Firearm Fatality Trends 2021
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The CDC has posted the 2021 WISQARS injury fatality data

- From WISQARS we have updated our prior trend slides now through 2021 for youth firearm fatality data and produced the following trend charts, by age group, gender, and race/ethnicity.

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- The graphics are developed from publicly available federal data sources.
- At the bottom of each slide, the data source is given, and a link is provided for those seeking more information.
In 2021: 10,957 total firearm deaths (ages 0-24)

US Teenage (Ages 15-19) Firearm-Related Deaths by Race/Ethnicity, 1990-2021*

*1990-2017 data uses “bridged race” categories, whereas 2018-2021 data uses “single-race” categories. As a result, estimates for 2018 and beyond are not directly comparable to previous years.

Source: CDC/National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, WISQARS fatal injury reports
(https://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/fatal.html)
Intent of Firearm Deaths Among US Teenagers (Ages 15-19), 2018-2021

N= 13,031 (known intent only)

- Homicide: 64.2%
- Suicide: 33.3%
- Unintentional: 2.5%

Intent of Firearm Deaths Among US Teenagers (Ages 15-19) by Race/Ethnicity, 2018-2021

- **White Teens** (n = 3,991):
  - Homicide: 25%
  - Suicide: 72%
  - Unintentional: 3%

- **African American Teens** (n = 6,046):
  - Homicide: 8%
  - Suicide: 90%
  - Unintentional: 2%

- **Hispanic Teens** (n = 2,339):
  - Homicide: 27%
  - Suicide: 70%
  - Unintentional: 3%

Intent of Firearm Deaths Among US Teenagers (Ages 15-19) by Gender, 2018-2021

Male (n = 11,475)
- 64% Unintentional
- 33% Suicide
- 33% Homicide

Female (n = 1,554)
- 65% Unintentional
- 34% Suicide
- 34% Homicide