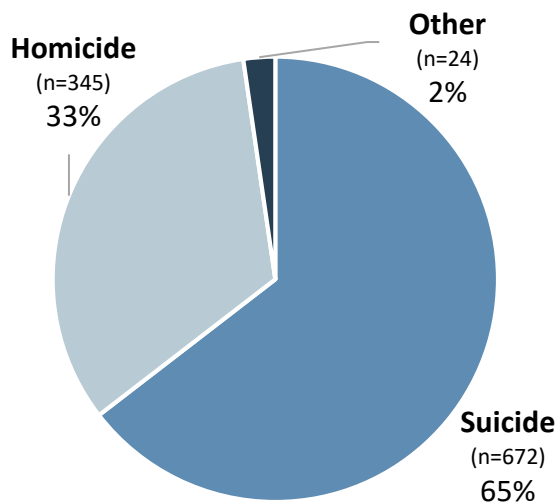


## FIREARM SUICIDE IN VIRGINIA

- The firearm suicide rate in Virginia increased 16% from 2008 to 2017.
- Dickenson County had the highest ten-year average firearm suicide rate (27.48 deaths per 100,000) and Arlington County had the lowest (2.70 deaths per 100,000) from 2013 to 2017.
- In 2017:
  - Nearly two-thirds of gun deaths (65%) were suicides
  - More than half of all suicides (57%) were by firearms
  - 85% of firearm suicide decedents were male and 89% were White

