

GA-VDRS Goals

1. Inform county representatives, public health professionals and programs.
2. Provide data to guide violence prevention efforts in Georgia.
3. Evaluate violence prevention programmatic activities.
4. Participate in providing violent death data to national organizations.
5. Make data available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS)
<http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/>).
6. Provide data for violent death research.

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Georgia Violent Death Reporting System (GA-VDRS)

Scientific Based Data to Support

- Decision Making
- Injury Prevention & Intervention
- Research & Analysis
- Training & Awareness
- Violence Reduction

Georgia Violent Death Reporting System

GA-VDRS Defined

The Georgia Violent Death Reporting System is a federally funded project that aims to identify deaths within Georgia such as:

- Suicide
- Homicide
- Legal Intervention
- Undetermined Intent
- Accidental Firearm
- Terrorism

GA-VDRS Data Sources

Information is collected from:

- Death Certificates
- Medical Examiners and/or Coroner's Reports
- Police Reports
- Crime Laboratory Reports
- Toxicology Reports
- Child Fatality Review

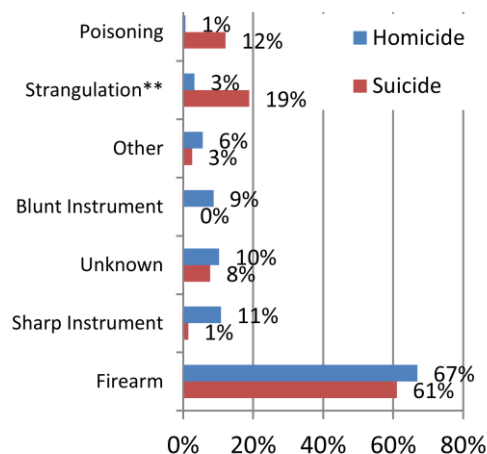
Number of Violent Deaths by Manner of Death, 2008-2012

Manner of Death	Violent Deaths	
	Number	Percent
Suicide	5,340	55.9%
Homicide	3,231	33.8%
Undetermined	836	8.8%
Accidental Firearm	73	0.8%
Legal Intervention	69	0.7%
Total	9,549	100%

Percent of Violent Deaths by Top 5 Circumstances and Manner of Death, 2008-2012

Circumstance	Percent
Homicide	
Precipitated by another crime	35.4
Gang-related	16.4
Argument or conflict	16.2
Intimate partner violence	12.6
Crime in progress	12.3
Suicide	
Depressed mood	34.5
Mental health problem	29.0
Intimate partner problem	25.3
Physical health problem	24.3
Disclosed suicidal thoughts or intent to complete suicide	22.1

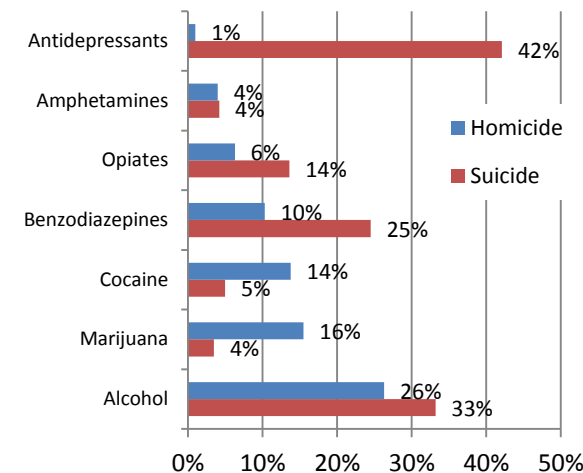
Percent of Violent Deaths by Type of Weapon* Used and Manner of Death, 2008-2012



*Some violent deaths may include more than one weapon.

**Includes hanging and suffocation.

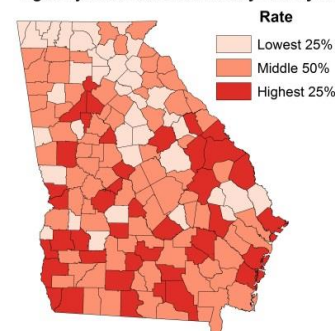
Percent of Violent Deaths with Positive Toxicology Results by Drug Type*^, 2008-2012



*Among victims who had toxicology tests (Homicide: 51%; Suicide: 44%)

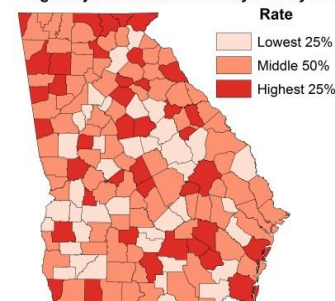
^Drug type is not mutually exclusive

Age-Adjusted Homicide Rate by County of Residence, Georgia, 2008-2012



The highest homicide rates occurred among residents of metropolitan areas (e.g., Atlanta, Savannah, Augusta, Albany, and Macon).

Age-Adjusted Suicide Rate by County of Residence, Georgia, 2008-2012



The highest suicide rates occurred among residents of rural Georgia counties.