

The Role of Nursing in Promoting Gun Safety and Preventing Violence

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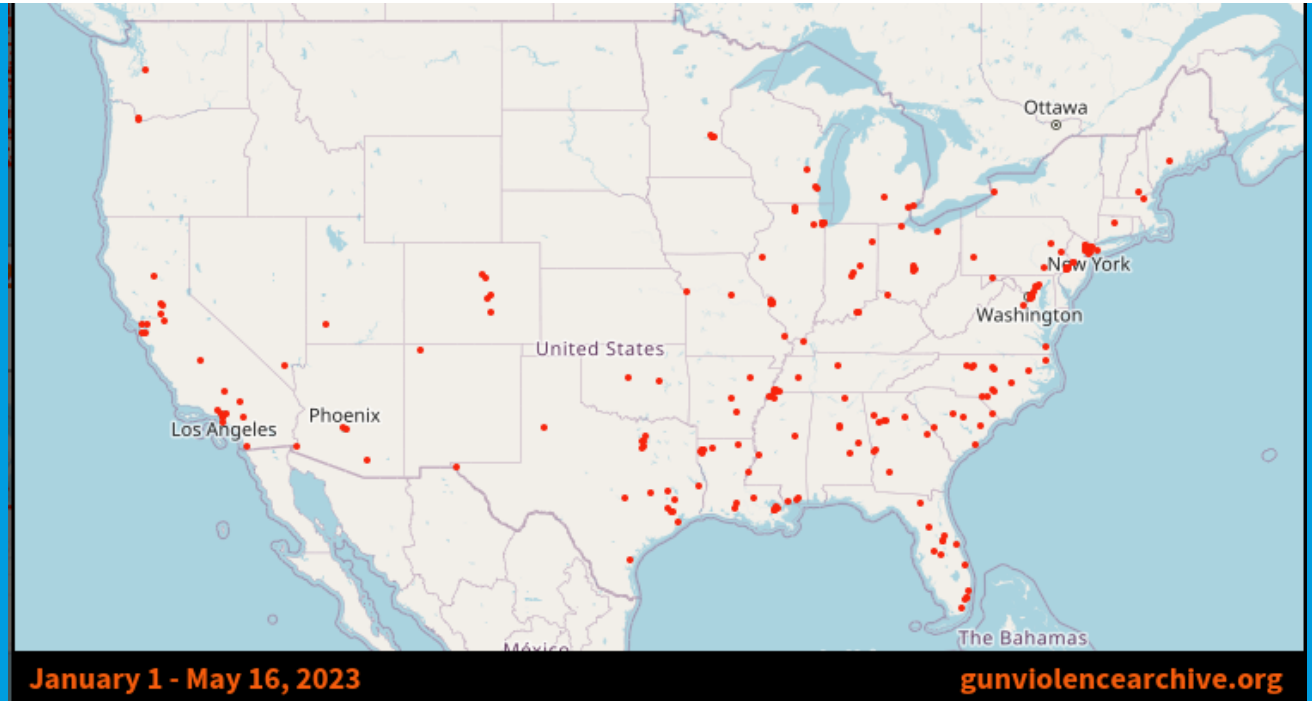
GUN VIOLENCE ARCHIVE 2023 Evidence Based Research - since 2013

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Total Number of GV Deaths - ALL Causes⁴	15,816
Homicide/Murder/Unintentional/DGU ¹	6,840
Suicide ³	8,976
Total Number of Injuries¹	12,785
Mass Shootings ²	225
Mass Murders ²	21

There have been more mass shootings than days in 2023, database shows

There have been 202 mass shootings so far this year.



GVA - Seven Year Review	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Mass Shooting	383	348	336	417	610	690	647

The Impact of Gun Violence on Health

There are ~45,000 deaths and ~115,000 injuries/year in the United States due to firearms. Recent trends show this problem worsening.



