



COALITION OF TRAUMA CENTERS FOR FIREARM INJURY PREVENTION

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OBJECTIVES

- 1. Firearm Injury in Pennsylvania**
- 2. Activities to Date**
- 3. Organizational Priorities**
- 4. Intersection between the PTSF and CTCFIP**



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Firearm injury is a public health crisis.



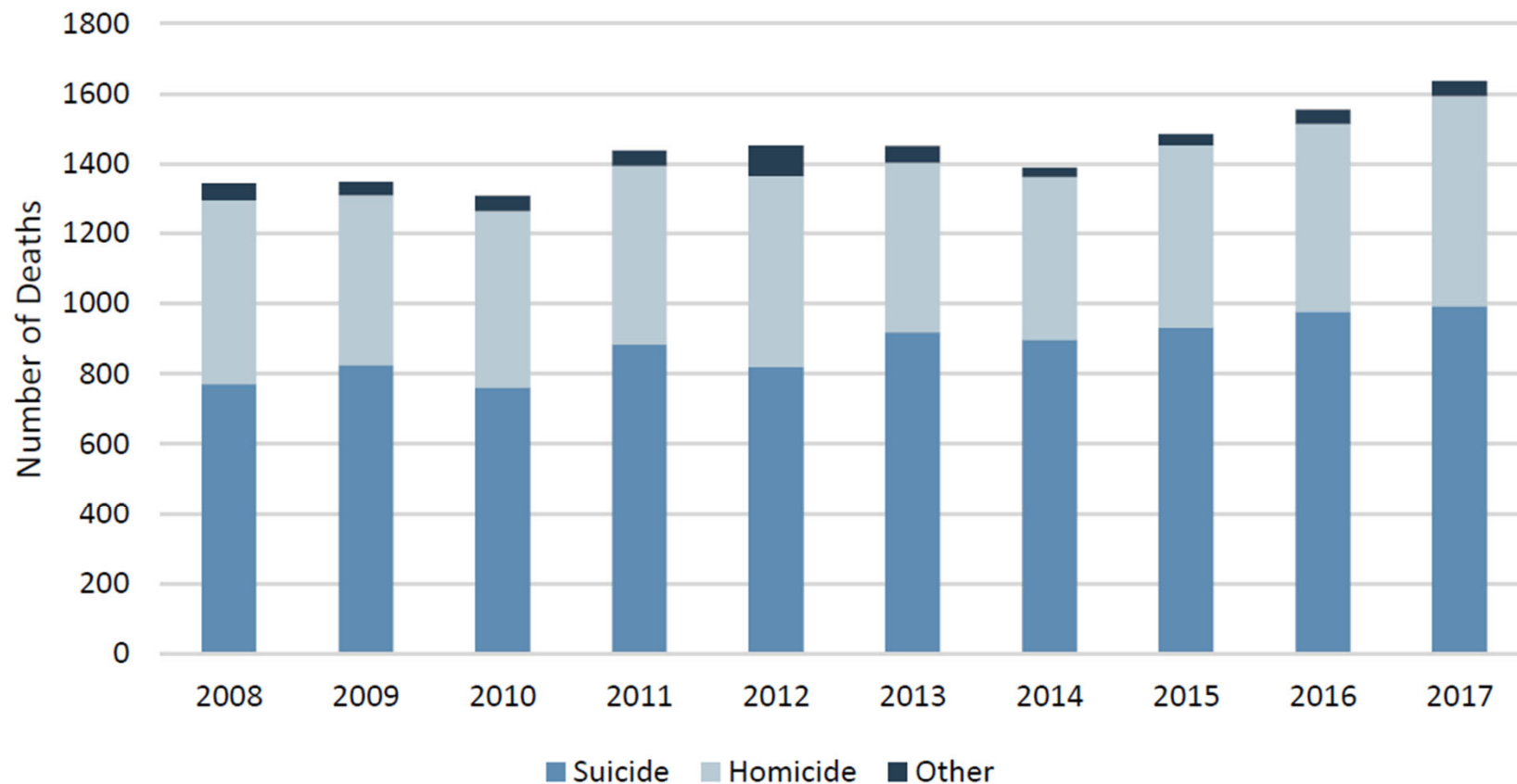
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FIREARM DEATHS IN PA

FIREARM DEATHS IN PENNSYLVANIA, 2008-2017

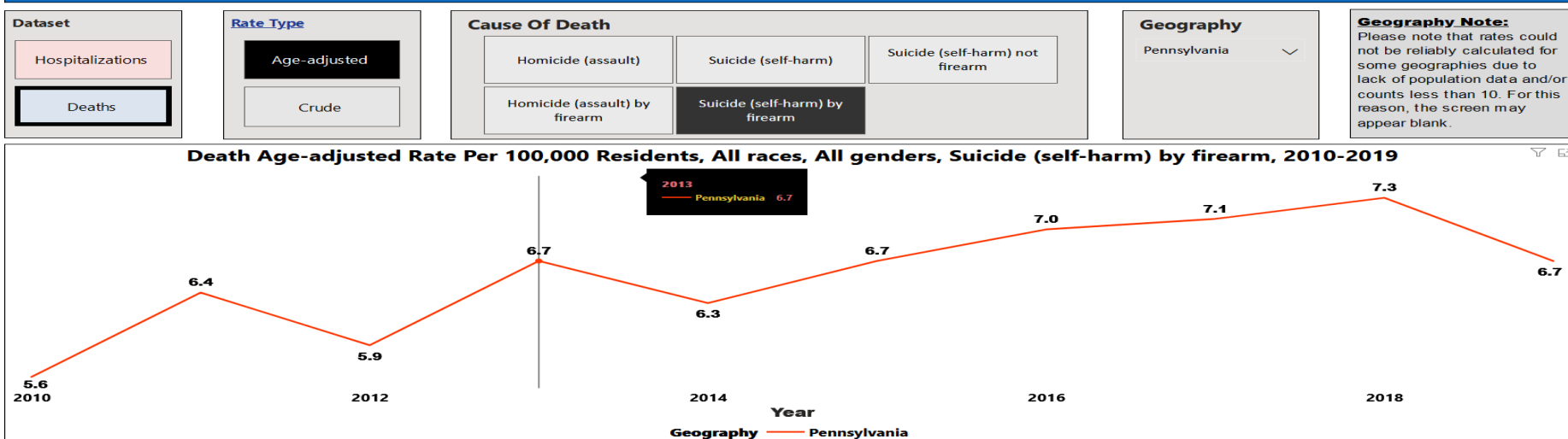


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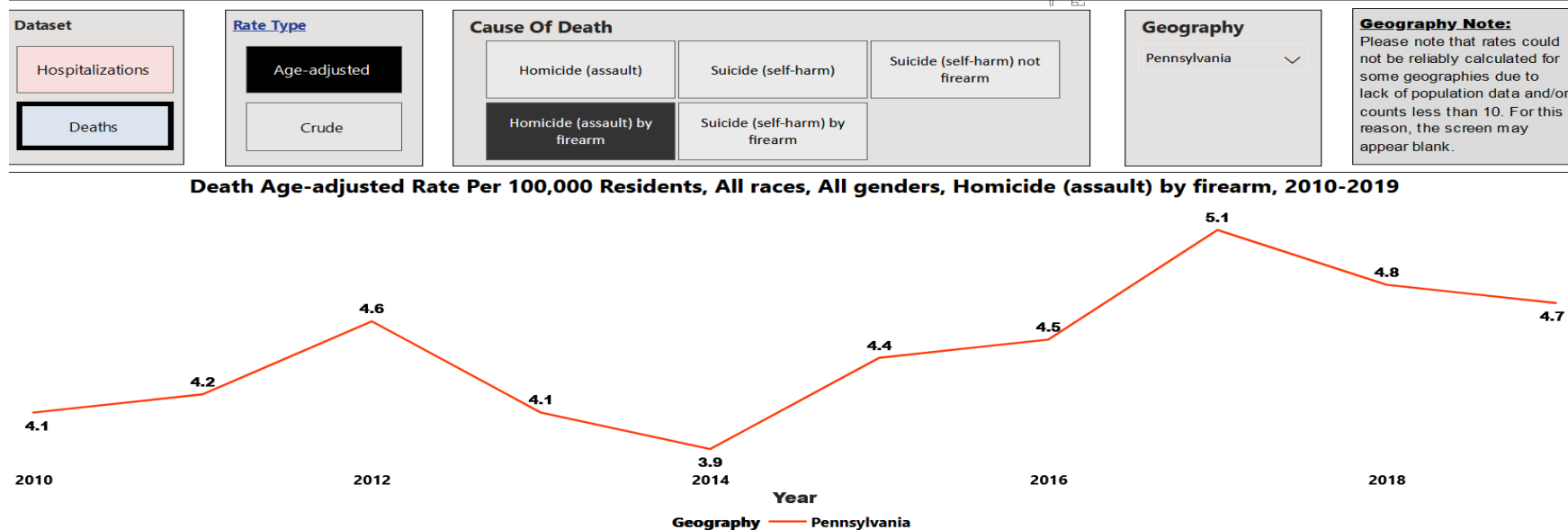
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Age-Adjusted and Crude Rate Trends by Geography

