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Gun Violence Reduction Community Needs Assessment Final Report

July 18, 2023

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Project Overview



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(who, where, when)



Community Input
(gather perspectives, experiences, thoughts and opinions)



Solutions
(best practice identification and recommendations)

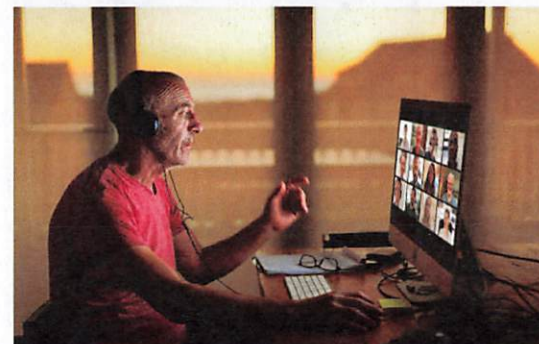
Community Engagement and Input



Community and Professional
Surveys



Community Listening Sessions
and Forums



Advisory Group



Online Feedback



Regular Project Updates



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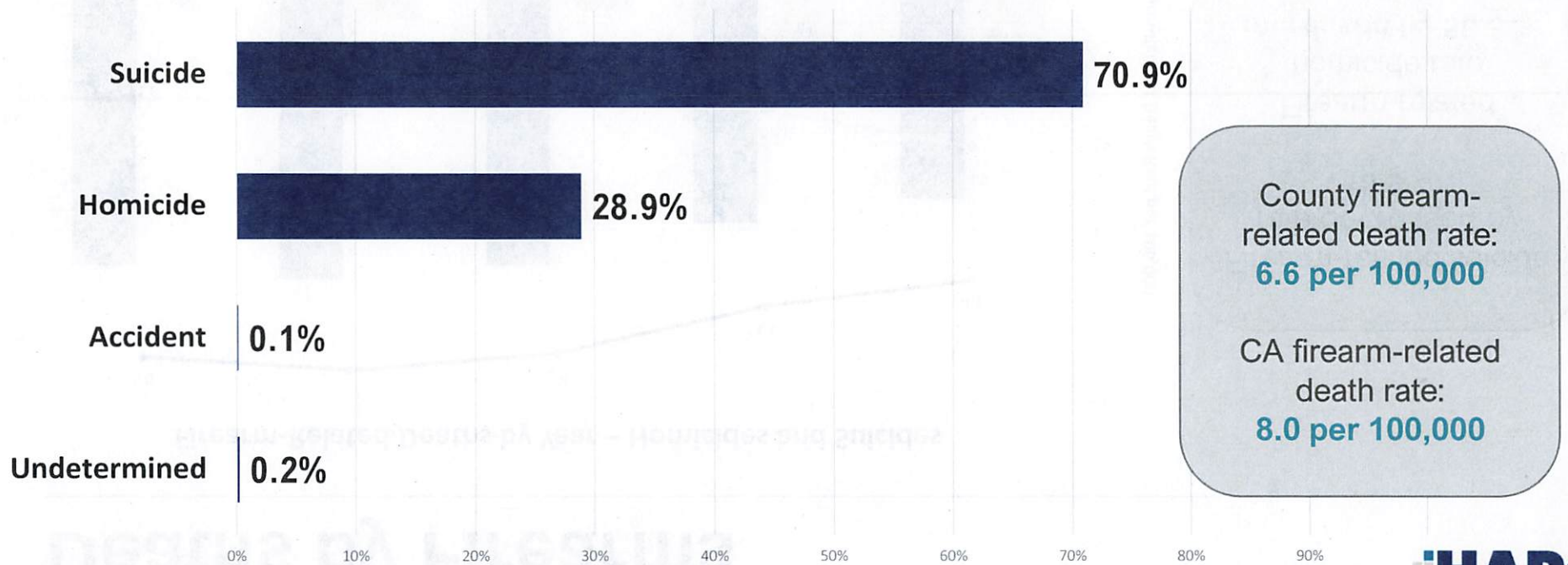
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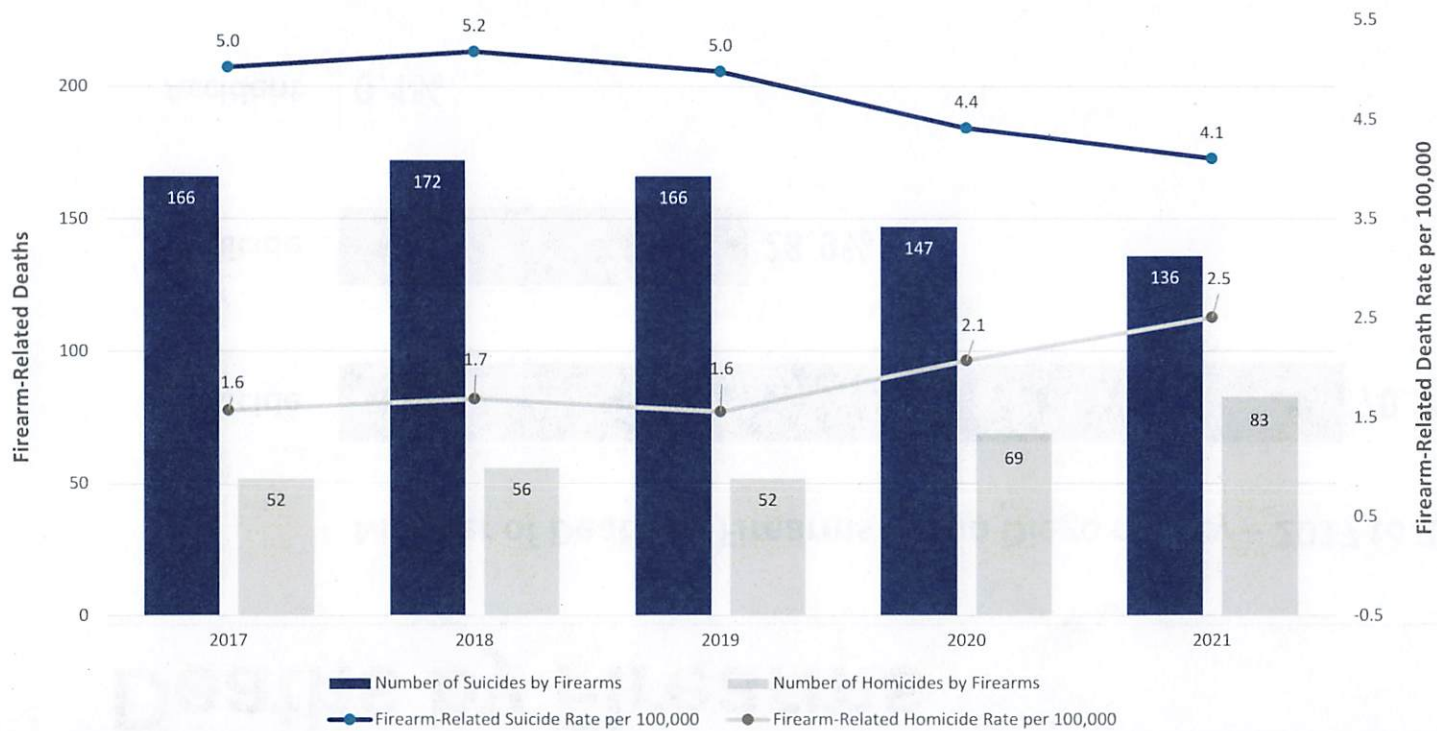
Deaths by Firearms

