Firearm Homicide in Virginia

- Nearly 3 out of every 10 gun deaths in Virginia are homicides.
- The majority of homicides (74%) in Virginia are committed with firearms.
- The firearm homicide rate in Virginia has been consistently lower than the national rate over the last decade (2006-2015); however, the rate has been increasing since 2012.
- Eighty-two percent of firearm homicide victims are male; and 72% are Black.

### Firearm Homicide Rate over the last decade, 2006-2015

- **Age-adjusted Firearm Homicide Rate per 100,000**:
  - **Virginia**: 3.29 to 4.13
  - **US**: 2.14 to 2.57

### Total Gun Deaths in Virginia, 2015: 946

#### Graph

- **Suicide**: 4% (n=40)
- **Homicide**: 29% (n=276)
- **Other**: 67% (n=630)

### Total Homicide Deaths in Virginia, 2015: 374

#### Graph

- **Firearm**: 74% (n=276)
- **Cut/pierce**: 11% (n=43)
- **Other**: 15% (n=55)
Firearm Homicide in Virginia – Demographic Information

2008-2014, Virginia
Death Rates per 100,000 Population
Firearm, Homicide, All Races, All Ethnicities, Both Sexes, All Ages
Annualized Crude Rate for Virginia: 3.03

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