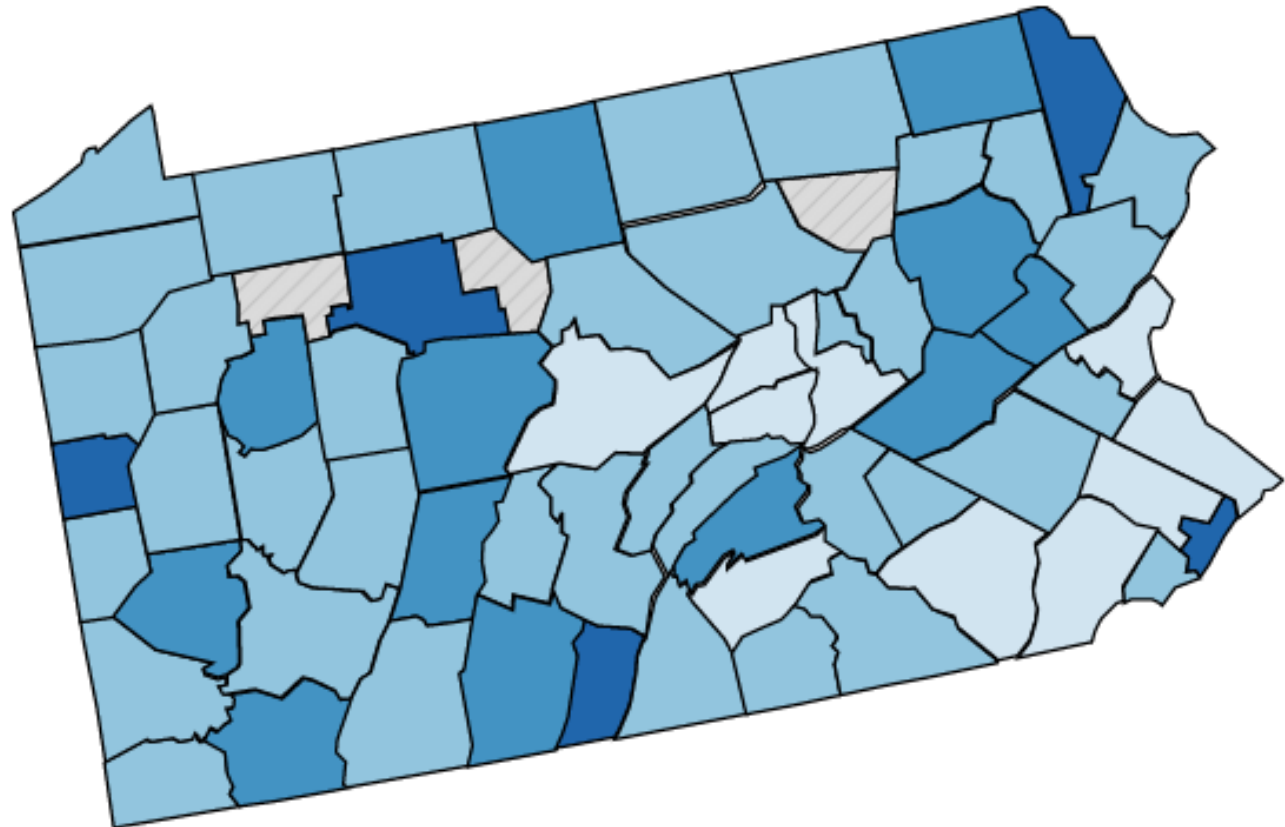
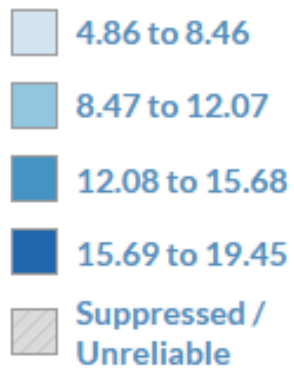


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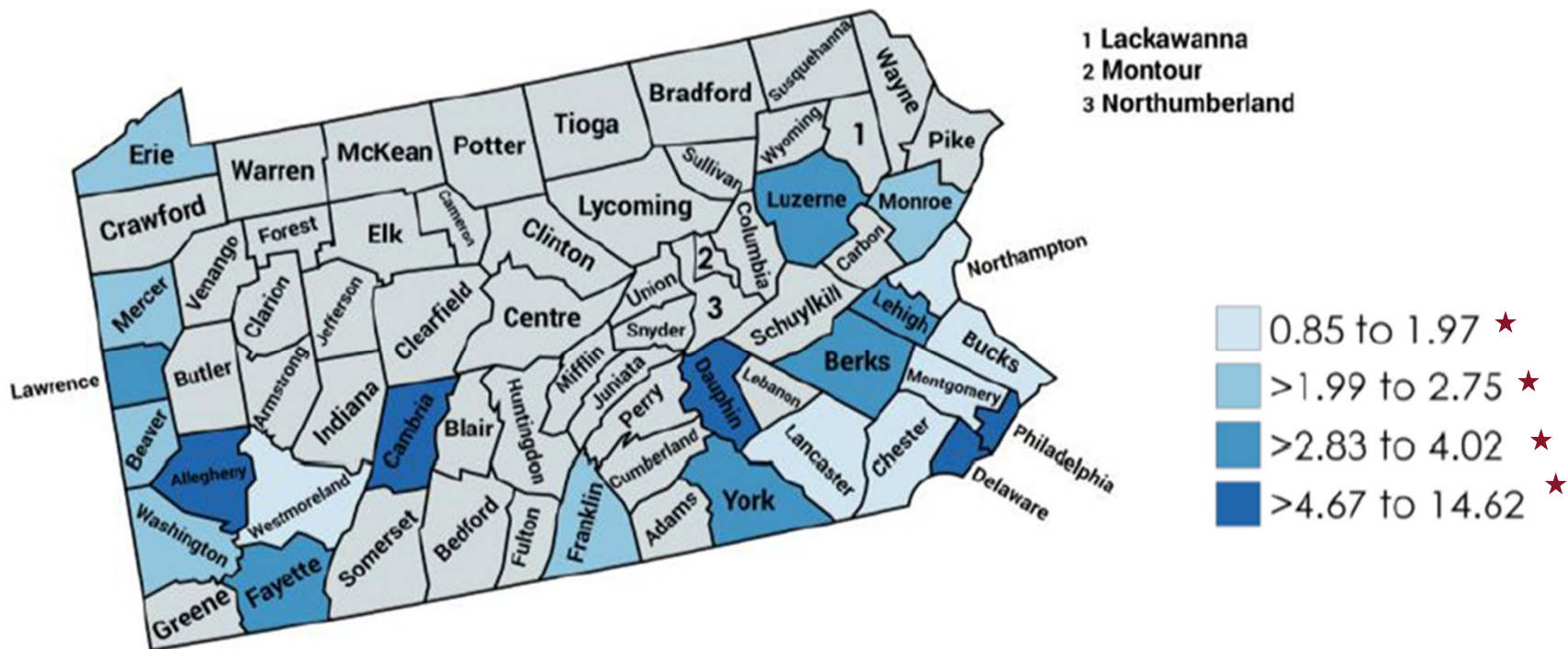