Manner of Death by Firearms in San Diego county – 2017 to 2022



Deaths by Firearms

Firearm-Related Deaths by Year – Homicides and Suicides



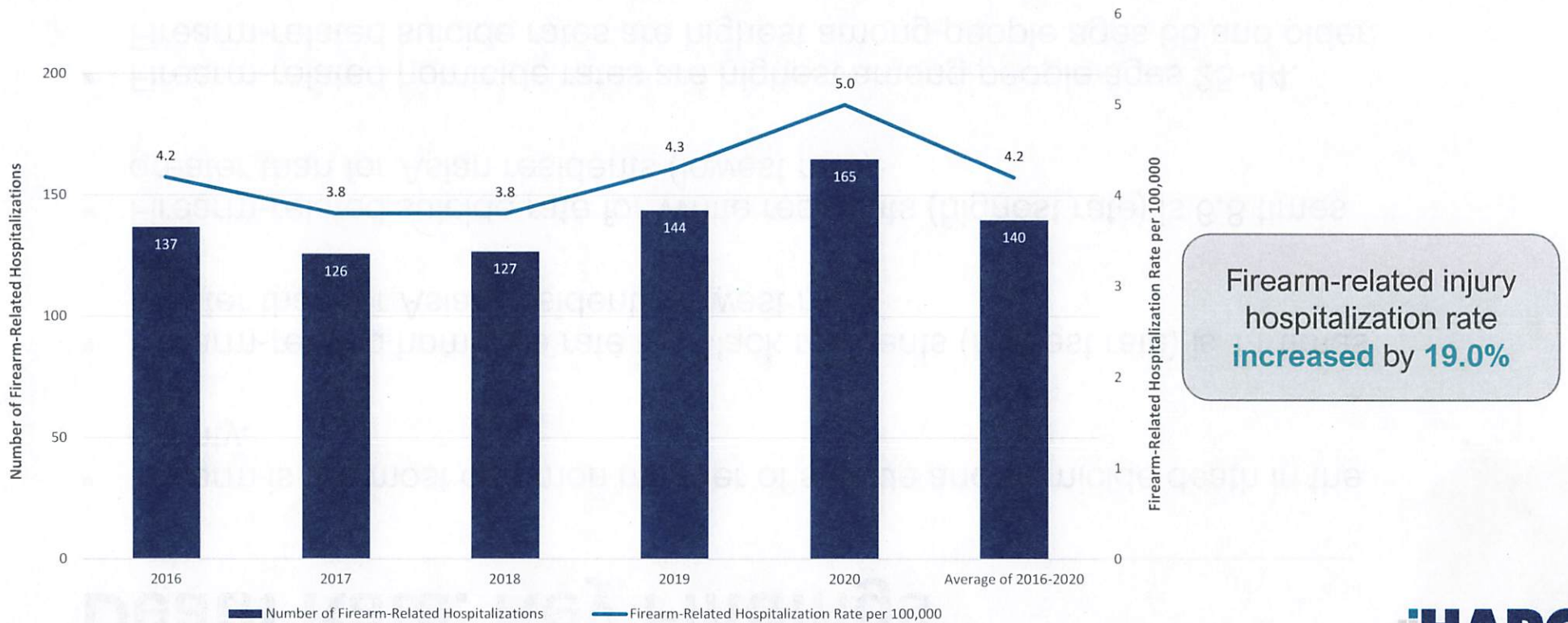
Firearm-related suicide rate **decreased** by **18.0%**

