

2008 Georgia Data Summary: VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM



Types of violent death include: Suicide, homicide, unintentional firearm injury, legal intervention, and deaths of undetermined intent.

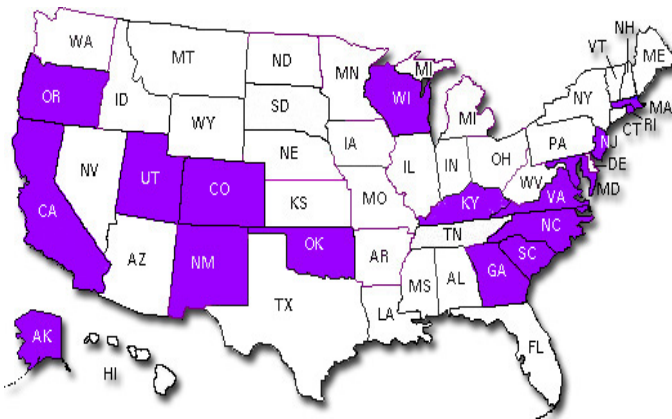
DESCRIPTION

- The Georgia Violent Death Reporting System (GVDRS) is part of the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)
- Population-based system
- Collects detailed information on victims and suspects, including demographics, location of injury and death, weapon type, and precipitating circumstances.
- Able to report on multiple-death incidents, including mass shootings and homicide-suicides

MULTIPLE SOURCES OF DATA

- Death certificates
- Medical examiner and/or coroner death investigations
- Law enforcement records
- Crime laboratory records

STATES CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN NVDRS



NVDRS GOALS

- Inform decision makers about the magnitude, trends, and characteristics of violent death
- Evaluate and continue to improve state-based violence prevention policies and programs

NUMBER AND PERCENT OF RESIDENT VICTIMS BY TYPE OF VIOLENT DEATH, GEORGIA 2005

Type of Violent Death	2005	
	Number	%
Suicide	897	51
Homicide	656	37
Undetermined intent	166	9
Unintentional firearm injury	16	1
Legal intervention	33	2
Total	1,768	100

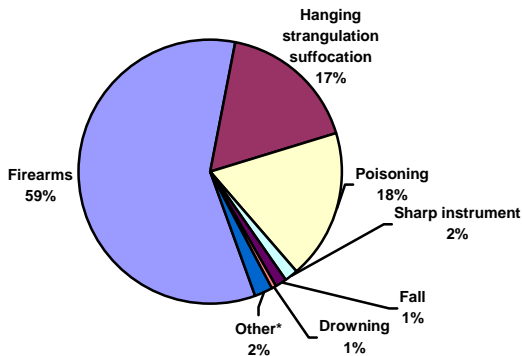
NUMBER AND RATE OF SUICIDES AND HOMICIDES BY PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT, GEORGIA, 2005

Public Health District	Suicide		Homicide	
	#	Rate	#	Rate
1-1 Northwest (Rome)	81	13.9	24	4.1
1-2 North Georgia (Dalton)	42	10.7	14	3.6
2 North (Gainesville)	52	9.5	8	1.5
3-1 Cobb-Douglas	62	8.0	44	5.7
3-2 Fulton	71	7.8	120	13.1
3-3 Clayton County (Morrow)	23	8.6	26	9.7
3-4 East Metro (Lawrenceville)	70	7.9	41	4.6
3-5 DeKalb	48	7.1	74	10.9
4 LaGrange	87	12.0	22	3.0
5-1 South Central (Dublin)	21	14.8	11	7.7
5-2 North Central (Macon)	56	11.3	44	8.8
6 East Central (Augusta)	39	8.9	29	6.6
7 West Central (Columbus)	37	10.4	31	8.7
8-1 South (Valdosta)	20	8.5	33	14.0
8-2 Southwest (Albany)	34	9.4	21	5.8
9-1 Coastal (Savannah)	49	14.6	44	13.1
9-2 Southeast (Waycross)	31	6.1	26	5.1
10 Northeast (Athens)	47	11.3	15	3.6
Other GA Residents	27	---	29	---
Total	897	9.9	656	7.2

Note: Death rates are per 100,000 persons. These are crude rates rather than age-adjusted rates.

