

Gun Violence in Delaware and its Impact on Intimate Partner Violence

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Gun Violence

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The Coalition for a Safer Delaware exists to end gun violence in Delaware and nationwide through prevention education, programs, policy, and partnerships.

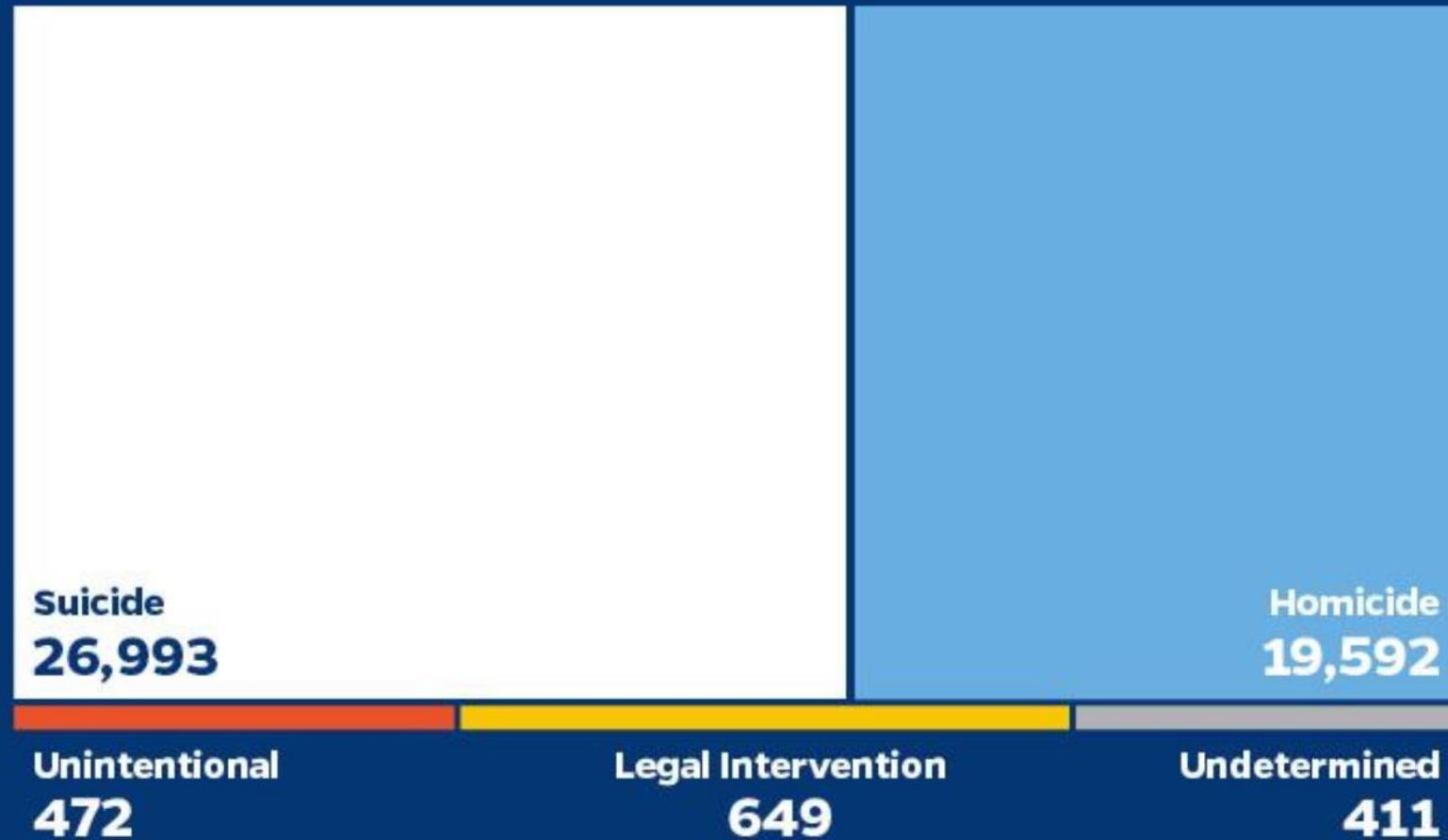


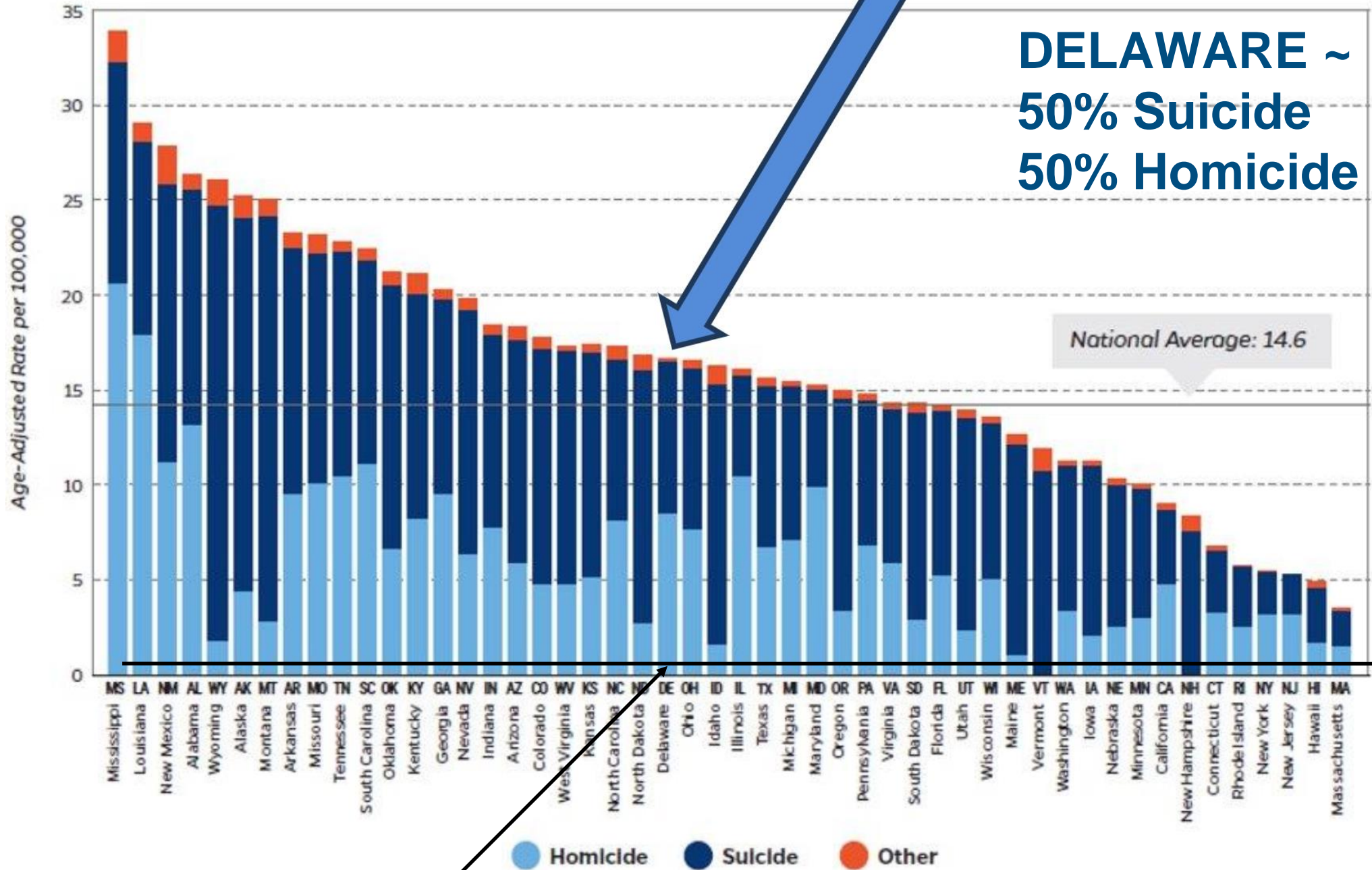
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Scope of the Problem