COUNTY VARIATIONS

Age-adjusted gun death rate
per 100,000

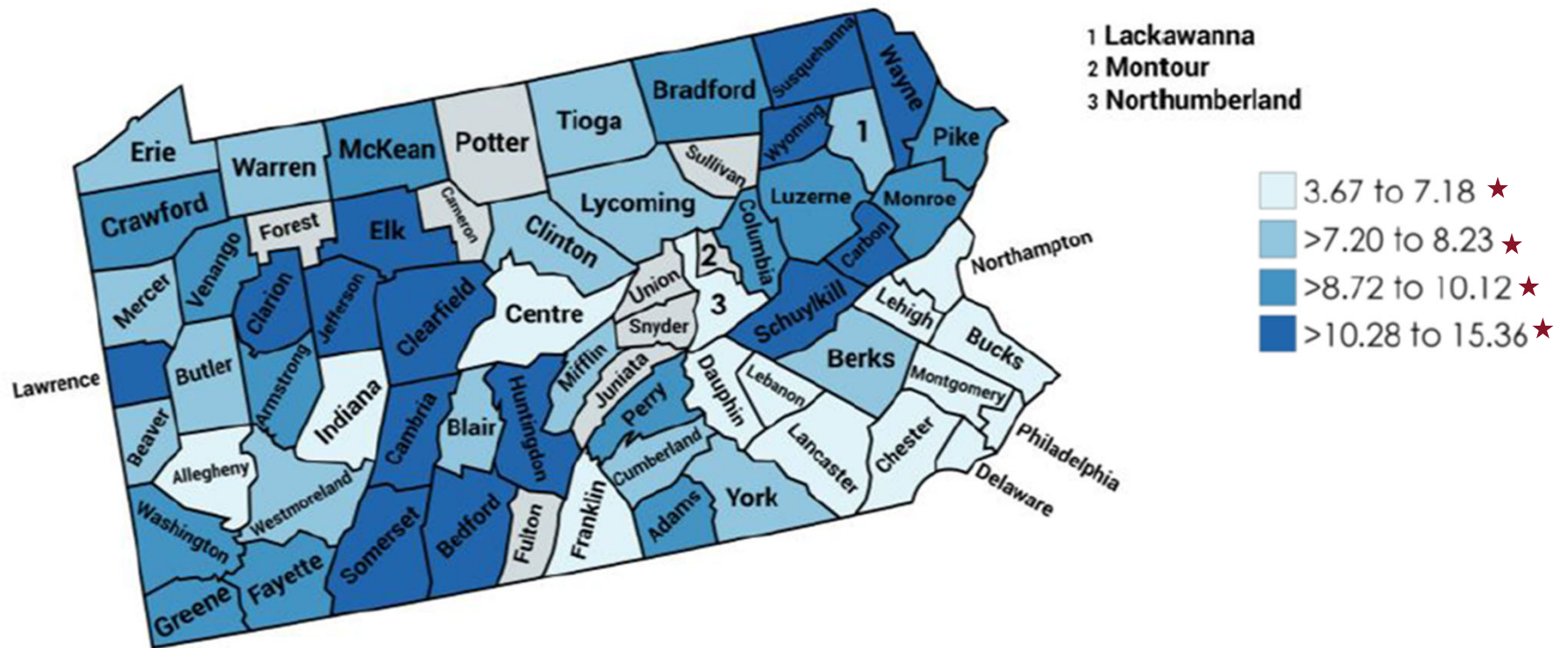


FIREARM DEATHS IN PA – HOMICIDE



★ Death rates per 100,000 population

FIREARM DEATHS IN PA – SUICIDE



★ Death rates per 100,000 population



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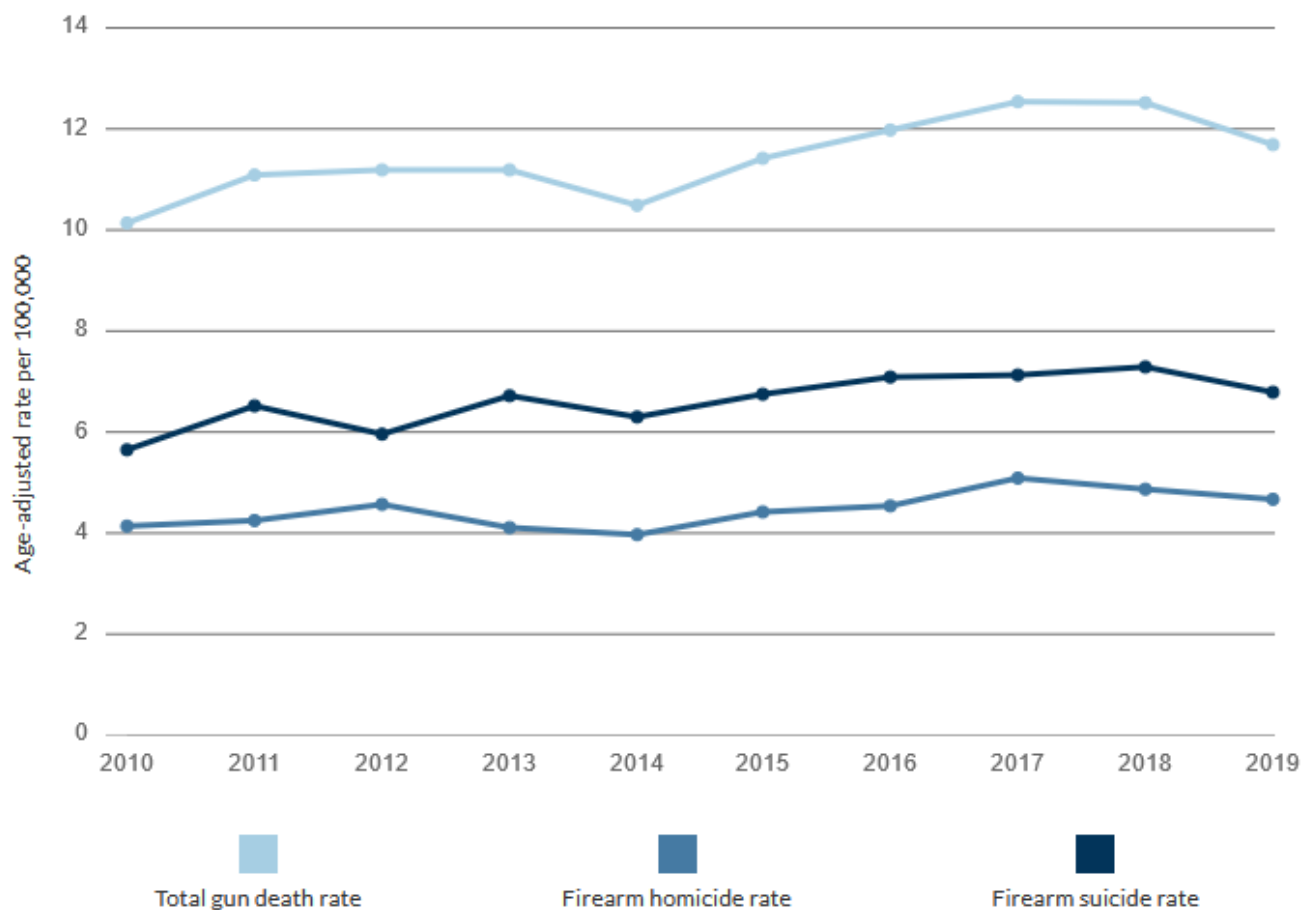
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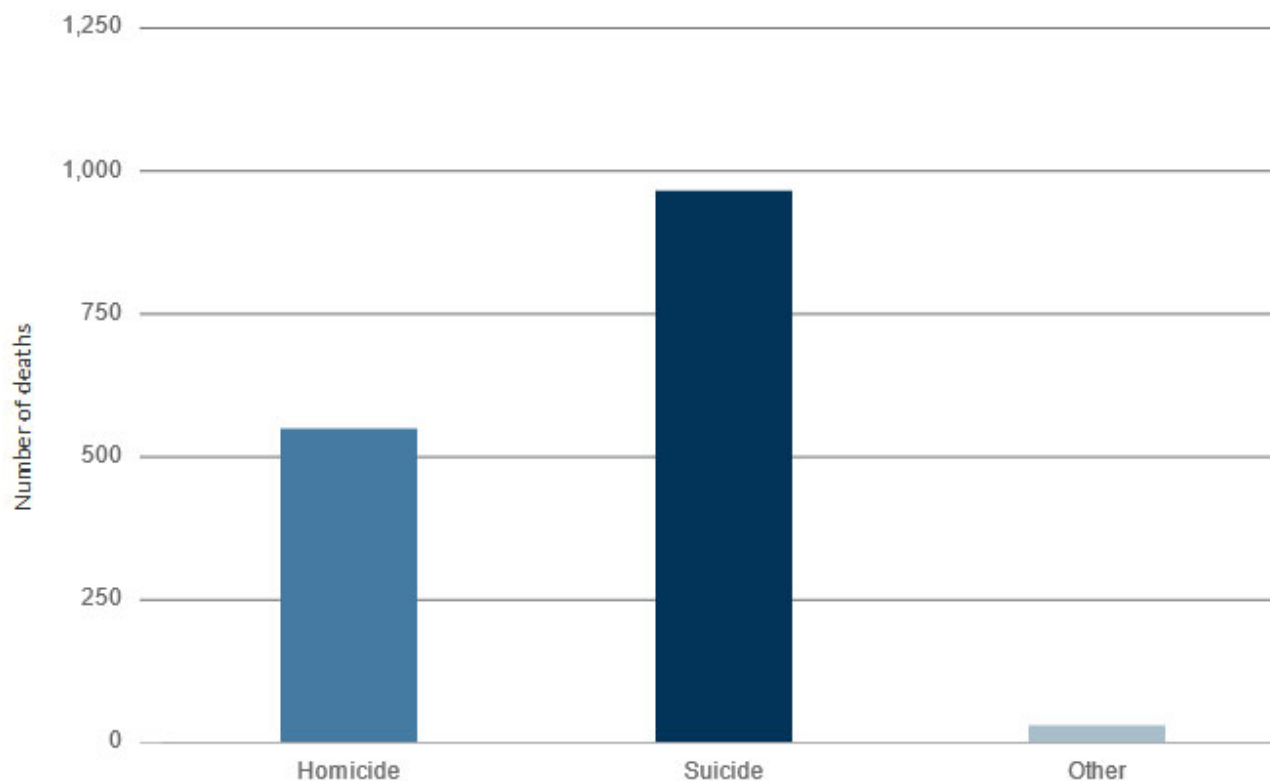
TRENDS OVER TIME

While one year does not denote a trend, the total gun death rate, firearm homicide rate, and firearm suicide rate all decreased from 2018 to 2019.