Firearm-related homicide rate **increased** by **56.3%**

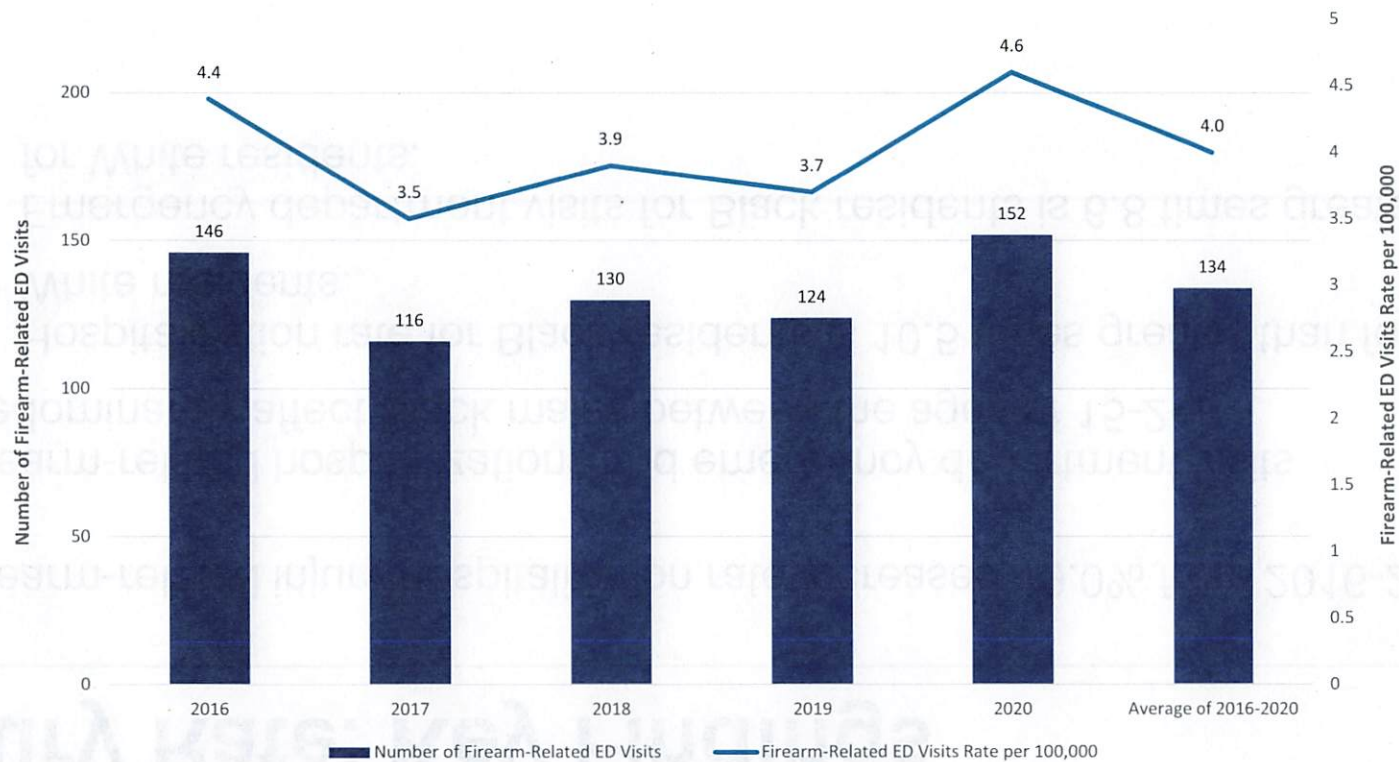
Death Rate: Key Findings

- Firearm is the most common manner of suicide and homicide death in the county.
- Firearm-related homicide rate for Black residents (highest rate) is 11 times greater than for Asian residents (lowest rate).
- Firearm-related suicide rate for White residents (highest rate) is 6.8 times greater than for Asian residents (lowest rate).
- Firearm-related homicide rates are highest among people ages 25-44. Firearm-related suicide rates are highest among people ages 65 and older.
- Nearly 1 in 5 (19.3%) firearm-related deaths were indicated as being veterans, the great majority (93.3%) died by suicide.

Firearm-Related Hospitalizations

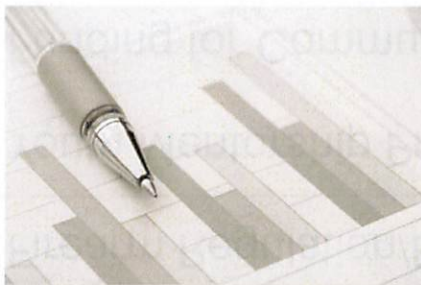


Firearm-Related Emergency Dept Visits



Injury Rate: Key Findings

- Firearm-related injury hospitalization rate increased 19.0% from 2016-2020.
- Firearm-related hospitalizations and emergency department visits predominantly affect Black males between the ages of 15-24.
 - Hospitalization rate for Black residents is 10.5 times greater than for White residents.
 - Emergency department visits for Black residents is 6.8 times greater than for White residents.



