FIREARM SUICIDE IN VIRGINIA

- The firearm suicide rate in Virginia increased 17% from 2009 to 2018.
- Dickenson County had the highest ten-year average firearm suicide rate (26.82 deaths per 100,000) and Arlington County had the lowest (2.25 deaths per 100,000).
- In 2018:
  - Two-thirds of gun deaths (66%) were suicides
  - More than half of all suicides (55%) were by firearms
  - 84% of firearm suicide decedents were male and 85% were non-Latino White

**GUN DEATHS IN VIRGINIA, 2018**

- Total Gun Deaths in 2018: 1,035

**SUICIDE DEATHS IN VIRGINIA, 2018**

- Total Suicide Deaths in 2018: 1,243

**FIREARM SUICIDE RATE, 2009-2018**

Note: Age-adjusted rates were used to allow for accurate comparisons between populations with differing age distributions.
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FIREARM SUICIDE RATE BY COUNTY, 2009-2018
Age-Adjusted Firearm Suicide Rate Per 100,000

Note: Counties in which the number of deaths is 20 or less are excluded from the map, as the CDC classifies death rates based upon counts of 20 or less as “unreliable.”

FIREARM SUICIDE DEATHS IN VIRGINIA BY SEX, 2018

- Male: 84% (n=572)
- Female: 16% (n=107)


Note: The most recently available CDC data is 2018; as such, 2018 data is used where appropriate.

FIREARM SUICIDE DEATHS IN VIRGINIA BY RACE, 2018

- White (non-Latino): 85% (n=577)
- Black: 10% (n=69)
- Other: 5% (n=33)

Note: The most recently available CDC data is 2018; as such, 2018 data is used where appropriate.