Firearm Suicide in California

- Half of all gun deaths in California are suicides.
- Firearm is the most lethal mean of suicide and 37% of all suicides are by firearm in California.
- 90% of people who die by firearm suicide in California are male; and 91% are White.

**GunDeaths in California, 2015**

- 50% (n=1,559) Suicide
- 45% (n=1,396) Homicide
- 5% (n=140) Other

**Suicide Deaths in California, 2015**

- 37% (n=1,559) Firearm
- 33% (n=1,391) Suffocation
- 17% (n=700) Poisoning

Total Gun Deaths in 2015: 3,095
Total Suicide Deaths in 2015: 4,167

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

- California: 3.78
- US: 6.48
Firearm Suicide in California – Demographic Information

2008-2014, California
Death Rates per 100,000 Population
Firearm, Suicide, All Races, All Ethnicities, Both Sexes, All Ages
Annualized Crude Rate for California: 4.08

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