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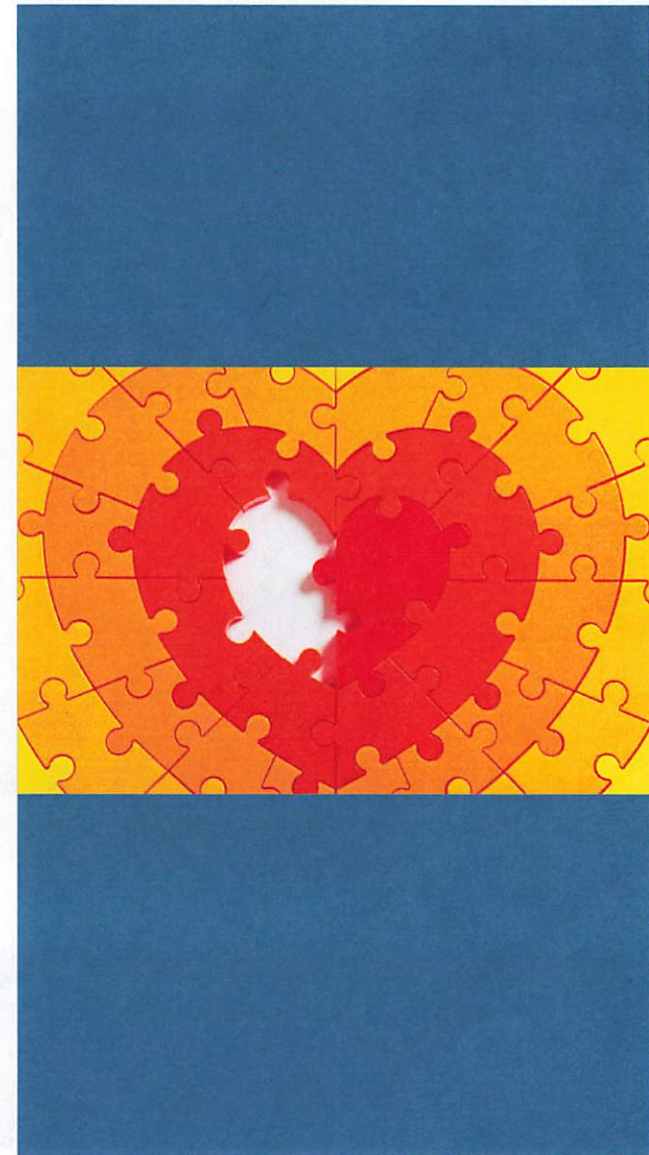
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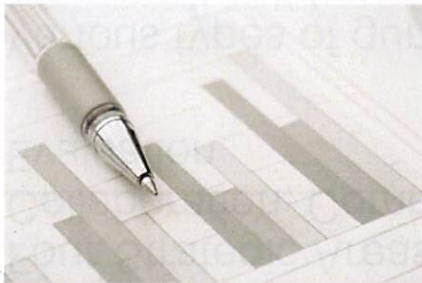
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Community Input: Trends

Solutions to Gun Violence

- Mental Health Care
- Strict Enforcement/Penalties for Crimes
- Firearm Regulation/Background Checks
- Youth Mentorship Programs
- Funding for Community-Based Organizations





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Best Practice Research

- Best practice literature review
- Public Health Approach
 - Prevention Principles: Primary, Secondary, Tertiary
- Four Strategic Areas: Advocacy & Awareness, Community Engagement & Collaboration, Community Health & Trauma-Informed Practice, Planning & Evaluation
- Various types of gun violence: suicide, domestic/intimate partner violence, and community violence

Recommendations

ADVOCACY & AWARENESS

Prevention resources related to suicide, domestic violence and community violence

