

# WA STATE GUN VIOLENCE CHEAT SHEET

*A living resource  
document for  
both the c3 & c4.*

## GUN VIOLENCE TOTALS & KEY STATISTICS

- In 2013, King County, WA estimated that 64,000 adults stored loaded and unlocked firearms in or around their homes. (1)
- Between 2009 – 2013, a total of 3,038 WA state residents died from a firearm related injury, and average of 607 a year. Of those, 191 (38/year) were youth aged 19 or younger. (1)
- Since 2008, firearm deaths top motor vehicle accidents for number of fatalities per year. In 2013, WA state reported 620 gun deaths compared to 454 automobile related deaths. (2)
- Suicides committed by firearm in WA state are higher than the national average. (3)
- In 2014, 56% of all WA state homicides were committed by firearm. (1)
- In 2013 there were 620 firearm deaths in WA state. Of those:
  - 77% were suicides,
  - 18% were homicides, and
  - 5% were unintentional, due to legal intervention, or undetermined. (2)
- In 2010, WA spent an estimated \$781 million on firearm-related injuries and deaths (an aggregate of medical costs and work loss). (2)
- Between 2009-2013, 1,472 WA state residents (294/year) were hospitalized for nonfatal firearm injuries, including 277 youths aged 19 or younger. (1)
- Total value of guns in WA state that were reported stolen in 2013 was just under \$4 million according to the WA Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. (1)

## SUICIDE

- Suicides account for nearly 80% of all firearm deaths in WA. (3)
- Men, aged 65 and older have a higher rate of suicide than any other group. (3)
- More than 75% of the firearms used in suicide attempts or unintentional injury were guns stored in the home of the victim, a relative, or a friend. (1)
- Between 2007 and 2011, Firearms accounted for 36% of all self-inflicted injuries in children 17 or younger. (1)
- WA counties with the highest unemployment rates report the highest firearm suicide rates between 2006-2010. (3)
- Between 2000-2010, 60% of all military suicides were committed by firearm. (4)
- Eastern WA has higher rates of suicide by firearm than Western WA (3)
- Men are six times more likely than women to commit suicide by firearm. (3)

## HOMICIDE

- Men between the ages of 25-44 are more likely to die from gun-related homicides than any other age group. Women of the same age are also more likely suffer fatal firearm injuries, but overall, men are three times as likely as women to die from gunshot related homicides. (3)
- Between 2009-2013 61% of all homicides of children aged 5-17 died as a result of a firearm. (1)
- In general, statistics show that homicide percentages are higher in areas of WA with low educational attainment as well as in lower income regions. (3)
- Unemployment rates, however, are not shown to correlate with income and education levels. (3)



## YOUTH

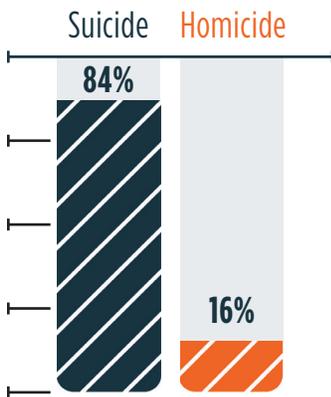
- Between 2010 -2014, 158 children aged 5-17 were hospitalized with firearm injuries and 108 died as a result of guns. (1)
- In WA state, a child or teen is killed in a gun-related incident every eight days. (1)
- WA State Superintendent of Public Instruction reported 91 incidents involving a gun on school grounds, within school facilities, or on school transportation during the 2013-2014 school year. (1)
- In a 2013 survey, 6% of Seattle students in grades 9-12 admitted to having a gun at least one day during the previous 30 days. (1)

## RACIAL & ETHNIC DEMOGRAPHICS

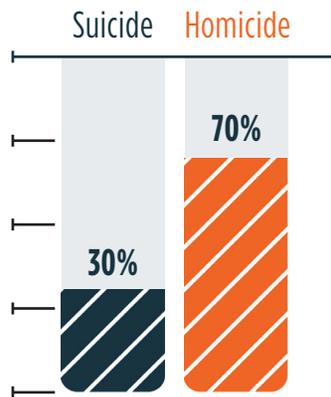
- White males, Native Americans, and non-Hispanics are at the greatest risk for firearm deaths by suicide. (3)
- Hispanics and blacks are at the greatest risk for firearm deaths by homicide. (3)

### The racial & ethnic breakdown of firearm deaths by intent in Washington between 2007-2011:

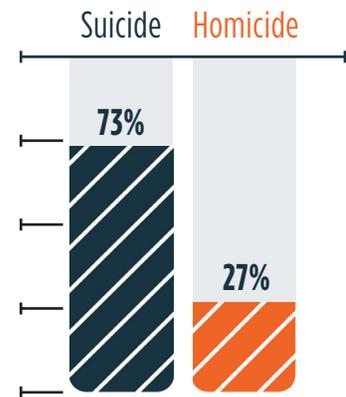
White combined deaths: **2573**



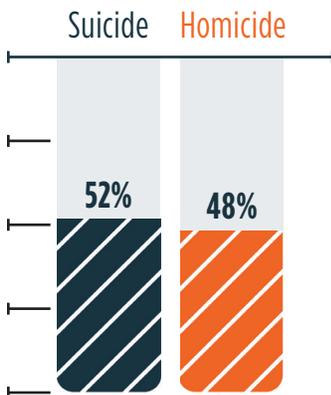
Black combined deaths: **134**



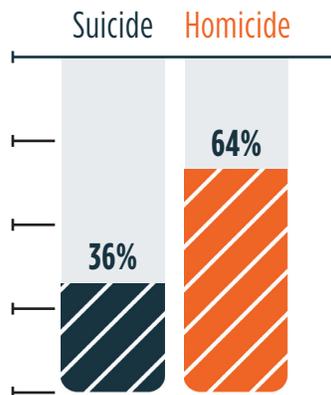
AM Indian combined deaths: **49**



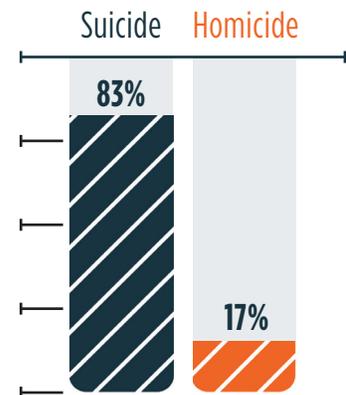
Asian combined deaths: **77**



Hispanic combined deaths: **209**



Non-Hispanic combined deaths: **2630**



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