FIREARM HOMICIDE IN VIRGINIA

- The firearm homicide rate in Virginia increased 28% from 2008 to 2017.
- Petersburg City had the highest ten-year average firearm homicide rate (27.02 deaths per 100,000) and Fairfax County had the lowest (0.81 deaths per 100,000) from 2008 to 2017.
- In 2017:
  - One-third of gun deaths (33%) were homicides
  - The majority of homicides (76%) were committed with firearms
  - 81% of firearm homicide victims were male and 69% were Black

GUN DEATHS IN VIRGINIA, 2017

Suicide (n=672) 65%
Homicide (n=345) 33%
Other (n=24) 2%

Total Gun Deaths in 2017: 1,041

HOMICIDE DEATHS IN VIRGINIA, 2017

Firearm (n=345) 76%
Other (n=110) 24%

Total Homicide Deaths in 2017: 455

FIREARM HOMICIDE RATE, 2008-2017

Note: Age-adjusted rates were used to allow for accurate comparisons between populations with differing age distributions.
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FIREARM HOMICIDE RATE BY COUNTY, 2008-2017
Age-Adjusted Firearm Homicide 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 HOMICIDE DEATHS IN VIRGINIA BY SEX, 2017

- **Male** (n=278) 81%
- **Female** (n=67) 19%

FIREARM HOMICIDE DEATHS IN VIRGINIA BY RACE, 2017

- **Black** (n=240) 69%
- **White** (n=99) 29%
- **Other** (n=6) 2%


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