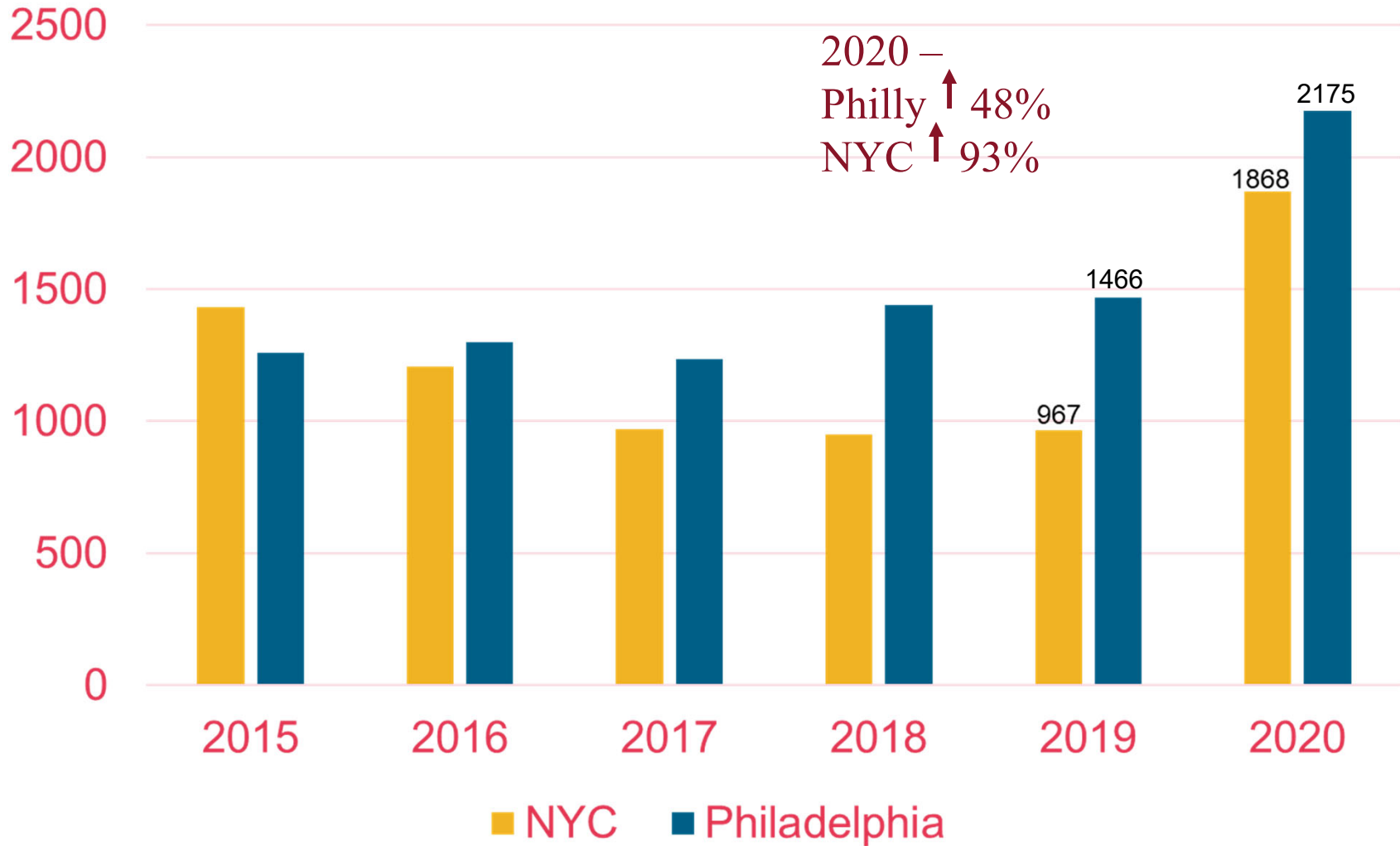


GUN DEATHS BY INTENT, 2019

Nearly 1,600 Pennsylvanians died by gun violence in 2019, an average four people every day. Suicides were 63% of the gun deaths and homicides were 36%.



TRENDS IN ANNUAL SHOOTINGS



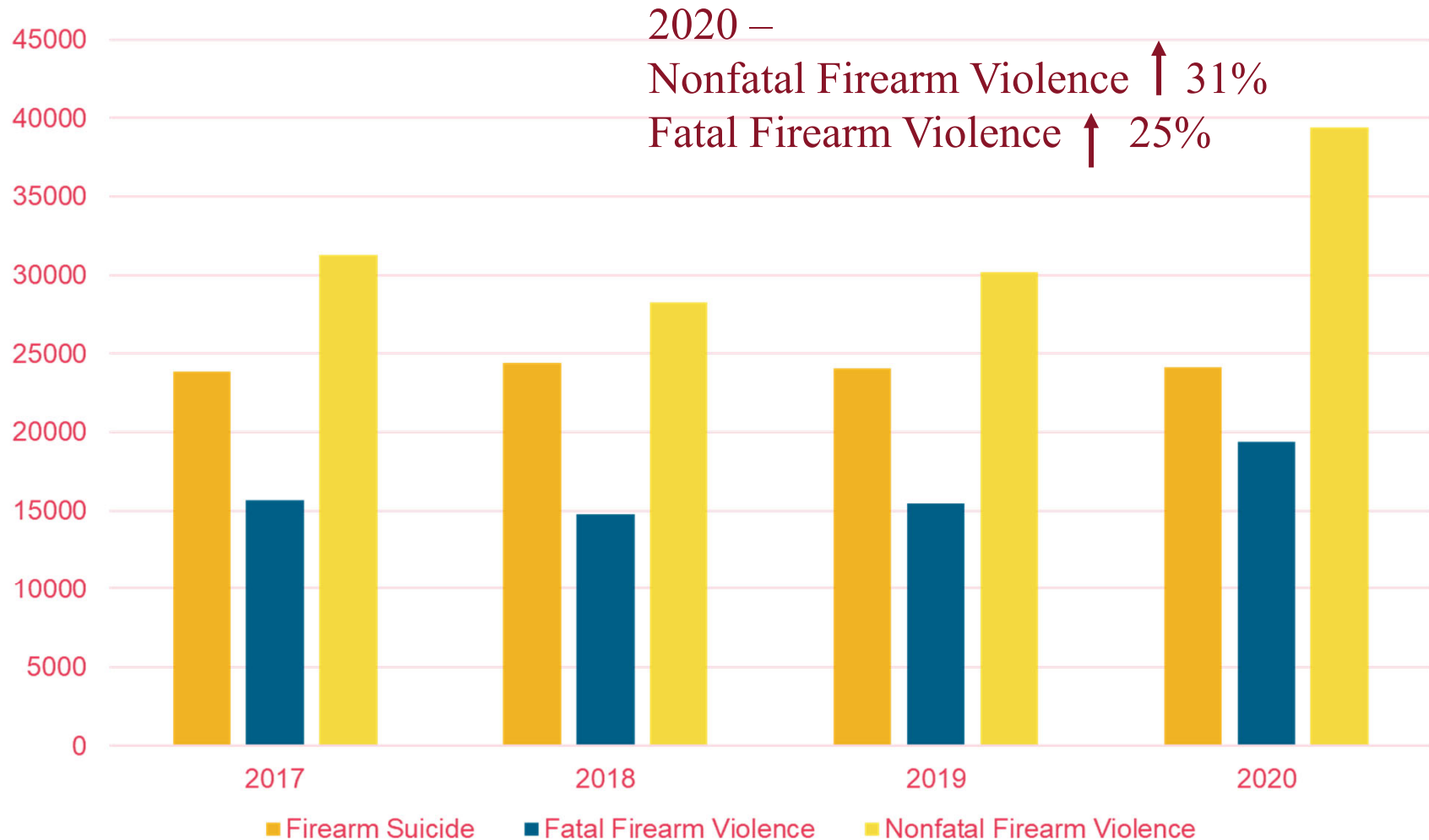
NYCOpenData (accessed 3/4/21)

www.pcgvr.org/philadelphia-shooting-victims-dashboard/ (accessed 3/4/21)

