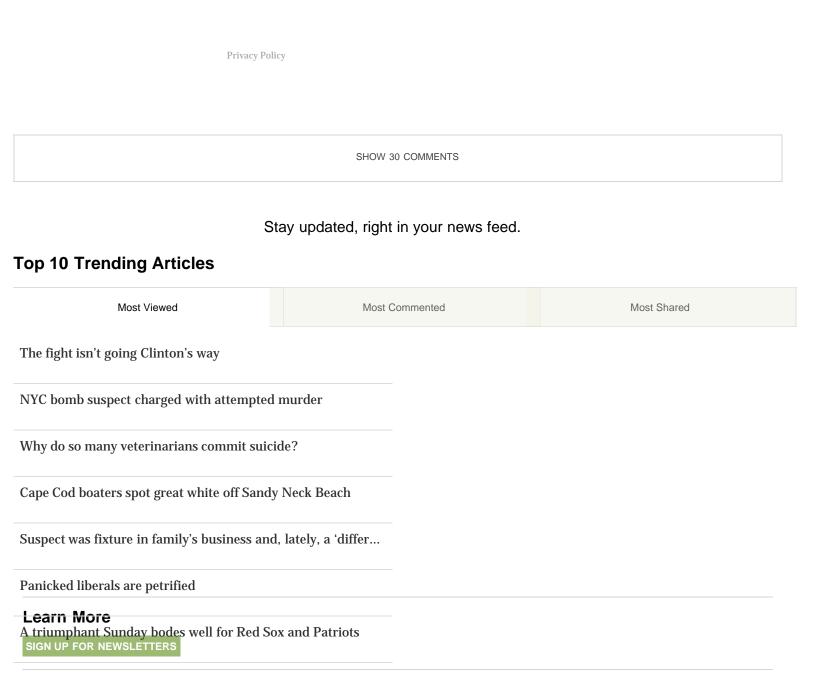


"The mission of GVA is to document incidents of gun violence and gun crime to provide raw, verified data to those who need to use it in their research, advocacy or writing," the organization's website says.

Several organizations also track mass shootings. <u>Each of the groups define mass shootings differently</u>, leading to a dramatically variations in how the incidents are counted.

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