

LINKING DATA TO SAVE LIVES

How CDC's NATIONAL VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM data can help prevent violent deaths.

Violence is a major PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM.

In the US,
**SEVEN
PEOPLE
PER HOUR**
die a
violent
death

In 2019, more than
19,100 PEOPLE
DIED BY
HOMICIDE



In 2019, more than
47,500 PEOPLE
DIED BY
SUICIDE



These deaths cost the economy nearly
\$104 BILLION
IN MEDICAL CARE AND
LOST WORK ALONE.

The TRUE TOLL of violent deaths

the burden on the criminal justice system, erosion of entire communities, and the long-term physical, psychological, and emotional consequences on victims and their families

is immeasurable.

Preventing Violent Deaths Starts with KNOWING THE FACTS

The National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) is the only state-based reporting system that links information from multiple sources in a usable, anonymous database.

NVDRS brings together data on the **WHO, WHEN, WHERE, and HOW** of violent deaths to help us better understand **WHY** they occurred.

NVDRS Collects Detailed Information from...



Law Enforcement Reports



Death Certificates



Coroner/Medical Examiner Reports
(Including Toxicology Reports)

Data are collected in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.

What KIND of Data Does NVDRS Collect?

NVDRS covers all types of violent deaths, in all settings, for all age groups. Over 600 data elements are captured, including:

- Location of injury
- Characteristics of victim
- Relationship of victim to suspect
- Weapons used
- Toxicology reports
- Alcohol or substance abuse
- Mental health problems and treatment
- Intimate partner violence
- Physical health problems
- Relationship problems
- Problems with job or finances

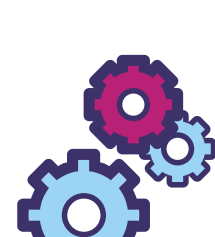
How Can NVDRS Data be Used to Prevent Violent Deaths?



INFORM DECISION MAKERS about the magnitude, trends, and characteristics of violent deaths



EDUCATE COMMUNITIES about circumstances that contribute to violence



HELP DECISION MAKERS AND PROGRAM PLANNERS develop and enhance comprehensive violence prevention efforts to maximize benefits.

For more information, including how to access the NVDRS database, visit

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/datasources/nvdrs/index.html>

