FIREARM HOMICIDE IN VIRGINIA

- The firearm homicide rate in Virginia increased 23% from 2010-2019.
- Petersburg City had the highest ten-year average firearm homicide rate (33.6 deaths per 100,000) and Arlington County had the lowest (2.68 deaths per 100,000) from 2010 to 2019.
- In 2019:
  - One-third of gun deaths (33%) were homicides
  - The majority of homicides (78%) were committed with firearms
  - 83% of firearm homicide victims were male and 69% were Black

GUN DEATHS IN VIRGINIA, 2019

- Homicide (n=342): 33%
- Suicide (n=661): 65%
- Other (n=22): 2%

TOTAL GUN DEATHS IN 2019: 1,025

HOMICIDE DEATHS IN VIRGINIA, 2019

- Firearm (n=342): 78%
- Other (n=94): 22%

TOTAL HOMICIDE DEATHS IN 2019: 436

FIREARM HOMICIDE RATE, 2010-2019

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, 2019

Male (n=283) 83%
Female (n=59) 17%

FIREARM HOMICIDE DEATHS IN VIRGINIA BY RACE, 2019

Black (n=235) 69%
White (n=105) 31%
Other (n=2)


Note: The most recently available CDC data is 2019; as such, 2019 data is used where appropriate.