**FIREARM SUICIDE IN VIRGINIA**

- The firearm suicide rate in Virginia has been consistently higher than the national average over the last decade.
- Dickenson County had the highest ten-year average firearm suicide rate (25.34 deaths per 100,000) and Arlington County had the lowest (2.34 deaths per 100,000).
- In 2019:
  - Nearly two-thirds of gun deaths (65%) were suicides
  - More than half of all suicides (58%) were by firearms
  - 85% of firearm suicide decedents were male and 87% were White

### GUN DEATHS IN VIRGINIA, 2019

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

**Total Gun Deaths in 2019: 1,025**

### SUICIDE DEATHS IN VIRGINIA, 2019

- **Firearm** (n=661) 58%
- **Other** (n=479) 42%

**Total Suicide Deaths in 2019: 1,140**

### FIREARM SUICIDE RATE, 2010-2019

![Graph showing the age-adjusted firearm suicide rate per 100,000 from 2010 to 2019 for Virginia and the United States.]
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, 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, 2019

Female
(n=99)
15%

Male
(n=562)
85%

FIREARM SUICIDE DEATHS IN VIRGINIA
BY RACE, 2019

Black
(n=74)
11%

Other
(n=15)
2%

White
(n=572)
87%


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