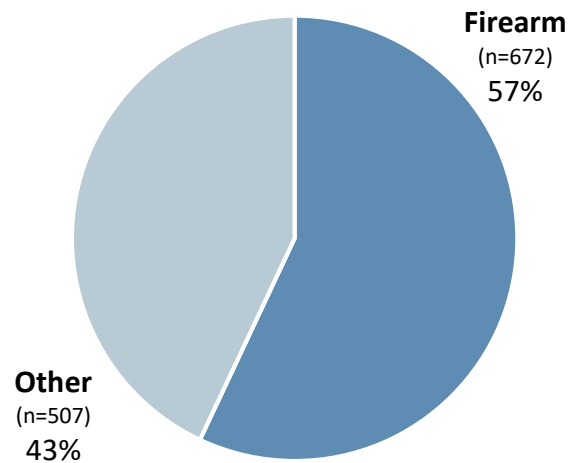
**GUN DEATHS IN VIRGINIA, 2017**



**Total Gun Deaths in 2017: 1,041**

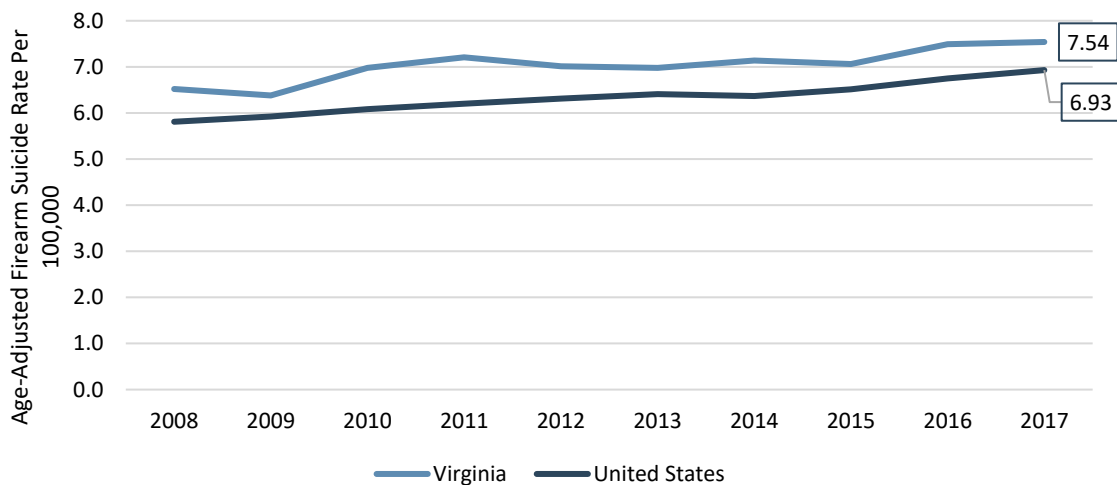
**SUICIDE DEATHS IN VIRGINIA, 2017**

*By Method*



**Total Suicide Deaths in 2017: 1,179**

**FIREARM SUICIDE RATE, 2008-2017**

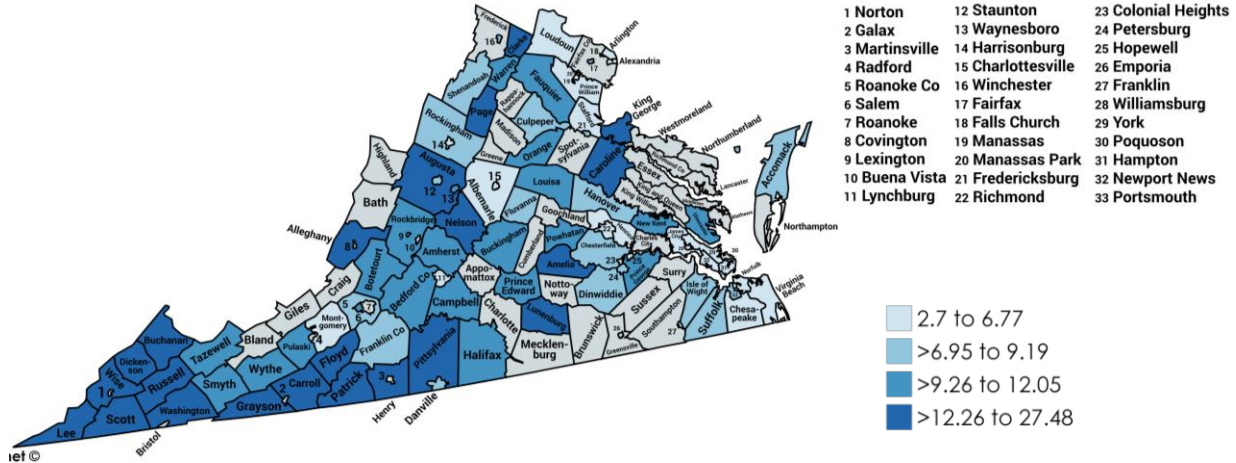


*Note: Age-adjusted rates were used to allow for accurate comparisons between populations with differing age distributions.*

## FIREARM SUICIDE IN VIRGINIA – DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

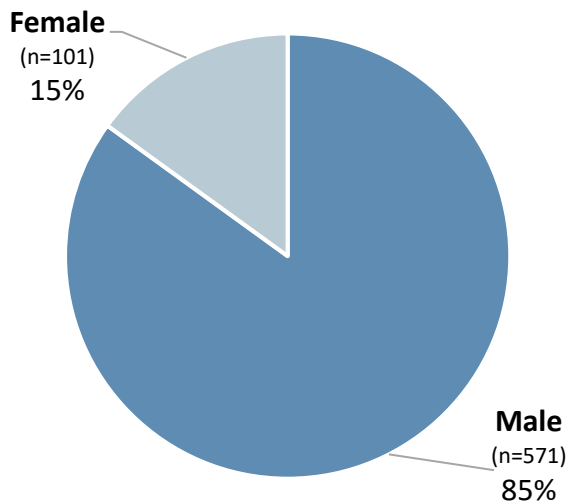
### FIREARM SUICIDE RATE BY COUNTY, 2008-2017

Age-Adjusted Firearm Suicide Rate Per 100,000

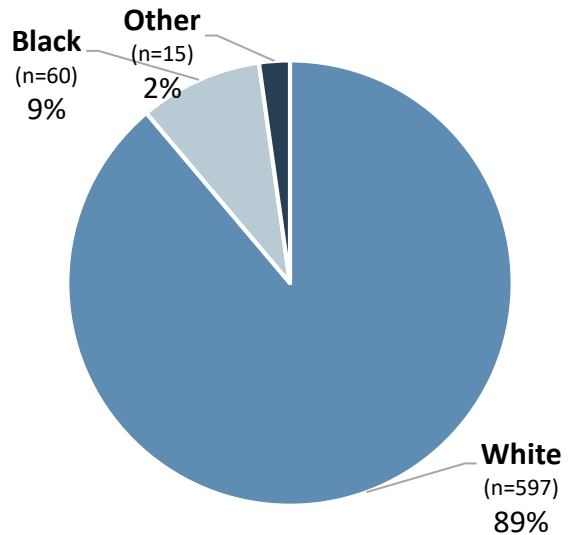


Note: Counties in which the number of deaths is 20 or less are excluded from the map, as the CDC classifies death rates based upon counts of 20 or less as “unreliable.”

### FIREARM SUICIDE DEATHS IN VIRGINIA BY SEX, 2017



### FIREARM SUICIDE DEATHS IN VIRGINIA BY RACE, 2017



**Source:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Suicide Deaths and Rates per 100,000. WONDER Online Database, 1999–2017. Available: <http://wonder.cdc.gov/ucd-icd10.html>

**Note:** The most recently available CDC data is 2017; as such, 2017 data is used where appropriate.