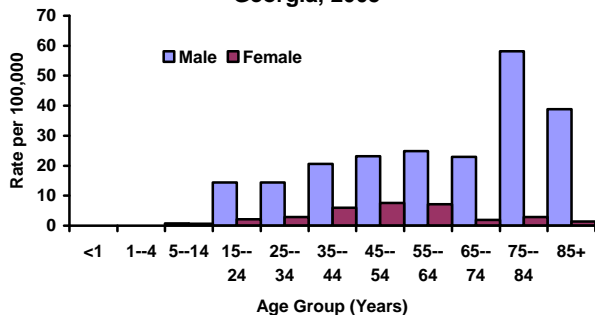
SUICIDE

Suicide by Method, Georgia, 2005



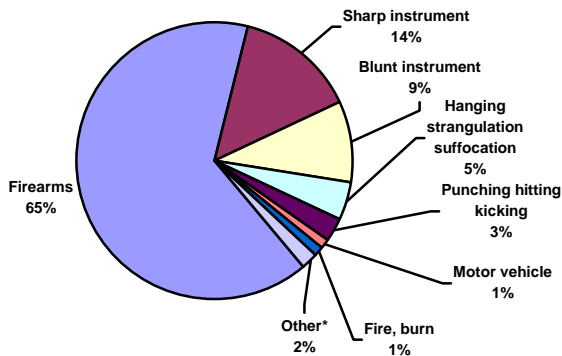
*Other=Blunt instrument; punching, hitting, kicking; fire, burn; motor, transport vehicle

Suicide Rate by Age Group and Sex, Georgia, 2005



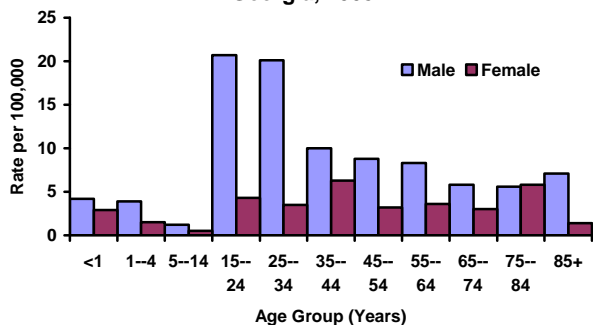
HOMICIDE

Homicide by Method, Georgia, 2005

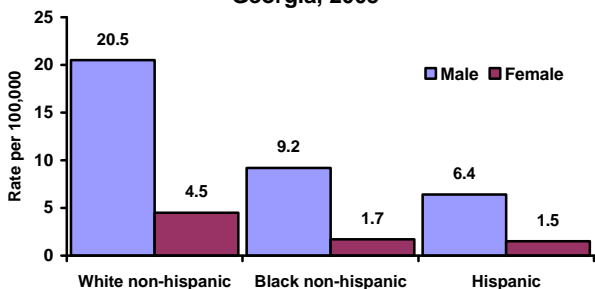


*Other=Poisoning; drowning, fire, burn; shaking; intentional neglect

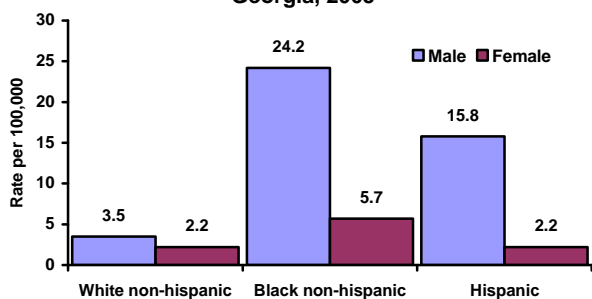
Homicide Rate by Age Group and Sex, Georgia, 2005



Suicide Rate by Race/Ethnicity and Sex, Georgia, 2005



Homicide Rate by Race/Ethnicity and Sex, Georgia, 2005



TOP SUICIDE CIRCUMSTANCES,* 2005

Current mental health problem	31%
Crisis within the past two weeks	26%
Intimate partner problem	23%
Person left a suicide note	22%
Ever treated for mental illness	19%
Disclosed intent to commit suicide	18%
Current depressed mood	15%
Current treatment for mental illness	15%

* Note: Circumstances were known for 75% of suicides; categories were not mutually exclusive.

TOP HOMICIDE CIRCUMSTANCES,* 2005

Involved other argument, abuse, or conflict	41%
Precipitated by another crime	23%
Intimate partner violence	21%
Drug-related	13%

* Note: Circumstances were known for 61% of homicides; categories were not mutually exclusive.

DATA SOURCES

1. Georgia Violent Death Reporting System
www.health.state.ga.us/epi/cdiee/gvdrs.asp
2. National Violent Death Reporting System
www.cdc.gov/ncipc/profiles/nvdrs/default.htm

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