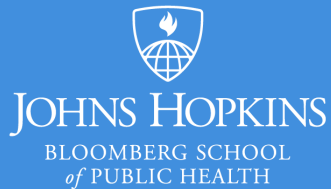


Gun Violence by the Numbers



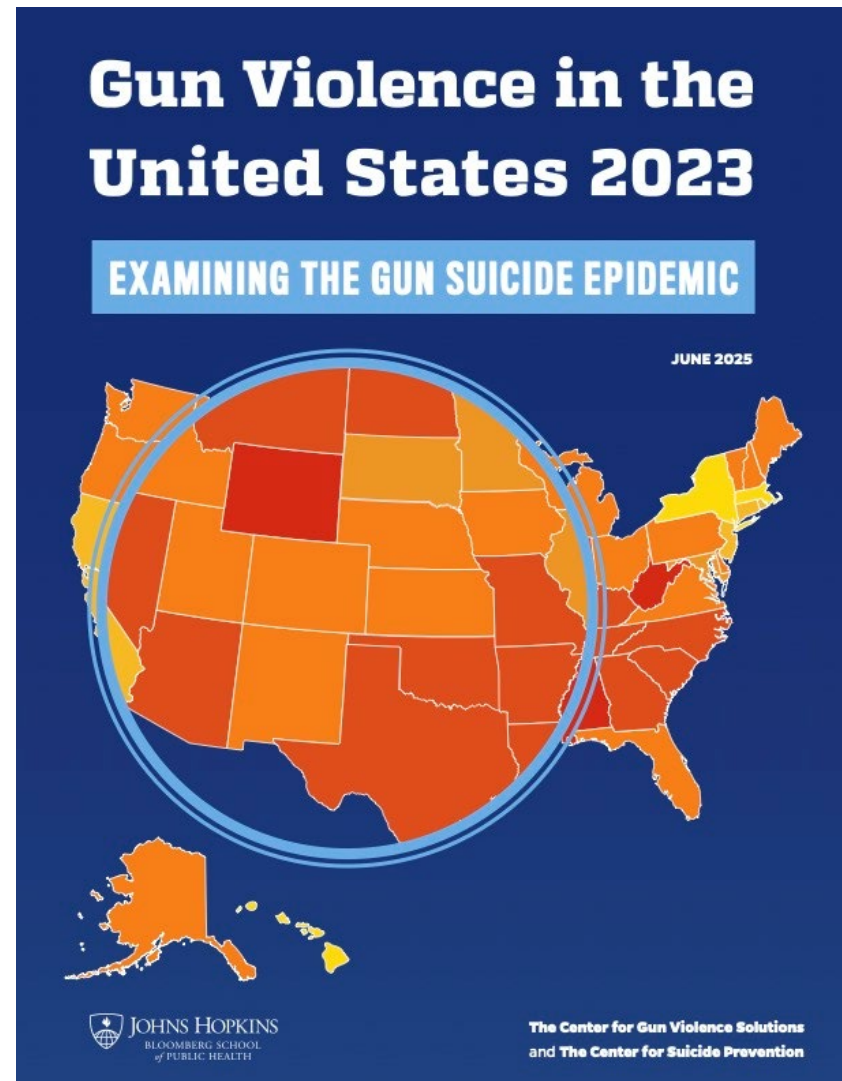
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2023 Five Fast Facts

For Gun Fatalities in the U.S.

1 ✓

46,728

PEOPLE DIED FROM FIREARMS IN THE U.S.

The third-highest total ever recorded



Someone was killed by a gun **every 11 minutes**

2 ✓

27,300

PEOPLE DIED BY FIREARM SUICIDE

The highest number ever recorded



Someone died of gun suicide **every 19 minutes**

3 ✓

Nearly **six** out of **every 10** gun deaths were suicides in the U.S.