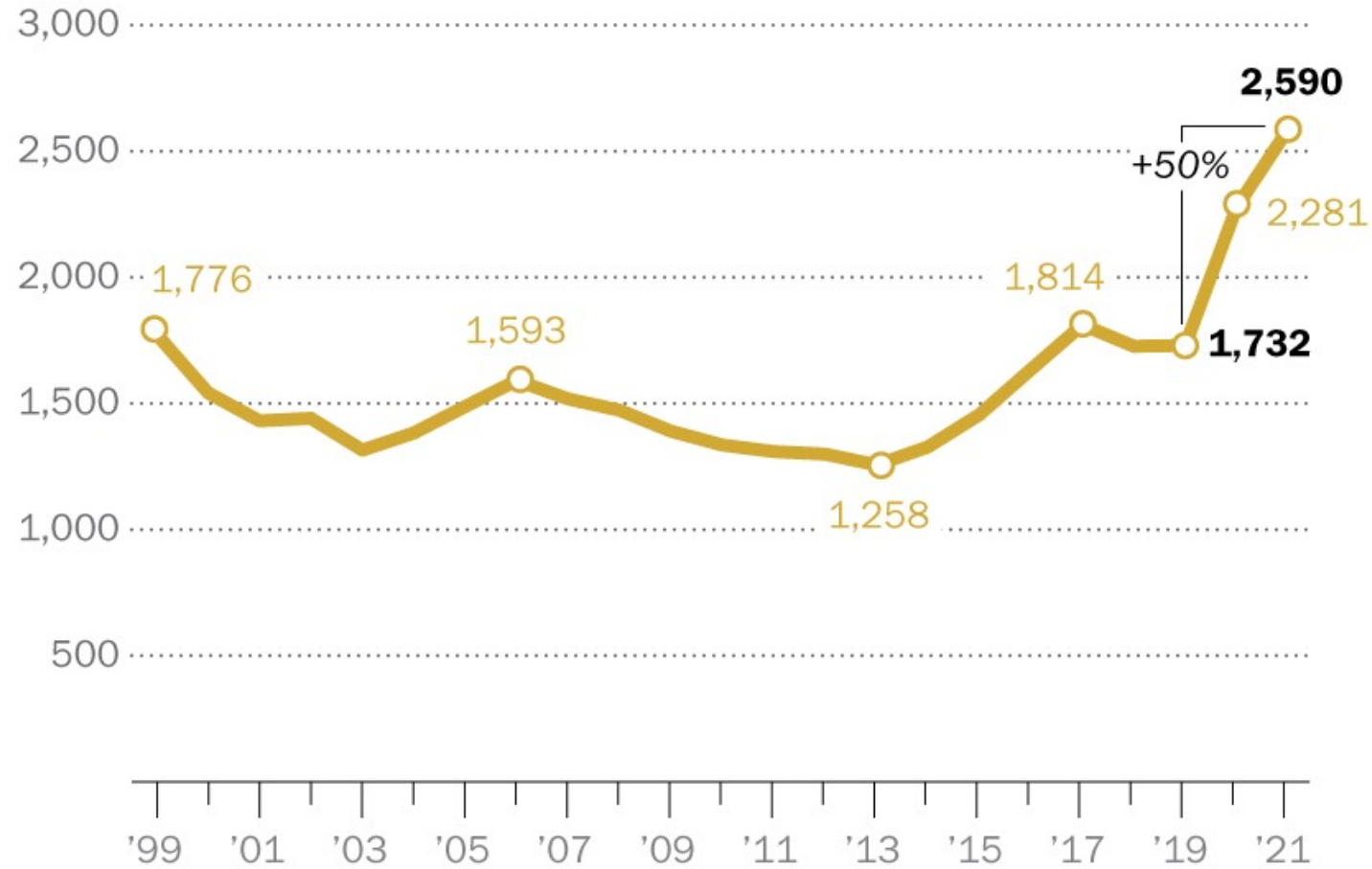
48,117 lives were lost to gun violence in 2022