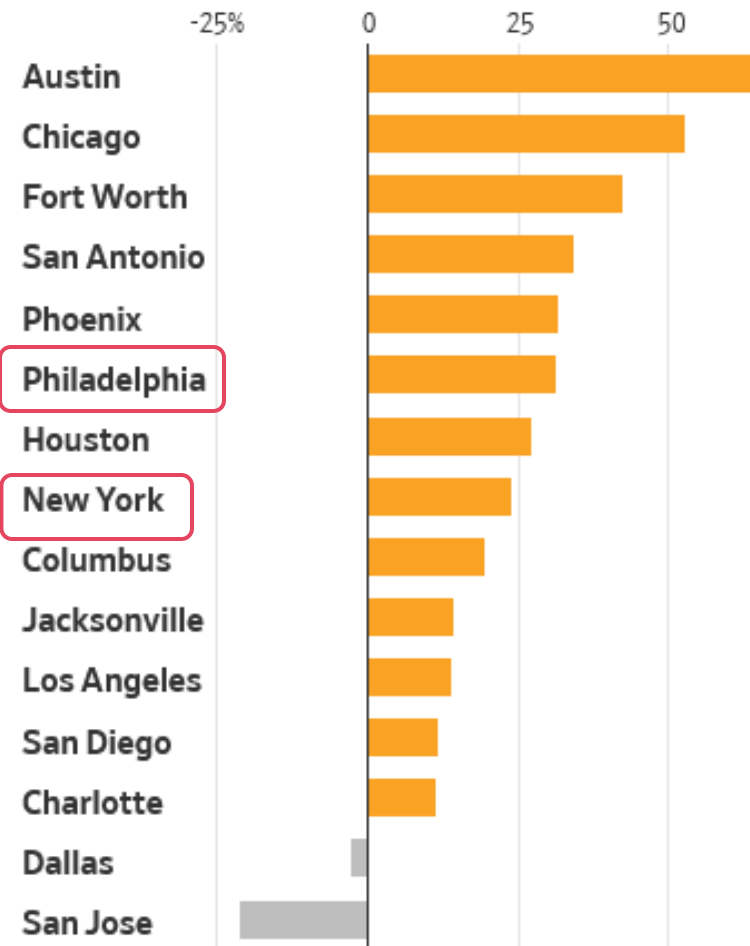
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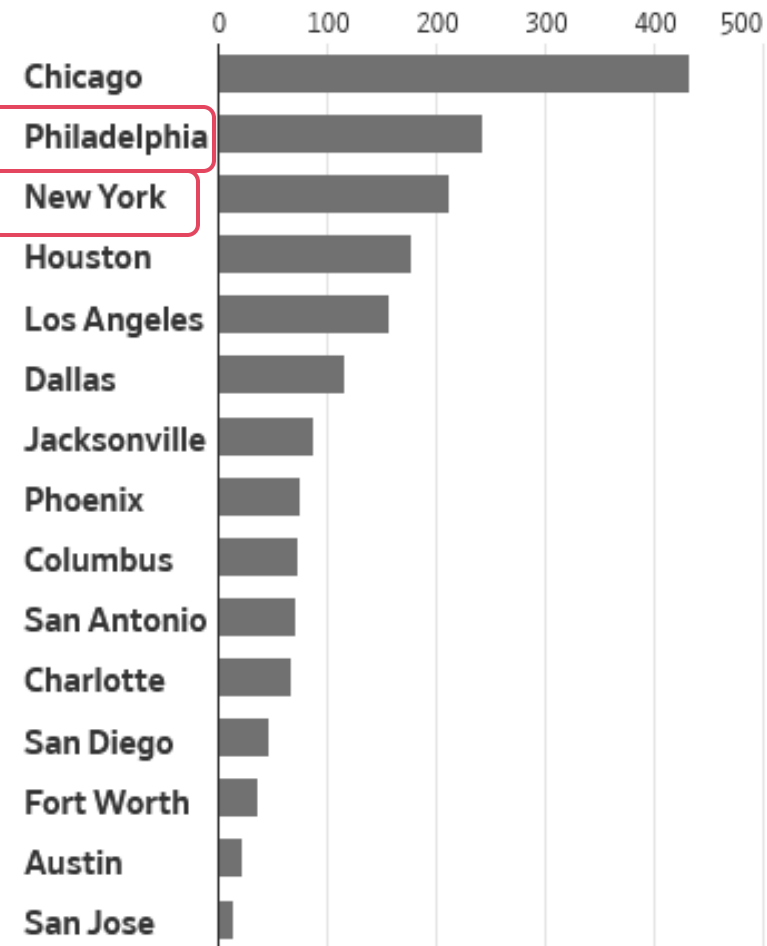
TRENDS IN NATIONAL SHOOTINGS



Percentage change in total homicides compared with previous year in the 15 largest U.S. cities



Total number of homicides so far this year in the 15 largest U.S. cities



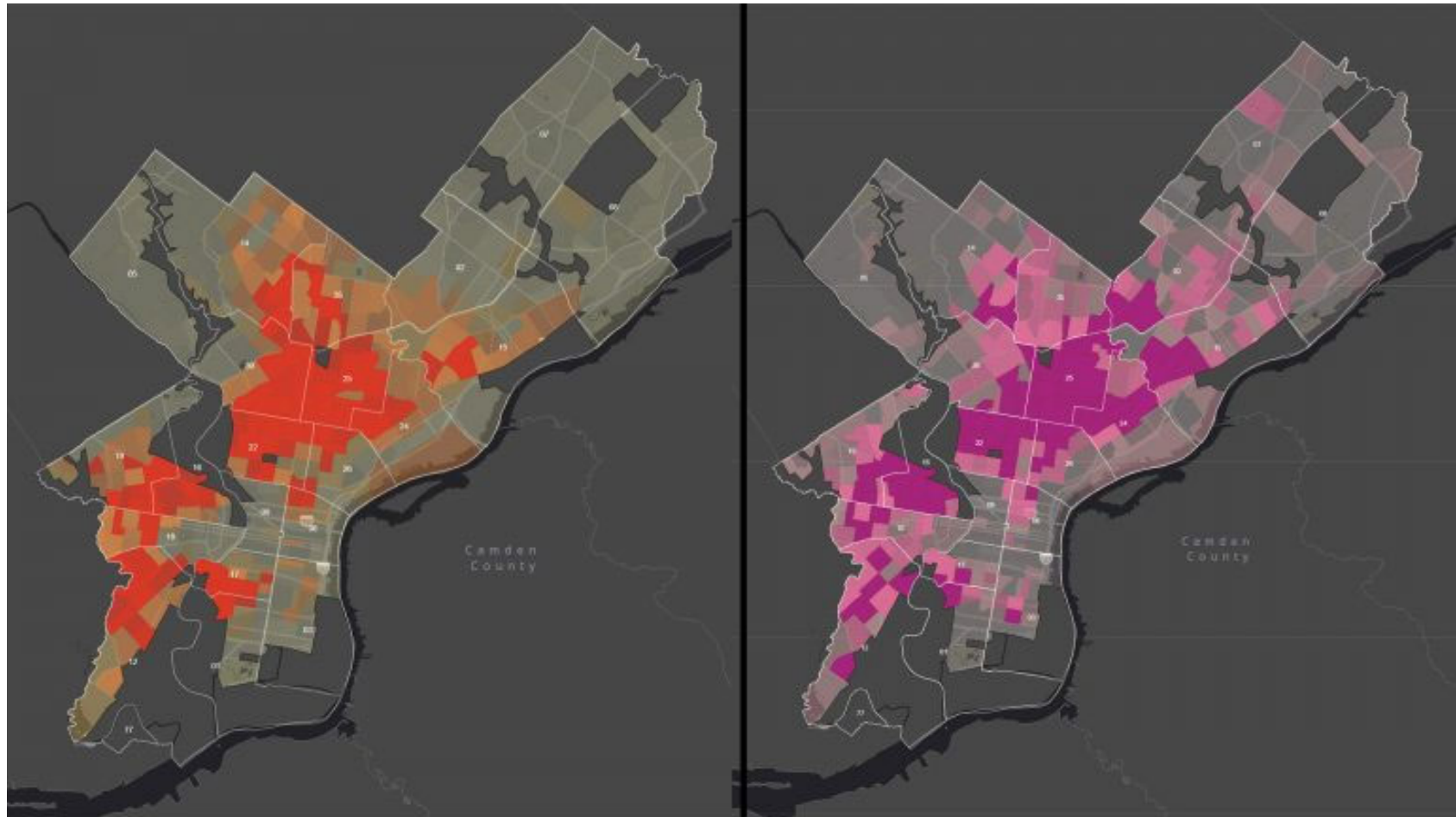
Note: Data as of July 27 (Dallas); July 26 (Charlotte, Chicago, Fort Worth, Jacksonville and Philadelphia); July 19 (New York); July 18 (Los Angeles); July 8 (Houston); July 6 (Columbus); June 30 (Austin, San Antonio, San Diego and San Jose); May 31 (Phoenix)