No-cost gun lock distribution

Gun safety awareness training

Temporary and voluntary firearm transfers

Suicide screening tool for healthcare providers

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & COLLABORATION

Gun Violence Reduction Advisory Group

Networking Events & Roundtables

Online Collaboration Platform

COMMUNITY HEALING & TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICE

Youth-focused programs and services in communities at highest risk

Partnership between trauma hospitals and community-based organizations

PLANNING & EVALUATION

County office or unit to lead gun violence reduction efforts

Strategic plans to address gun violence in communities at highest risk

Monitoring and evaluation framework

Share local data with stakeholders

Townhall/ listening session to share ongoing progress

Fund violence prevention and intervention efforts

Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan

- 18 actions informed by HARC analysis and broad input
- Reflect guiding principles
 - Community-Led
 - Solution-Focused
 - Person-Centered
 - Equity-Oriented
- Span HARC's four key strategic areas and the spectrum of prevention strategies: primary, secondary, tertiary
- Apply to suicide, domestic violence, and community violence



Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan – Year 1

Develop and share educational content related to suicide prevention

Promote gun lock distribution programs

Monitor state/federal actions for opportunities for investment in communities impacted by gun violence

Coordinate Gun Violence Reduction Advisory Group

Create and host online collaboration platform for organizations

Plan for how gun violence reduction work will be structured within the County

Establish monitoring and evaluation framework

Share local aggregate data on gun violence in the county with stakeholders

Coordinate townhall/listening sessions to evaluate perception of progress

Identify and apply for grant funds to support programs and services



Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan – Future Years

- Develop local strategic plans to reduce gun violence
- Identify opportunities to enhance violence intervention programs
- Identify opportunities to enhance youth-focused violence prevention programs and services
- Establish partnerships with trauma hospitals and community-based organizations to strengthen/enhance support services for firearm injury patients and their families



Recommendations

- Receive Gun Violence Community Needs Assessment Final Report and recommendations.
- Receive Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan.
- Authorize the County to submit grant applications and accept grant funding to support violence prevention and intervention programs and services in San Diego County.
- Return to the Board in early 2024 with a structure, evaluation plan and updates on implementation of the Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan.



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San Diego County Suicide Death Counts and Rates per 100,000 of Population, 2017 - 2021

Manner & Method of Death		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	5 Year Change
County Population Estimate		3,303,367	3,321,118	3,333,319	3,331,279	3,315,404	+0.4%
Overall Suicides ¹	Count	453	460	423	414	378	-17%
	Rate	13.7	13.9	12.7	12.4	11.4	
Firearm	Count	166	172	166	147	137	-18%
	Rate	5.0	5.2	5.0	4.4	4.1	
Asphyxia (Hanging/Suffocation)	Count	135	152	132	142	126	-7%
	Rate	4.1	4.6	4.0	4.3	3.8	
Drug - Medication	Count	67	55	40	47	43	-36%
	Rate	2.0	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.3	
Jumping	Count	37	35	47	43	34	-8%
	Rate	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.0	
Cutting/Stabbing	Count	14	14	9	9	10	-29%
	Rate	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Train	Count	11	11	7	5	7	-37%
	Rate	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	
All Others ²	Count	23	21	22	21	21	-9%
	Rate	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	

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Overall Homicides¹	Count	95	93	99	118	138	+45%
	Rate	2.9	2.8	3.0	3.5	4.2	
Firearm	Count	52	56	52	69	83	+59%
	Rate	1.6	1.7	1.6	2.1	2.5	
<i>Law Enforcement Involved Shooting²</i> <i>(Subset of all Firearm-related Homicides)</i>	Count	14	4	4	9	9	-36%
	Rate	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	
<i>Possible DV Involved Shooting³</i> <i>(Subset of all Firearm-related Homicides)</i>	Count	9	13	11	10	3	-67%
	Rate	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	
Cutting/Stabbing	Count	17	19	19	27	22	+29%
	Rate	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.7	
Blunt Force	Count	3	7	13	9	12	+300%
	Rate	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	
Assault	Count	16	6	1	4	9	-44%
	Rate	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	
All Others⁴	Count	7	5	14	9	12	+71%
	Rate	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	