Gun deaths among U.S. kids increased 50% between 2019 and 2021

Gun deaths among U.S. children and teens under 18

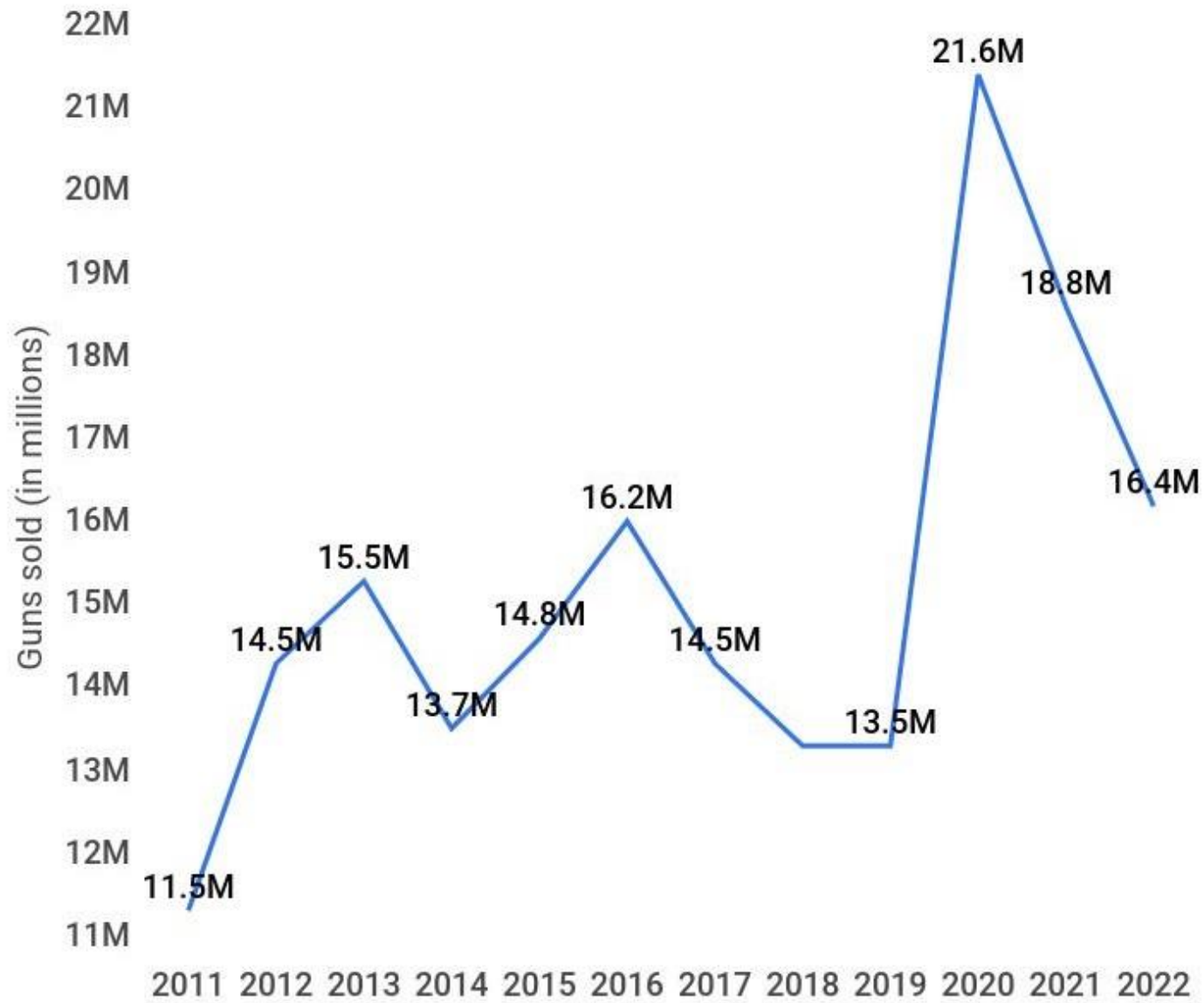


Note: Includes homicides, suicides, accidents and all other categories of gun deaths.