Source: WSJ analysis of cities' police departments data

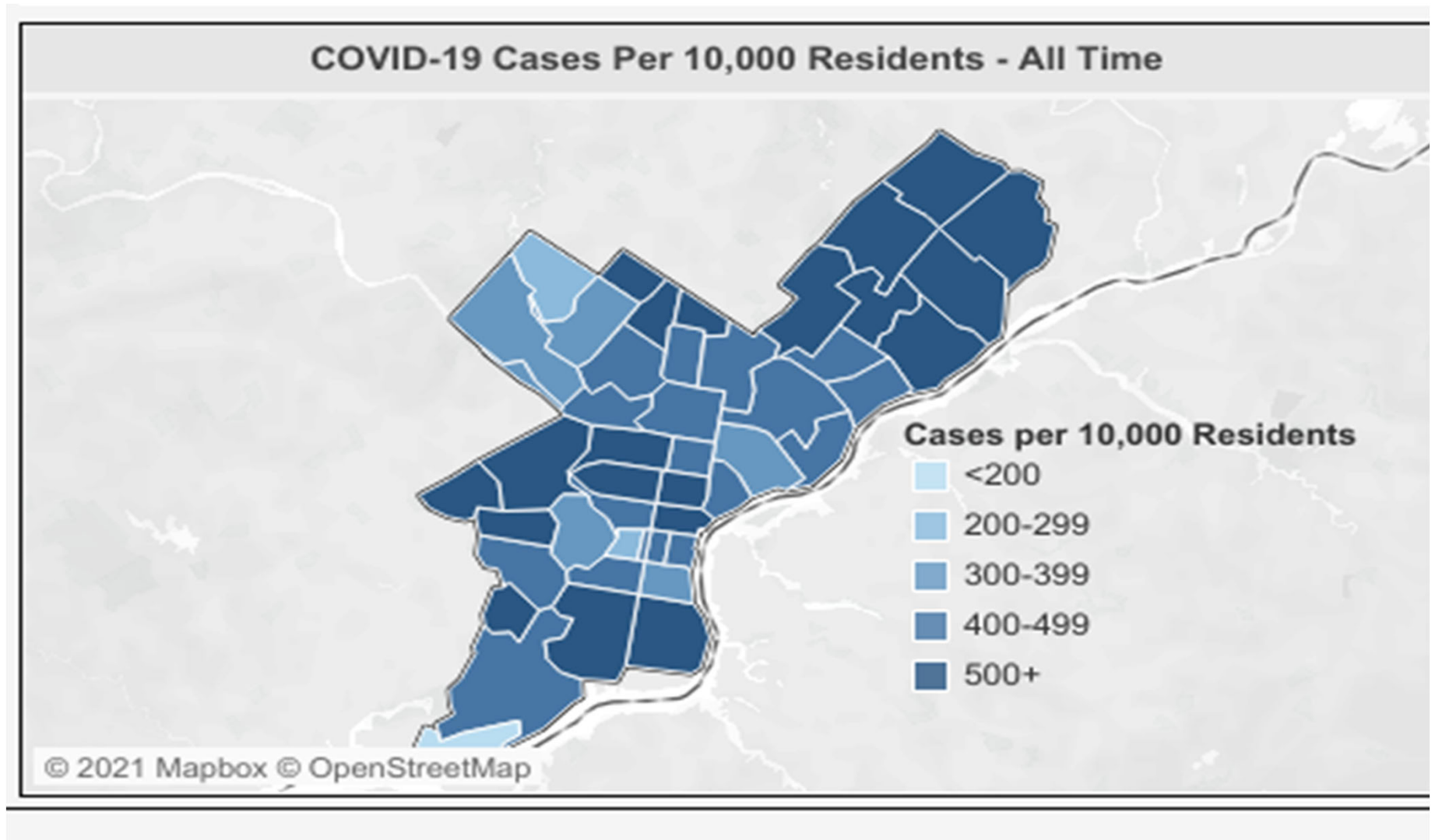
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Shootings/1000 residents

% households in poverty



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www.publictableau.com, accessed 3/9/21



Gun Violence, City of Pittsburgh, 2010 to February 2021

Shootings, Aggravated Assaults with a Gun, and Dispatches for Shots Fired

Select Year
(All)

Select Month
(All)

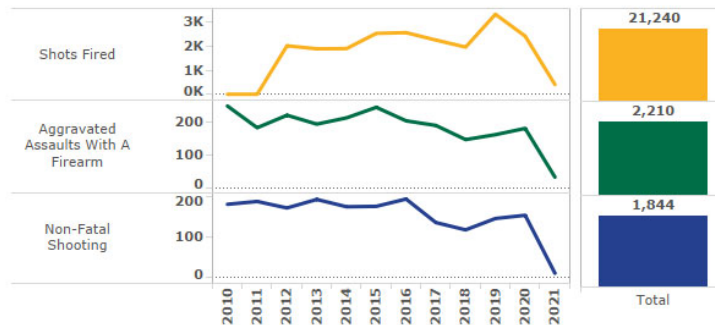
Select Category
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Data last updated as of:
Shootings 1/31/2021
Shots Fired 2/1/2021

Totals and Annual Gun Violence Trends

Data for shots fired is available from 2012 forward

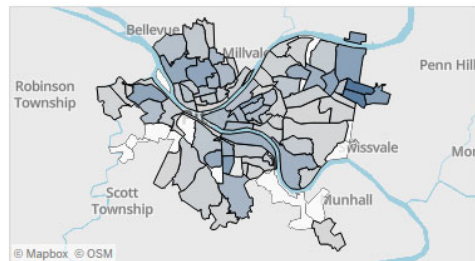


When does gun violence occur?

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
Morning (5AM-11AM)	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	7%
Afternoon (11AM-5PM)	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	14%
Evening (5PM-11PM)	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	6%	38%
Night (11PM-5AM)	4%	5%	5%	5%	6%	8%	8%	40%
Total	13%	12%	13%	12%	14%	17%	18%	100%

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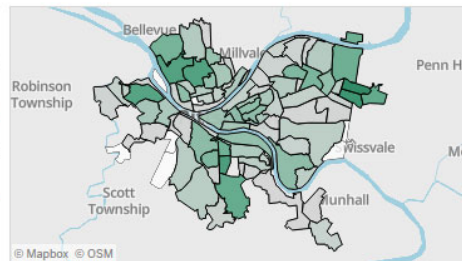
Non-fatal Shootings



Number of Incidents



Aggravated Assaults with a Firearm

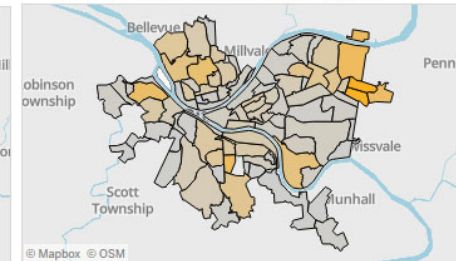


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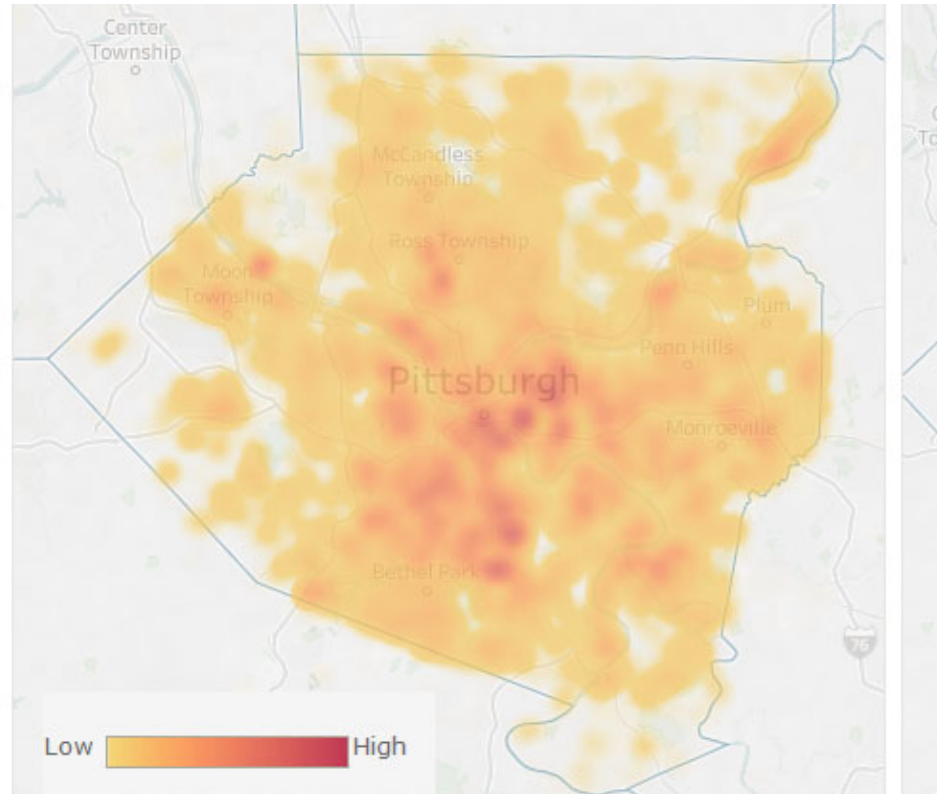
911 Dispatches for Shots Fired

