Firearm Suicide in Delaware

- Nearly half of all gun deaths in Delaware are suicides.
- The majority of suicides (45%) in Delaware are by firearm.
- The firearm suicide rate in Delaware has been consistently lower than the national rate over the last decade (2006-2015).
- 76% of people who die by firearm suicide in Delaware are male; and 85% are White.

**Gun Deaths in Delaware, 2015**

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Total Gun Deaths in 2015: 112
Total Suicide Deaths in 2015: 122

**Firearm Suicide Rate over the last decade, 2006-2015**

- 6.48 (2015)
- 5.5 (2015)

Delaware: 2006-2015
Firearm Suicide in Delaware – Demographic Information

2008-2014, Delaware
Death Rates per 100,000 Population
Firearm, Suicide, All Races, All Ethnicities, Both Sexes, All Ages
Annualized Crude Rate for Delaware: 5.24

Report for All Ages include those of unknown age.
* Rates based on 20 or fewer deaths may be unstable. These rates are suppressed for counties (see legend above); such rates are marked with an asterisk.

Note: The most recently available CDC data is 2015; as such, 2015 data is used where appropriate.

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Data Sources: NCHS National Vital Statistics System for numbers of deaths; US Census Bureau for population estimates.


Firearm Suicide Deaths in Delaware, 2015, by sex
- 76% (n=42) Male
- 24% (n=13) Female

Firearm Suicide Deaths in Delaware, 2015, by race
- 85% (n=47) White
- 15% (n=8) Other