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

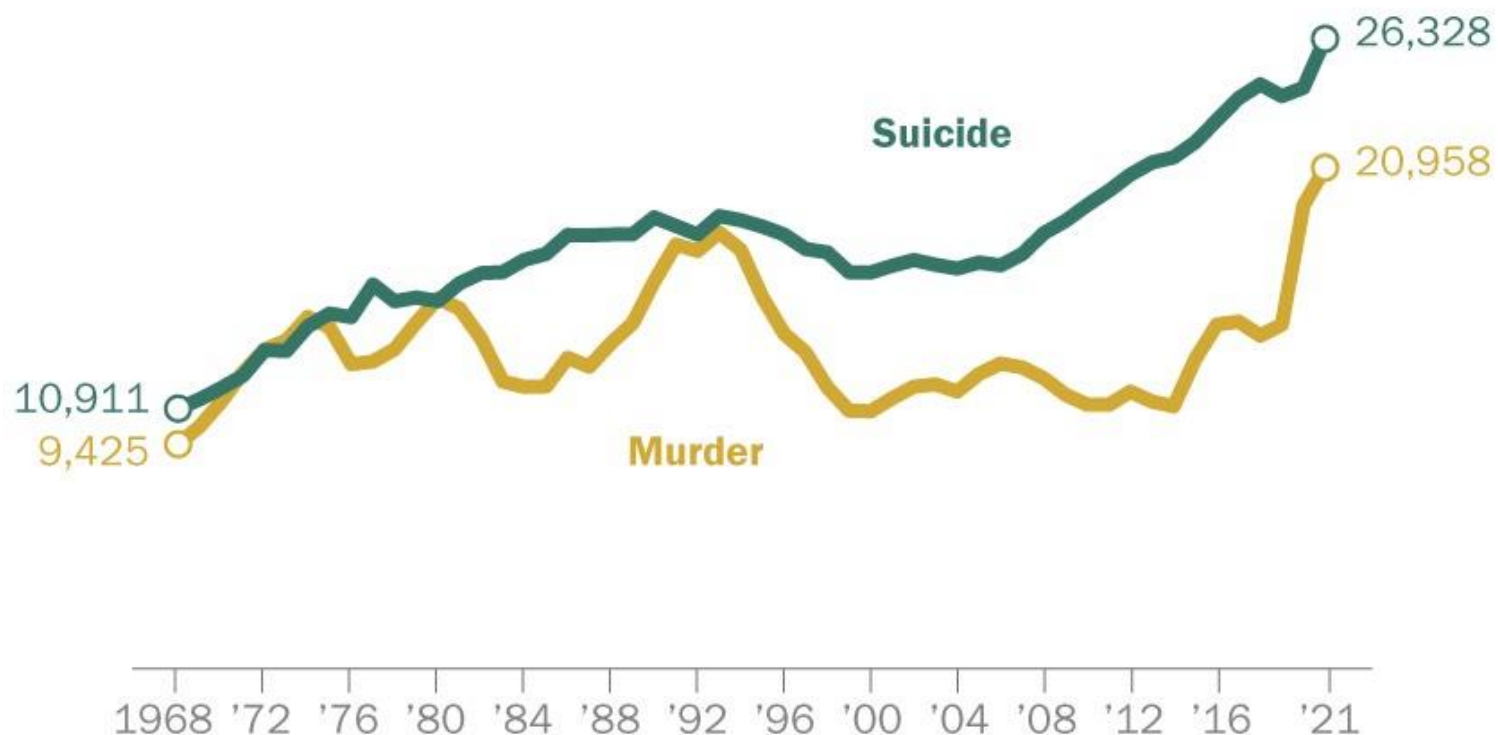
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FIREARMS SOLD IN THE U.S. OVER TIME