Firearms were the **most common method** in fatal suicides among most age groups

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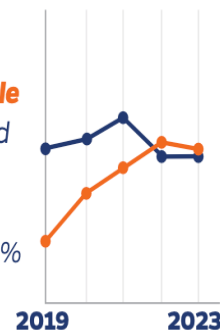
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Overall gun suicide rates among Black and Hispanic/Latino young people (ages 10–19) have surged as **the rate of young Black people more than tripled** (245%) and **the rate of young Hispanic/Latino people nearly doubled** (98%) from 2014 to 2023



The gun suicide rate for **young Black people** (ages 10–19) exceeded that of their **white peers** for the second year, increasing by 81% from 2019 to 2023



5



Wyoming's overall gun suicide rate was 10 times higher than **Massachusetts' overall gun suicide rate**



New Mexico had the highest gun suicide rate among young people (ages 10–19) in the country; at 9.7 per 100,000, this was over three times the national average for this age group (2.9 per 100,000)

An Overview of U.S. Gun Deaths in 2023

Figure 1

46,728 lives were lost to gun violence in 2023

 = 100 gun deaths



Suicide 27,300



Homicide 17,927



Unintentional 463



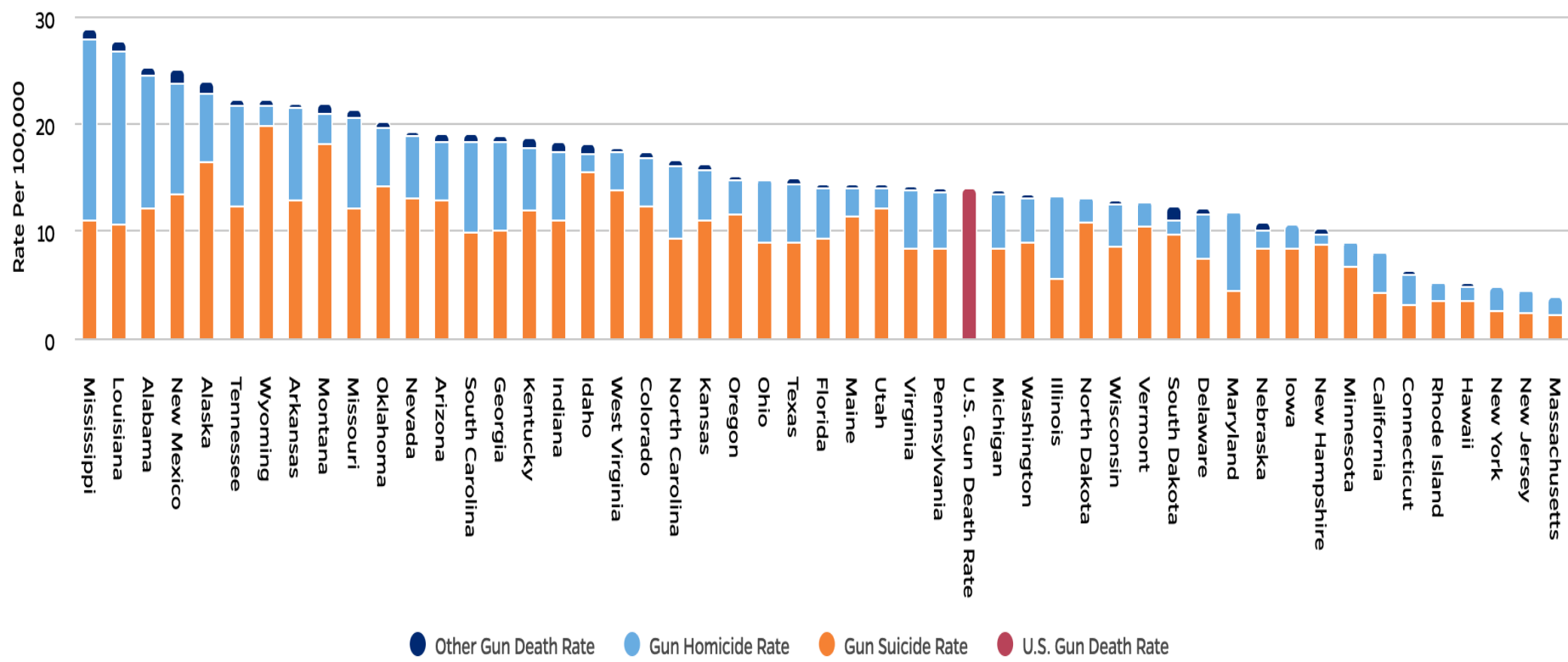
Legal Intervention* 604



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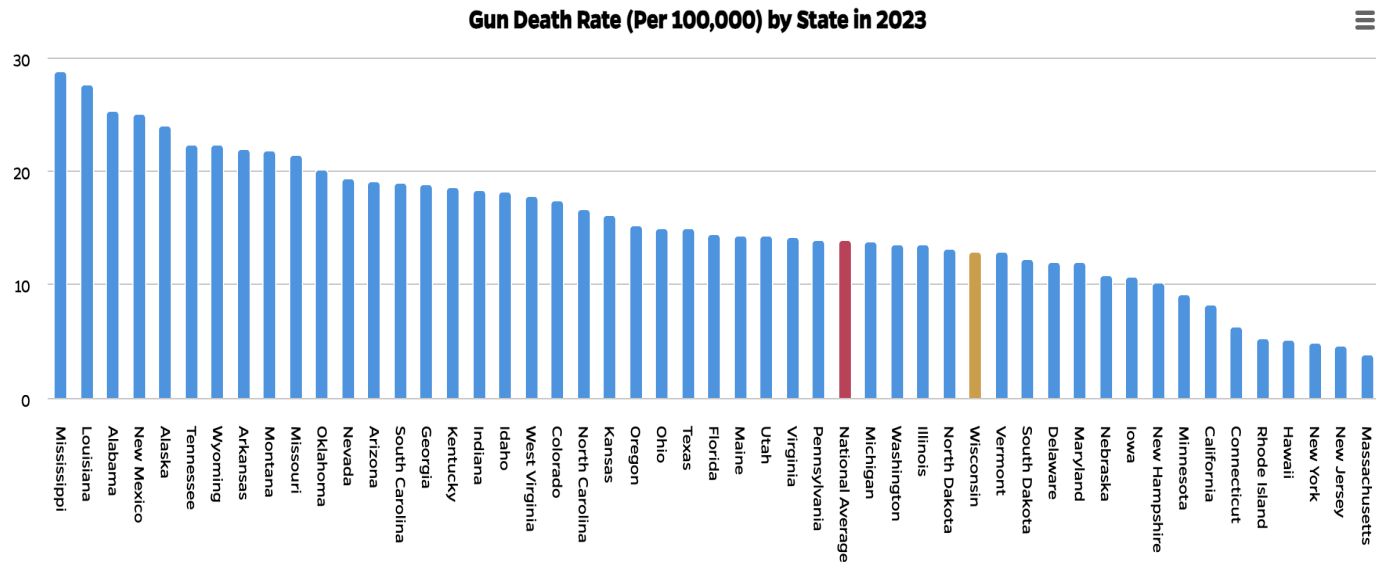
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Gun Death Rates by State, Highest to Lowest, 2023