Resources

Click the numbers below to learn more about gun violence prevention

1

Learn to *talk to your patients* about firearm safety

2

Promote *safe firearm storage* with gun locks and education

3

Learn how you can help *prevent youth suicide*

4

Practice *trauma-informed care*

5

Connect with experts specialized in *treating survivors of gun violence*

6

Advocate for legislation and policies that will reduce gun violence

Want to join the MDHEQ Gun Violence Prevention workgroup? Email us! info@MDHEQ.org

Guns are involved in:



~50% of suicides

~80% of homicides

4,357 children's deaths

**in 2020 the leading cause of death*



How healthcare providers can help

Healthcare providers can play an effective role to reduce the risk of harm from firearm-related suicide and unintentional injury by:

- **Educating** the community on gun safety,
- **Providing care** for survivors and families, and
- **Supporting legislative efforts** to increase research on gun violence prevention, and evidence based interventions.

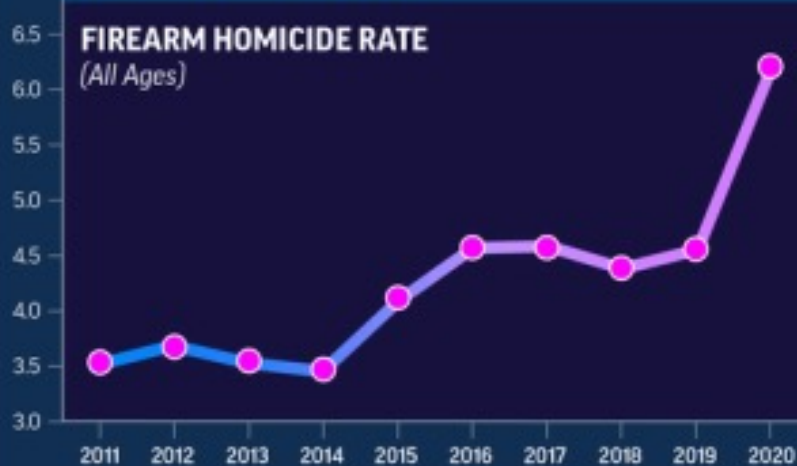
FIREARM SUICIDE RATE

(Ages 10 and Older)



FIREARM HOMICIDE RATE

(All Ages)



Rate per 100,000 (Age-Adjusted)

Gun ownership:

400 million firearms

45% of homes



Discussion Agenda: SBAR

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- **Background:** MNORN will review background demonstrating the call for [nursing’s role in promoting gun safety and preventing violence](#)
- **Assessment:** MNORN will discuss the statement’s background and proposed recommendations.
- **Recommendation:** MNORN will either accept the statement and recommendations as written or provide written feedback. MNORN leadership will communicate tonight’s response to the statement authors.

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The dialogue forum topic makes the proposed recommendations. [Link](#)

Request to endorse **AAN Statement on Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention** [Link](#)

Request update to **ANA position statement on incivility, bullying and workplace violence** to include gun violence and prevention in healthcare settings [Link](#)

ANA, C/SNA’s and the IMD should promote nursing knowledge on the relationship between gun violence and public health, the risk and protective factor of violence, evidence-based strategies to prevent violence, and the role of nurses in promoting gun safety and preventing violence. (examples included)

Advocate for meaningful legislation to address gun safety and firearm access and increase funding allocations toward gun violence and prevention research, prioritizing research on gun violence against health care workers and in health care settings.

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Gun violence is a social justice issue that disproportionately affects marginalized communities and contributes to health inequities and affects the safety and wellbeing of individuals and communities across the nation.

ANA has long considered gun violence to be a public health issue and has made calls related to policy actions related to gun access, assault weapon bans, and waiting periods for background checks (1994, 2018).

Nurses are directly and indirectly impacted by gun violence in the workplace and community. Exposure leads to trauma for themselves and those in their care.

Nurses are well positioned to engage in critical conversations with individuals and policy makers on the social justice issue of gun violence, evidence-based risk factors and social and health impacts.

ANA as the leading nursing organization should take a strong leadership position in addressing gun safety, preventing violence and studying the impacts of violence.

Assessment: discuss the statement's background and proposed recommendations. Thoughts?

Recommendation: Accept the statement and recommendations as written or provide written feedback?

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