U.S. saw record numbers of gun suicides and gun murders in 2021

Gun suicides and gun murders in U.S.



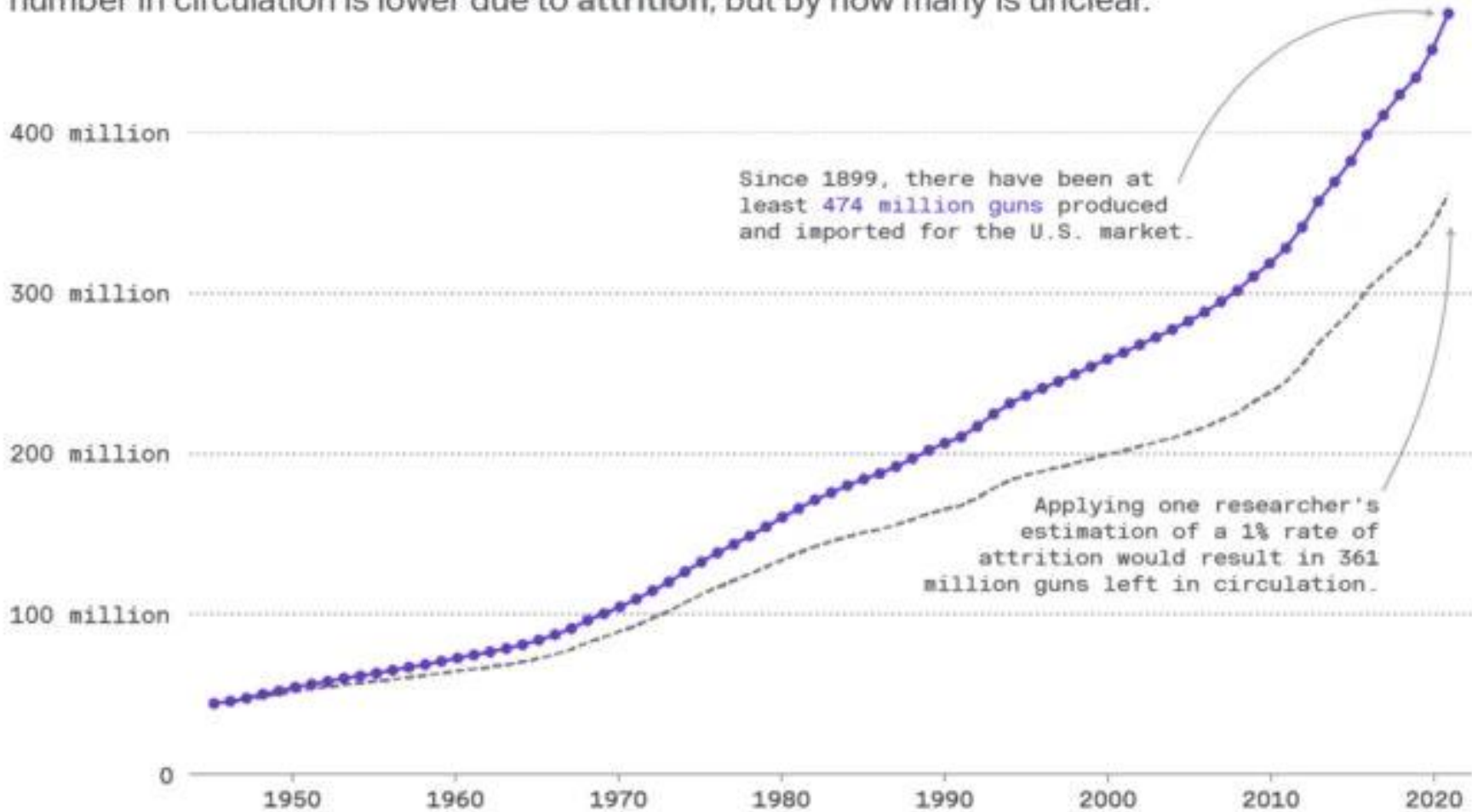
Note: Gun murders and suicides between 1968 and 1978 are classified by the CDC as involving firearms and explosives; those between 1979 and 2021 include firearms only.