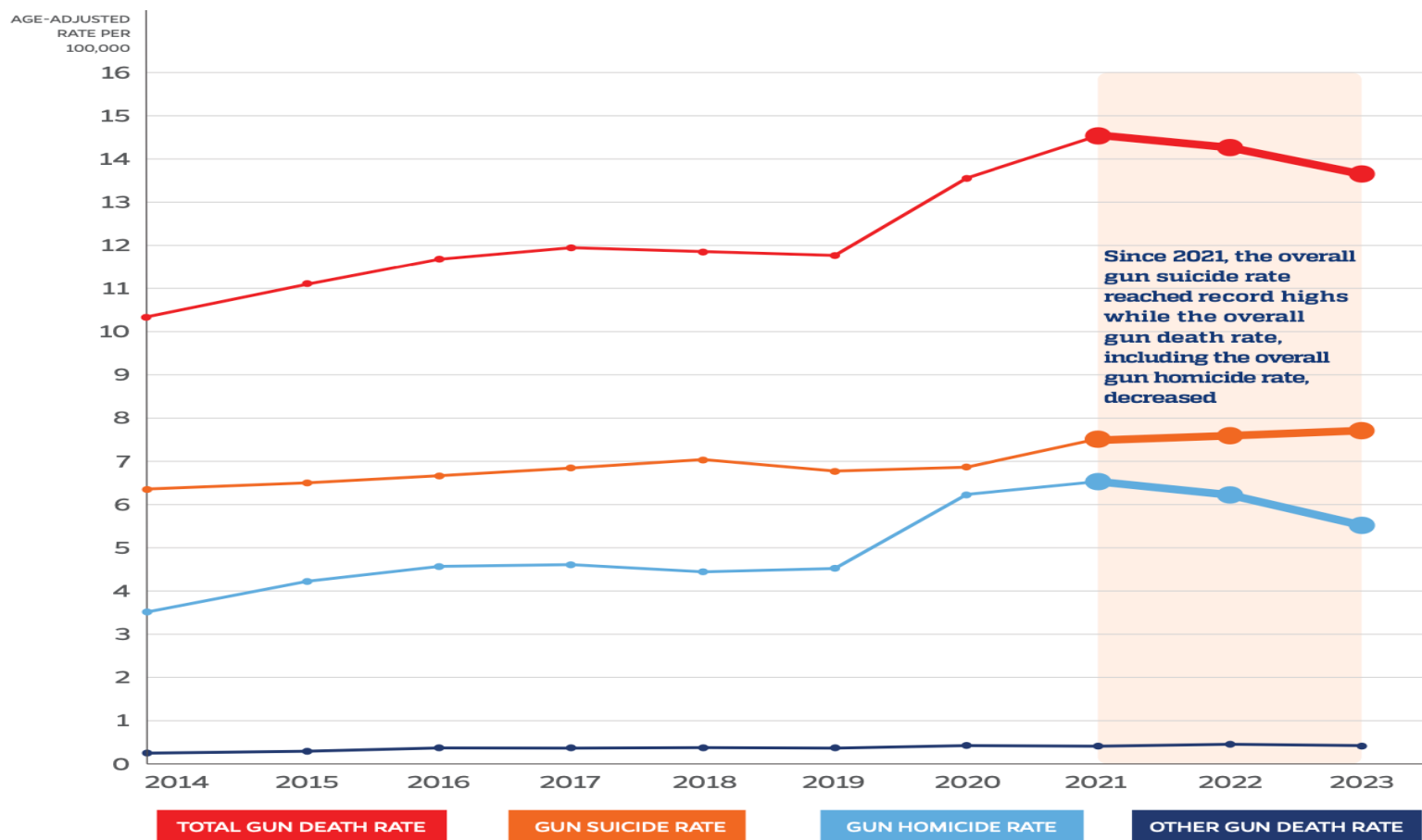


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An average of one person killed every 12 hours.