*Data is available from 2012 forward



Number of Dispatches





ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNITY-LEVEL DISPARITIES IN CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) INFECTIONS AND DEATHS IN LARGE US METROPOLITAN AREAS

Table 2. Model-Adjusted Expected Rates and Rate Ratios for Coronavirus Disease 2019 Infection and Death Rates

County	Cumulative incident infections per 100 000 residents				Cumulative deaths per 100 000 residents			
	Model-adjusted rate		Rate ratio (95% CI)		Model-adjusted rate		Rate ratio (95% CI)	
	Less-poverty county	More-poverty county	Less-poverty county	More-poverty county	Less-poverty county	More-poverty county	Less-poverty county	More-poverty county
Substantially White	169.3	84.7	1 [Reference]	1 [Reference]	8.2	3.3	1 [Reference]	1 [Reference]
Less diverse	321.7	321.7	1.9 (1.4-2.6)	3.8 (2.3-6.1)	14.8	15.4	1.8 (1.1-3.0)	4.7 (2.2-10.0)
More diverse	541.8	433.4	3.2 (2.3-4.6)	5.1 (3.3-8.0)	31.2	16.2	3.8 (2.2-6.7)	4.9 (2.4-9.7)
Substantially non-White	474.0	663.7	2.8 (1.8-4.4)	7.8 (5.1-12.0)	21.3	30.7	2.6 (1.1-6.5)	9.3 (4.7-18.4)

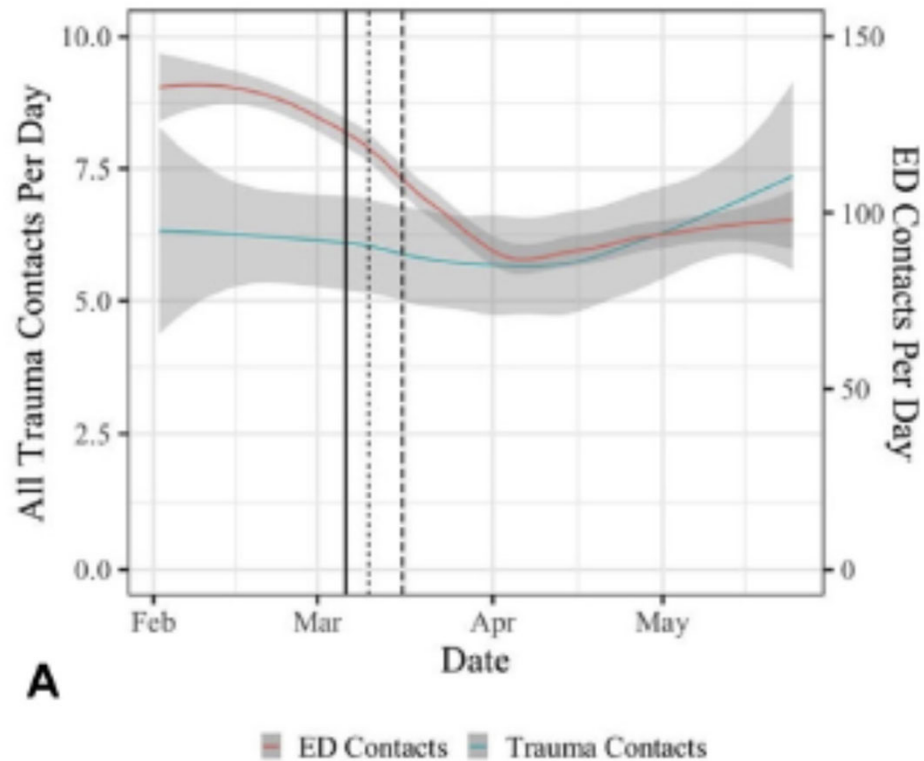
SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH IN RELATION TO FIREARM-RELATED HOMICIDES IN THE UNITED STATES: A NATIONWIDE MULTILEVEL CROSS- SECTIONAL STUDY

Correlate geolocated gun homicide incidents with SDH
13,060 incidents, Jan 2015-Dec 2015, nationwide

1-SD ↑ social capital ↓ 19% gun homicide rate
Upward social mobility ↓ 25% gun homicide rate

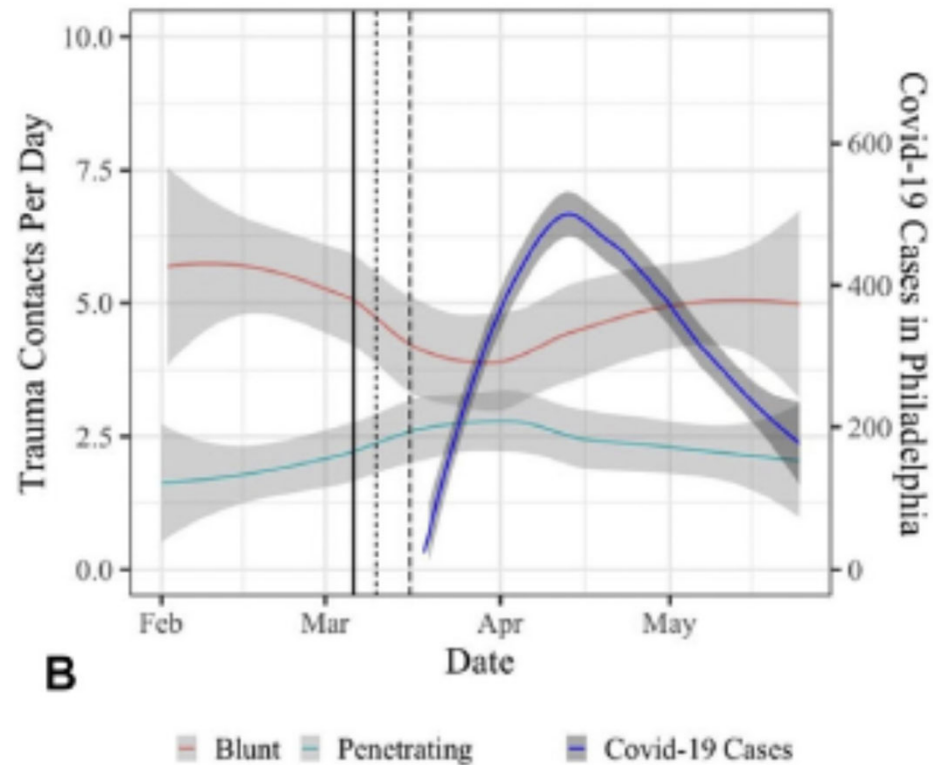
1-SD ↑ % residents in poverty ↓ 26% gun homicide rate

COVID-19 AND FIREARM VIOLENCE



| PA Emergency Declaration | First Case in Philadelphia | PA Stay-at-Home Order

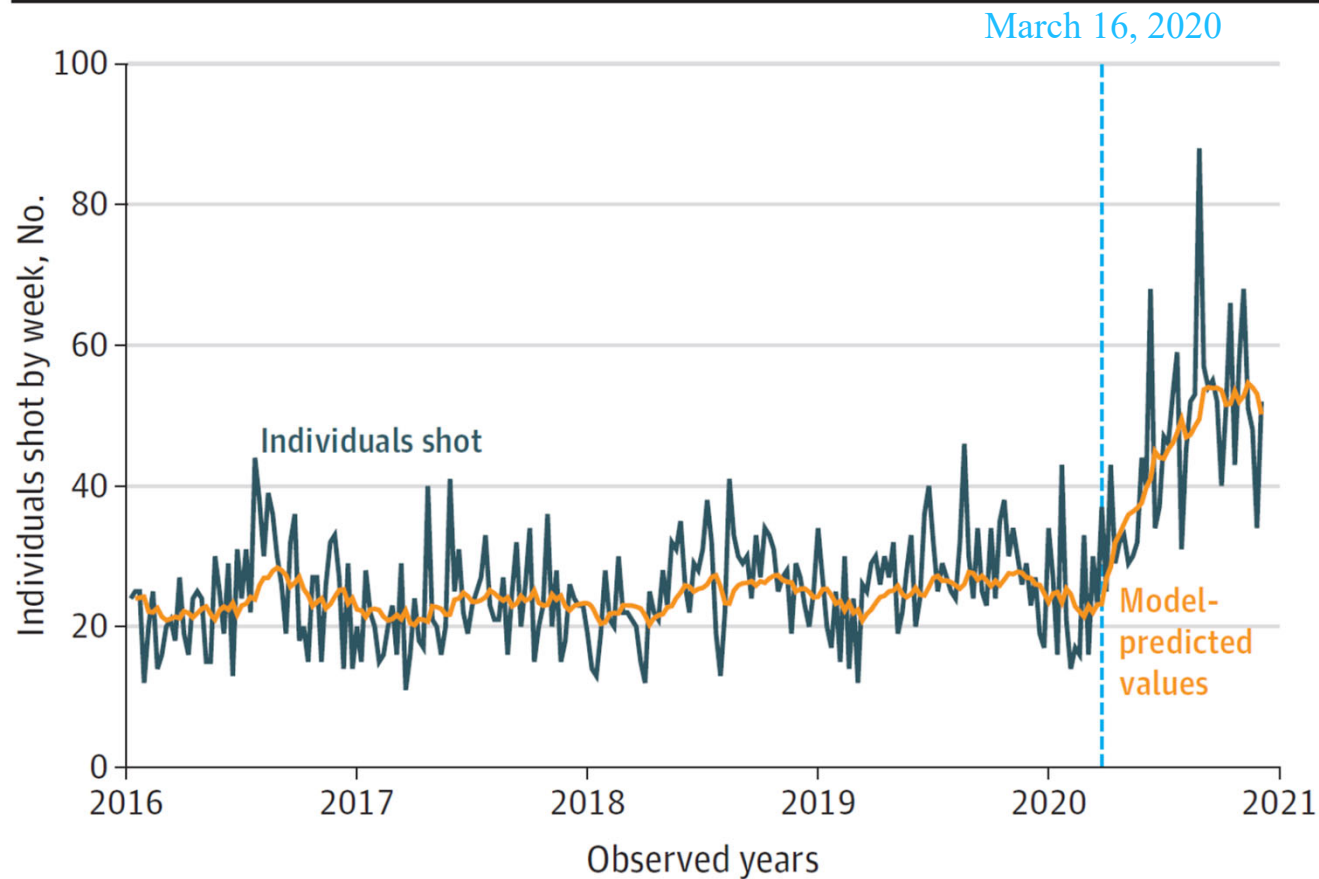
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Figure. Individuals Shot by Firearms per Week in Philadelphia, 2016 to 2020



