

Firearm Suicide in Edgar County, IL

Introduction

Suicide is a leading cause of violent death throughout Illinois¹. Between 2012-2020, there were 132 violent deaths in Edgar Co., IL. Of these deaths, 38 were suicide (29%).

Key Statistics¹ (2012 to 2020)

29%

of violent deaths
in Edgar County
were suicides

37%

of suicides were
committed with
a firearm

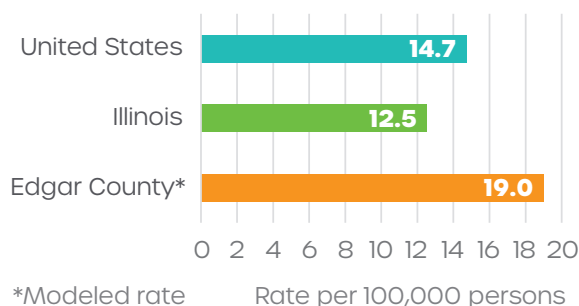
86%

of firearm suicides
were committed
by males

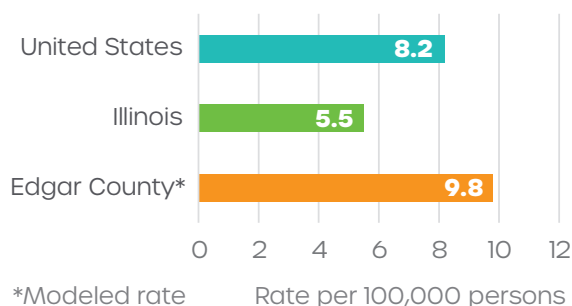
85%

of suicide
attempts with a
firearm are fatal²

Suicide rates nationally, statewide, and county wide 2023



Firearm suicide rates nationally, statewide, and county wide 2023



According to CDC modeling data³, the suicide rate in Edgar Co. in 2023 exceeded the rates for both Illinois (41.3% difference) and nationally (25.5% difference).

The firearm suicide rate in Edgar Co. in 2023 exceeded the rates for both Illinois (56.2% difference) and nationally (17.8% difference).

IPHA and its subgrantees are currently using a trusted messenger CHW prevention approach to conduct community-specific outreach, deliver free gun safety education, gun lock boxes and safes, firearm restraining order information, and provide bi-directional referrals with local health departments and community-based organizations.

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Firearm Suicide in Madison County, IL

Introduction

Suicide is a leading cause of violent death throughout Illinois¹. Between 2016-2022, there were 361 violent deaths in Madison County, IL. Of these deaths, 285 were suicide (79%). The Illinois Violent Death Reporting System (IVDRS) provides valuable insight at the county level regarding firearm suicide in Madison County.

Key Statistics¹ (2016 to 2022)

79%

of violent deaths in Madison Co. were suicides

42%

of suicides were committed with a firearm

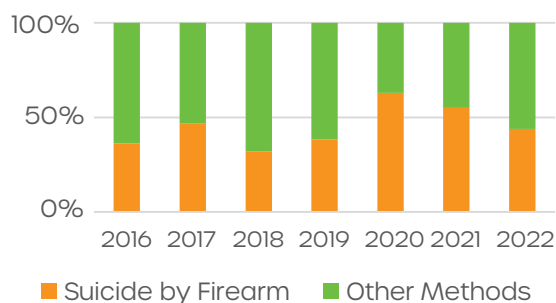
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of firearm suicides were committed by males

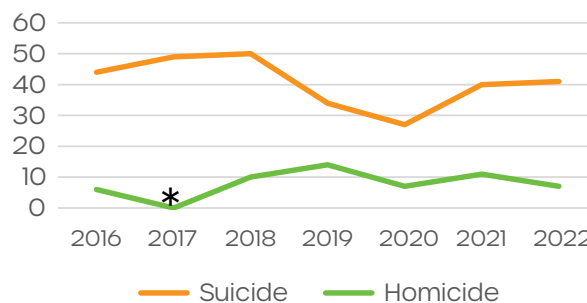
85%

of suicide attempts with a firearm are fatal²

**Suicide by firearm vs. other methods
Madison County, 2016-22**



**Violent deaths recorded in IVDRS by manner and year*
Madison County, 2016-22**



Suicide by firearm accounted for over 50% of suicides in 2020 and 2021.