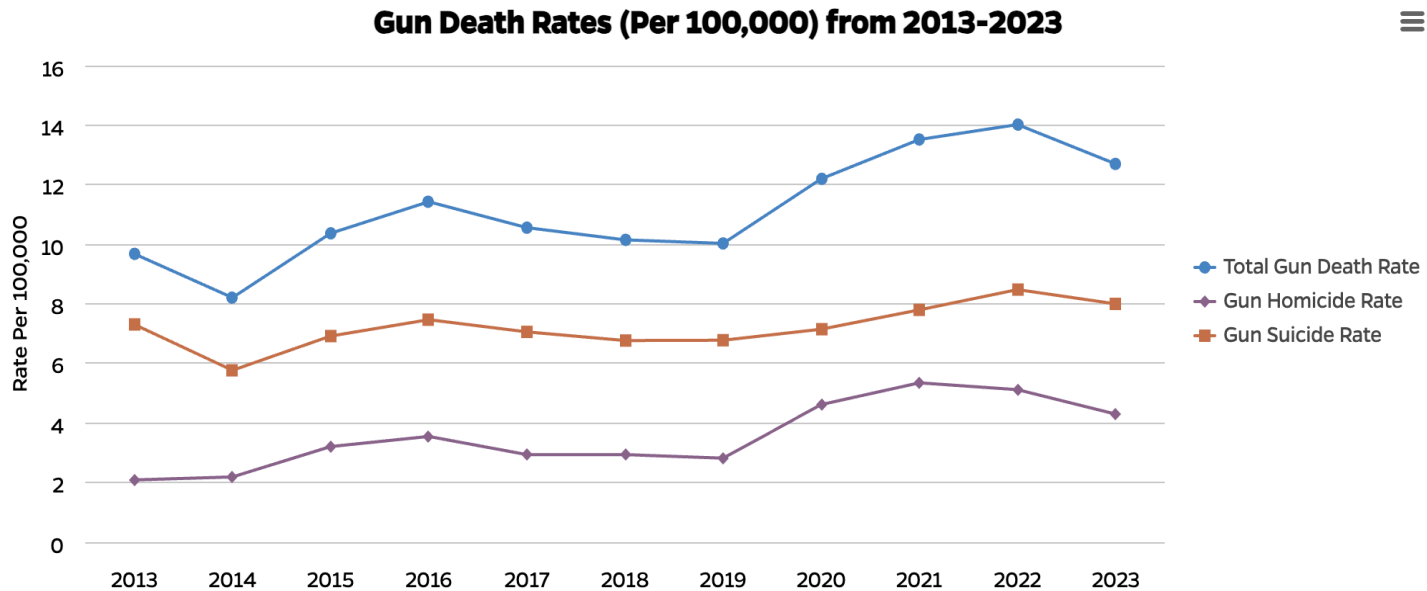
U.S. Gun Death Rates, 2014-2023



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Gun violence costs Wisconsinites \$9 billion annually.

This amounts to \$1,529 per person.



Lethality and Availability of Firearms

Figure 2.1

In 2023, 79% of all homicides were by firearm



Figure 2.2

In 2023, 55% of all suicides were by firearm



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762 Gun Deaths in Wisconsin

Based on most recent available finalized data from CDC (2023).



Key Takeaways

- The overall gun death rate increased by 55% from 2014 to 2023.
- Wisconsin had the 5th highest gun homicide rate among Black people in the country in 2023.
- Firearms were the second leading cause of death among young people ages 1-17 in 2023.
- In 2022, there were at least 42 domestic violence-related homicides in Wisconsin. 66% were by firearm.

Firearm Homicide in Wisconsin

5X

Males were five times as likely to die by gun homicide than females.

58X

Young people ages 15-34 accounted for 58% of all gun homicides in 2023.

41X

Black people were 41 times as likely to die by gun homicide than their white counterparts.

36%

Young Black males ages 15-34 made up 1% of the state's population but accounted for 36% of all gun homicide deaths in 2023.

Firearm Suicide in Wisconsin

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Males were eight times as likely to die by gun suicide than females.

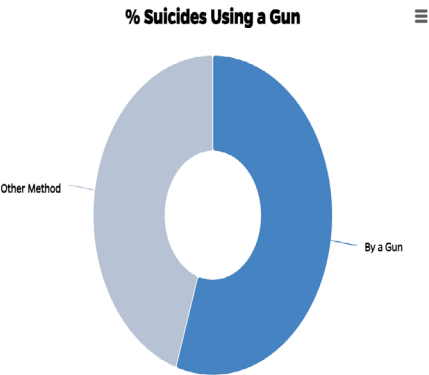
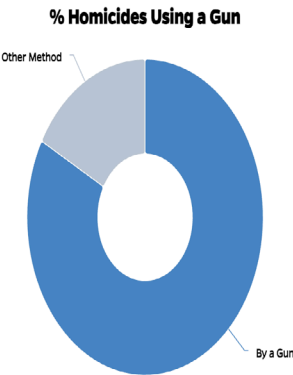
58%

White males over the age of 34 accounted for 24% of the population in Wisconsin but 58% of all gun suicide deaths in 2023.