Beard, et al. JAMA. Feb 2021.

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HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION

- Trauma centers see impact of firearm injury
- Galvanized to action in wake of #thisisourlane
- AAST/EAST/ACS firearm injury prevention statement
- Physicians must *advocate for the social, economic, educational, and political changes that ameliorate suffering and contribute to human well-being*¹



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¹ Declaration of Professional Responsibility:
Medicine's Social Contract with Humanity. AMA

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ACTIVITIES TO DATE

December 2018 – Founded

January 2019 – Advocacy and Education Day on the Hill – Harrisburg

March 2019 – Planning meeting with Rep Stephens – ERPO

March 2019 – First presentation to PTSF

June 5, 2019 – Advocacy and Education Day on the Hill – Harrisburg

June 11, 2019 – Advocacy and Education Day on the Hill – Harrisburg

Sept 2019 – House Judiciary Committee Letters of Support Submitted

Sept 2019 – House Judiciary Committee Testimony

October 2019 – Fall PTSF Conference Presentation

June 2020 – PA Safety Alliance Partnership/Steering Committee

March 2021 – Advocacy and Education Day on the Hill – Harrisburg

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Pennsylvania State

1. Universal background checks
2. Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO)
3. Safe Storage and Child Access Prevention
4. Opposition to the arming of school teachers

Federal

1. Universal background checks
 - Bipartisan Background Checks Bill – passed the House (HR8 – supported by Brian Fitzpatrick (R) of PA)
 - Charleston Loophole Closure – Passed the House (HR1446)



EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER

- 1. Concern that person is threat to self or others**
- 2. Evidence presented to court**
- 3. Court able to issue 'ex parte' interim ERPO**
- 4. Full hearing within 10 days - subject and attorney provide evidence and testimony**
- 5. Court rules in favor of one year prohibition of access to firearms and ammunition**
- 6. Termination hearing can be requested at any time**

Last Session: HB1075, SB90

ERPO

1999	First ERPO law (Connecticut)
2005-2017	4 states passed ERPO
2018	8 additional states passed ERPO
2019	Total of 19 states and D.C passed ERPO

Indiana's law reduced firearm suicide by 7.5 % ¹

Connecticut's law reduced firearm suicide by 13.6 % ¹



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¹ Kivisto, et al. Psychiatric Services 69:8, August 2018

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ERPO

One life saved for every 10-20 risk-warrants issued ^{1,2}

60% of gun deaths are suicides. ³

85% of suicide attempts with firearm fatal.

Temporarily reducing access to firearms significantly increases the likelihood of surviving a suicidal crisis.⁴

80% of people who attempt suicide will not try again.⁵



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1 Swanson, et al. Law & Contemp. Probs. 80, 179. 4

2 www.efsgv.org

3 www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/fatal_injury_reports

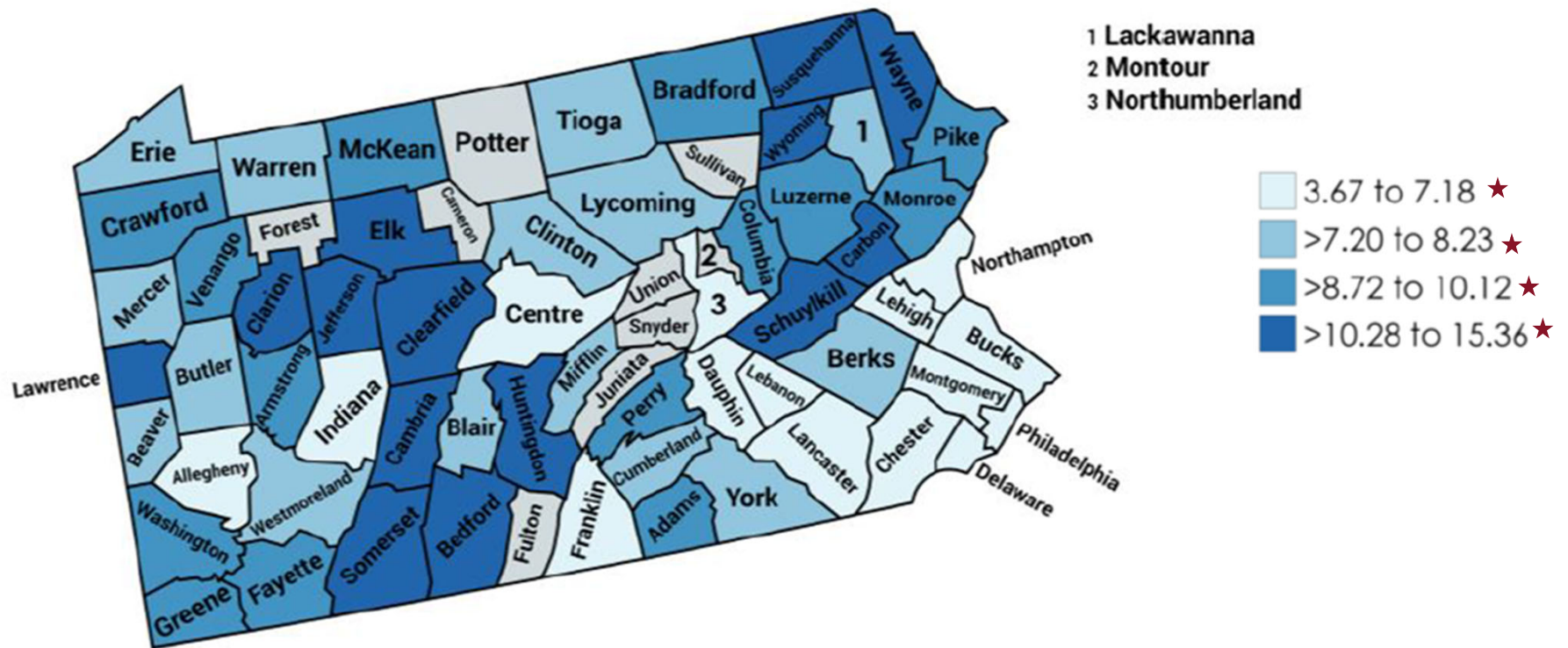
4 Miller, et al. Annual review of public health, 33, 393-408.

5 Carroll R, et al. PLoS ONE 9(2): e89944.

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FIREARM DEATHS IN PA – SUICIDE



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NON-LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. **Coalition Best Practice Recommendations**
2. **Safe Storage Screening at all Trauma Centers**
3. **Support of gun education partnerships**
4. **Research on firearm injury and prevention strategy**



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PTSF AND CTCFIP

1. **Conceptual support for Coalition**
2. **Collaboration to utilize PTOS data for research, policy development and policy evaluation**
 - a. How effective are policies?
3. **Review Coalition Best Practices**
4. **Collaborate to integrate safe storage screening practices at trauma centers statewide**
5. **Educational collaboration**
 - a. Conferences
 - b. Patient resources



QUESTIONS

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Lancaster General Hospital

Crozer Keystone Health

PennState Health

Geisinger Holy Spirit

Geisinger Medical Center

Geisinger Wyoming Valley

Lehigh Valley Hospital

Reading Health Center

Children's Hospital of PA

St. Christopher's Hospital

Temple University Hospital

Crozer Keystone Health

Lankenau Medical Center

Lehigh Valley Hospital

Geisinger Community

UPMC Presbyterian

WellSpan York Hospital

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