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City logs zero gun deaths to start year

Rochester officials cite drop since 2021 peak

Kayla Canne
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle
USA TODAY NETWORK

No one was killed by gunfire on city streets during the first three months of the year – a new milestone as Rochester continues to recover from a pandemic-era spike in violence.

Mayor Malik Evans announced in January that shootings had reached a seven-year low. That 365-day rolling total held steady throughout the end of the first quarter, which closed March 31.

Police data shows 32 people have been shot in the city this year; none of their injuries were fatal.

By this time last year, 28 people had been shot, including seven who were killed. At the height of the city's gun violence epidemic in 2021, 66 people were shot including 11 killed by gunfire during the first three months of the year.

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Outside the Supreme Court during birthright citizenship oral arguments on April 1.

KYLIE COOPER/REUTERS

High court debates birthright citizenship

1898 ruling, 1952 law at center of arguments

Maureen Groppe, Bart Jansen and Aysha Bagchi
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump's effort to redefine who is an American did not get the quick rejection from the Supreme Court that many expected going into the April 1 oral arguments, but key conservative justices seemed skeptical of the administration's arguments for its legality.

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ANALYSIS

Trump funding cuts axed nutrition program



SNAP-Ed taught people how to identify healthy food patterns, keep food safe and navigate a complex food environment. It also taught low-income Americans how to improve their budgeting and planning for meals that balance cost and nutrition. GETTY IMAGES

SNAP-Ed saved money, helped Americans eat healthier

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THE CONVERSATION

If the government had found a way to save \$10 for every dollar it spent helping low-income people get healthier, wouldn't it make sense for it to keep doing that?

Well, that's exactly what the U.S. government did when it piloted the SNAP-Ed program in 1977. This U.S. Department of Agriculture program persisted for nearly 50 years until the Trump administration shuttered it in 2025.

SNAP-Ed served as the nutrition education arm of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which helps more than 40 million Americans buy groceries.

SNAP-Ed complemented SNAP by teaching people who get those benefits how best to use that government assistance. It paid for nutrition educators to teach lessons at schools, community centers and university extension offices. The educators led grocery store tours, taught label reading and budget comparisons, and taught cooking classes. And they offered a mix of printed and



Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and the Make America Healthy Again movement have embraced a core principle: Healthy habits prevent chronic disease. Yet the Trump administration stopped funding SNAP-Ed, which helped boost health in at-risk communities. ANNA MONEYMAKER/GETTY IMAGES

online resources to support good nutrition in the home.

While the federal government fully funded the program, the states, along with Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico, administered and implemented SNAP-

Ed through local community programs, often partnering with nonprofits. It cost only one penny for every SNAP dollar spent, and it worked.

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