42%

42% of all gun suicide deaths in 2023 were people over the age of 54.

Guns are used in the majority of homicides & suicides.



Gun Violence in Wisconsin

MOST RECENT DATA FROM CDC (2023)



762

gun deaths in
Wisconsin



43

children and
teens (1-17)



on average, one
person is killed
every 12 hours

236 GUN HOMICIDES

502 GUN SUICIDES

24 OTHER GUN DEATHS

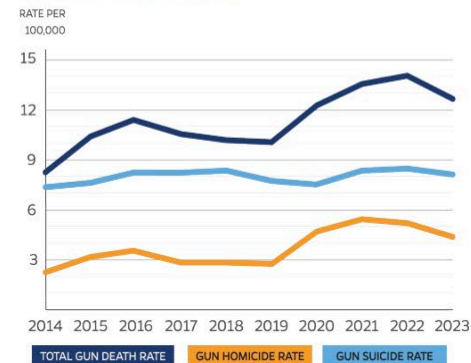
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Trends Over Time



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The overall gun homicide rate **increased by 95% over the last decade.**

Evidence-based solutions to ending gun violence exist.
Visit our website to learn more:



Wisconsin Violent Death Reporting System Data Dashboard



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Circumstances involved in homicide deaths

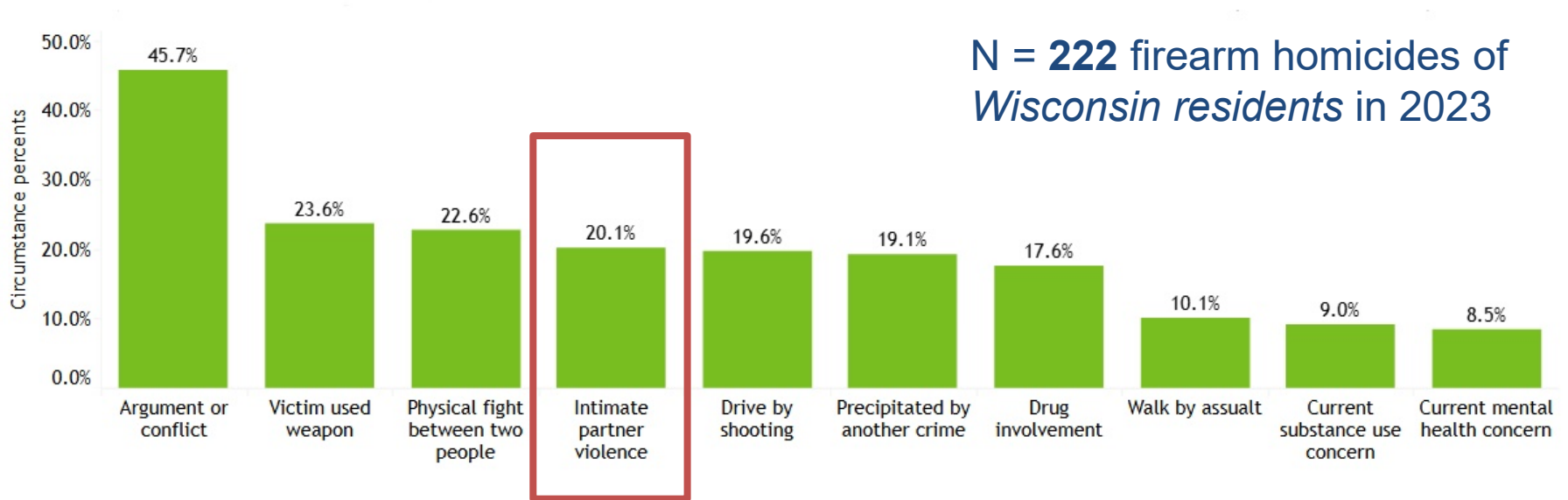
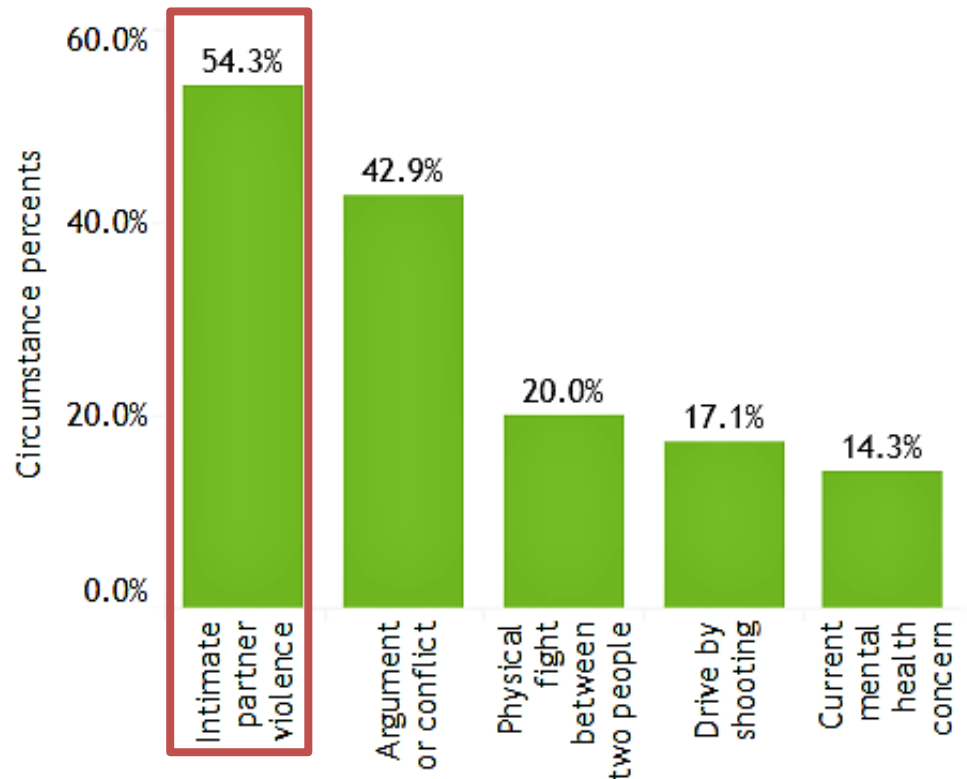