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The U.S. Civilian Gun Stock Has Grown Significantly

In 2021, the total number of **guns produced** for the U.S. market reached 474 million. The number in circulation is lower due to attrition, but by how many is unclear.

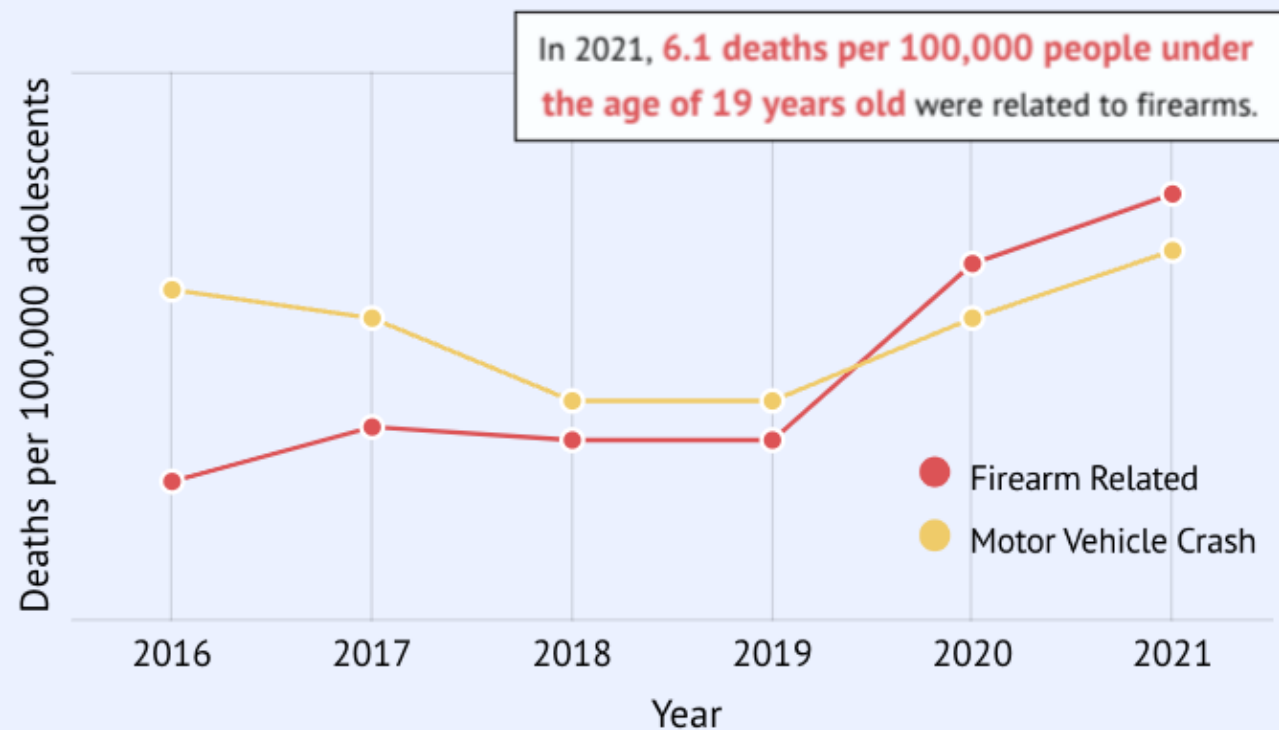


Import data for 2021 from the ATF is not yet available. The total imports for 2021 used in chart are based on U.S. International Trade Commission import reports.

