

# Bibliography of Suicide and Homicide Gun Death Analyses

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# Introduction

- This sixth (and final) edition of our Gun Death 5 Slide Series provides web links to many other persons'/organization's work and research related to gun deaths in the United States.
- This work can be valuable to those working in the field of population health/public health in disseminating objective information about the risks of gun ownership.
- The more often and more widely this kind of information gets shared, the greater the opportunity to help households make safer gun choices -- and to reverse the nation's trend of growing gun-related deaths.

# Data Sources Drawn Upon In Our Work This Summer

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System \(WISQARS\)](#)
  - The WISQARS database was our primary resource in tabulating trends and disparities for total deaths and firearm-related deaths at the country and state-levels. The CDC gathers this information from their National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) mortality data files.
- [RAND State-Level Estimates of Household Firearm Ownership](#)
  - A database comprised of state-level estimates of household firearm ownership each year from 1980 to 2016.

# General Trends in Gun Violence and Gun Ownership

- [Preventing Gun Deaths: A Public Health Perspective Lecture](#) (University of Virginia: Steven Miles)
  - A 2017 lecture by bioethicist Dr. Steven Miles of the University of Minnesota on the problem of gun violence in the US from a public health perspective.
- [“Trends and Disparities in Firearm Fatalities in the United States, 1990-2021”](#) (JAMA: [Chris A. Rees, MD, MPH](#); [Michael C. Monuteaux, ScD](#); [Isabella Steidley](#); et al)
- [“What the data says about gun deaths in the US”](#) (John Gramlich)
  - A 2023 Pew Research Center article on trends and disparities in firearm homicide and suicide rates from ~ 2015 to 2021.

# General Trends in Gun Violence and Gun Ownership (cont.)

- ["The Behavioral Science of Firearms: Implications for Mental Health, Law and Policy; Chapter 8: 'Main Findings and Future Directions in the Behavioral Science of Firearms'"](#) (Oxford University Press: Gianni Pirelli, Hayley Wechsler, Robert J. Cramer)
- ["Who Owns a Handgun? An Analysis of the Correlates of Handgun Ownership in Young Adulthood"](#) (NIH: Mitchell Gresham and Stephen Demuth)
- ["Deaths Due to Injury by Firearms per 100,000"](#) (KFF)

# Guns and Homicides

- [“The Relationship between Gun Ownership and Firearm Homicide Rates in the United States, 1981-2010”](#) (AJPH: Michael Siegel, Craig Ross, and Charles King)
- [“Three Questions about Firearm Deaths: Key Patterns from a Decade of Data”](#) (KFF: Heather Saunders, Nirmita Panchal, Robin Rudowitz, and Patrick Drake)
- [“Why Even Public Health Experts Have Limited Insight Into Stopping Gun Violence in America”](#) (KFF: Christine Spolar)

# Guns and Suicides

- [“Do States with Easier Access to Guns have more Suicide Deaths by Firearm?”](#) (KFF: Heather Saunders)
- [“Type of Firearm Used in Suicides: Findings From 13 States in the National Violent Death Reporting System, 2005–2015”](#) (Journal of Adolescent Health: T.J. Hanlon, Catherine Barber, Deborah Azrael, and Matthew Miller)
- [“CDC Provisional Data: Gun Suicides Reach All-time High in 2022, Gun Homicides Down Slightly from 2021”](#) (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health)
- [“The Choice of Weapons in Firearm Suicides:”](#) (AJPH: Garen J. Wintemute, MPH, Stephen P. Teret, Jess F. Kraus, Mona W. Wright)

# Population Dynamics in Gun Violence and Gun Ownership

## *Race*

- [“The uprising of gun violence in the United States: consequences of a dual pandemic”](#) (NIH: Morgan Schellenberg and Andrew Walters)
- [“Differences in Perceptions of Gun-Related Safety by Race and Gun Ownership in the United States”](#) (NIH: Ward, Julie A., et. al.)

## *Mental Health*

- [“Why Addressing Mental Illness isn’t Enough to Address Gun Violence”](#) (PBS News Hour)

## *Socioeconomic class*

- [“Can Gun Violence be Traced Back to Socioeconomic Root Causes?”](#) (Northeastern University: Daniel Kim)



# Examples of Ongoing Efforts at Our Universities

- [Gun Violence Solutions Project | Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost \(virginia.edu\)](#) (University of Virginia)
- <https://publichealth.jhu.edu/center-for-gun-violence-solutions> (Johns Hopkins University)
- <https://vrc.umd.edu/> (University of Maryland)

# 5 Slide Series Overview

Our 5 Slide Series is typically a monthly publication whereby we briefly discuss/address a selected topic outside the confines of our client engagements. The Menges Group has developed a variety of datasets that we use to support our 5 Slide Series and client projects.

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