Figure 1: Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Wisconsin Violent Death Reporting System

Circumstances involved in homicide deaths



N = 39 firearm homicides of female Wisconsin residents in 2023

Figure 2: Wisconsin Department of Health Services

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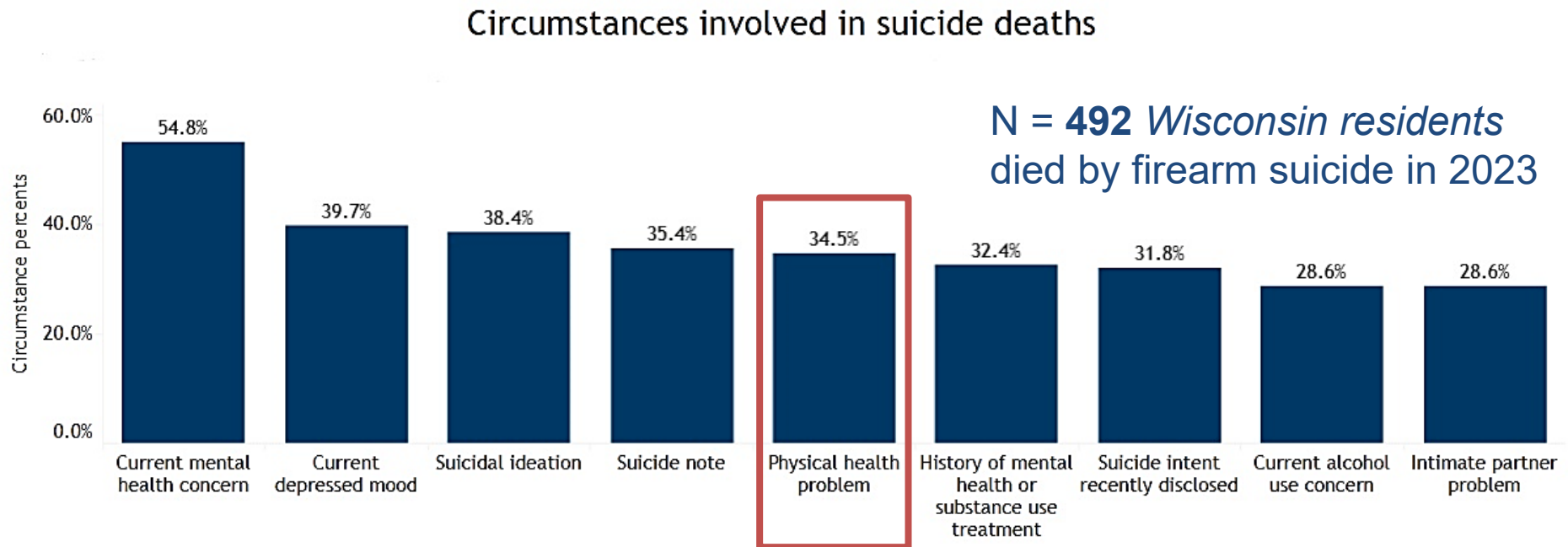