Guns have become the leading cause of death for children and adolescents in America.



For the first time, gun-related deaths surpassed motor vehicle accidents as the top cause of death for those under 19 years old.



In 2019, one child or teen was killed with a firearm **every 2 hours and 36 minutes**.

In 2020, black males between the ages of 10 and 24 **died by gun homicide 21.6 times** as high as white males of the same age group, a one percentage point **increase from 2019**.

But ... isn't it too late?



What's possible?





(((Dan Hodges))) ✓

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In retrospect Sandy Hook marked the end of the US gun control debate. Once America decided killing children was bearable, it was over.

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Guns and Domestic Violence

Sue Ryan, Executive Director, DCADV



**The Delaware Coalition
Against Domestic Violence
envisions a First State where
safe, healthy, equitable
relationships, families and
communities thrive.**

**Domestic violence
is a public health
issue.**

Firearms and Domestic Violence

Nearly half of all women killed in the U.S. are murdered by a current or former intimate partner

More than half of these homicides are by firearms

A woman is **5x** more likely to be murdered when the abuser has a gun

Firearms and Domestic Violence

Firearms in DV increases the risk of **multiple fatalities**: co-workers, friends, new dating partners, police officers, and children

Increases the risk of murder-suicide

Threats with a weapon are predictors of **IPV**



Racial/ethnic minority women are **disproportionately** impacted by IPV-related homicides

Black women were **more likely** to be killed by firearms than other racial/ethnic groups

Delaware Stats

In 2021, there were **31** DV-related deaths, including **23 victims** and **8 perpetrator suicides**

Nearly **60%** of these murders were by firearms*

75% of the DV homicides in 2020 & 2022 involved firearms

Delaware Fatal Incident Report Team: <https://dvcc.delaware.gov/firt-reports/>

*Based on FIRT data for 17 DV victims reported in the 2022 Delaware Fatal Incident Review Team Report: <https://dvcc.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/87/2022/12/FIRT-2022-Annual-Report-Final-min.pdf>



Increased Risk of Homicide

Access to guns

Extreme jealousy

Threats or assault with
a gun

Attempt to choke

Forced sex

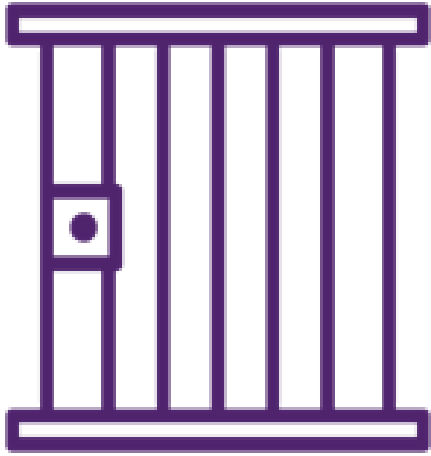
Prior acts of DV

Stalking

6x

more likely to be killed
than other women

Delaware Laws



**Misdemeanor
DV crimes**



**Subject to
PFA orders**



**Judges
issuing ex-
parte PFAs**

Federal Laws: U.S. vs. Rahimi

WHAT'S AT STAKE

Whether 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(8), which prohibits the possession of firearms by persons subject to domestic-violence restraining orders, violates the Second Amendment on its face.

Connect with DV-CHWs



New Castle County: 302-757-2137



People's Place

Kent/Sussex Counties: 302-422-8058

Delaware's 24-hour DV hotlines

New Castle County: 302-762-6110

Kent/Sussex Counties: 302-422-8058

Abriendo Puertas: 302-745-9874

Sexual Assault Response: 800-773-8570





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