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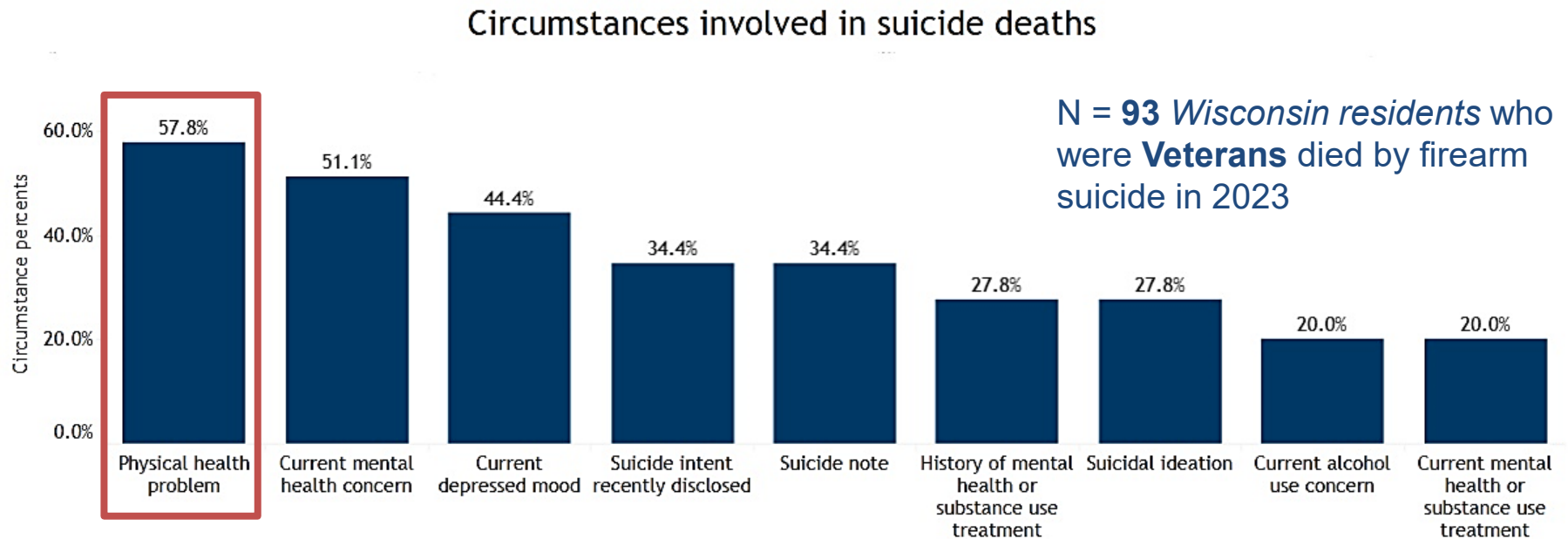


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