There were more deaths by suicide than homicide or other means each year.

*Homicide deaths in 2017 are suppressed for anonymity of decedents (count <6)

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Firearm Suicide in St. Clair County, IL

Introduction

Suicide is a leading cause of violent death throughout Illinois¹. Between 2016-2022, there were 387 violent deaths in St. Clair Co., IL. Of these deaths, 181 were suicide (47%). The Illinois Violent Death Reporting System (IVDRS) provides valuable insight at the county level regarding firearm suicide in St. Clair Co.

Key Statistics¹ (2016 to 2022)

47%

of violent deaths
in St. Clair Co.
were suicides

57%

of suicides were
committed with
a firearm

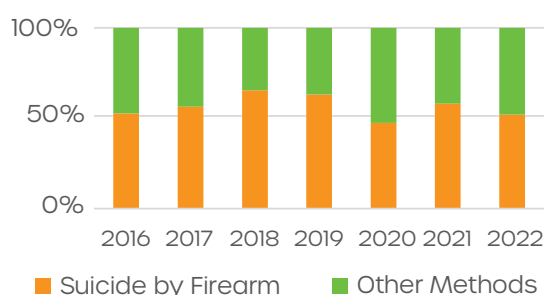
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of firearm suicides
were committed
by males

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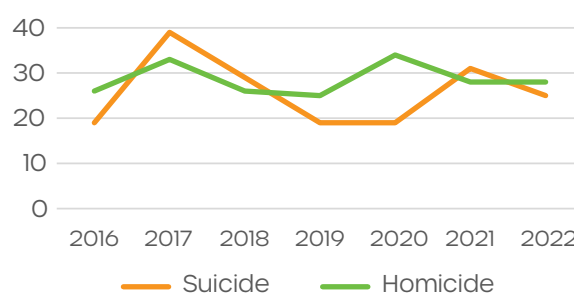
of suicide
attempts with a
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**Suicide by firearm
vs. other methods
St. Clair County, 2016-22**



Suicide by firearm was highest in, 2018, lowest in 2020, and rose again thereafter. Overall, firearm suicides account for over 50% of all suicides in St. Clair Co.

**Violent deaths recorded in IVDRS
by manner and year
St. Clair County, 2016-22**



Both homicide and suicides are leading causes of violent death in St. Clair Co. Suicide was the leading cause in 2017, 2018, and 2021.

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Firearm Homicide in St. Clair County, IL

Introduction

Homicide is a leading cause of violent death throughout Illinois¹. Between 2016-2022, there were 387 violent deaths in St. Clair Co., IL. Of these deaths, 200 were homicide (52%). The Illinois Violent Death Reporting System (IVDRS) provides valuable insight at the county level regarding firearm homicide in St. Clair Co., IL.

Key Statistics¹ (2016 to 2022)

52%

of violent deaths in St. Clair Co. were homicides

91%

of homicides were committed with a firearm

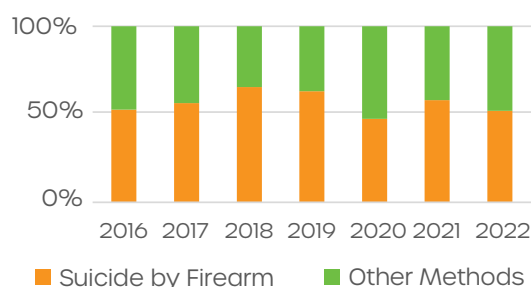
91%

of firearm homicide deaths were Black individuals

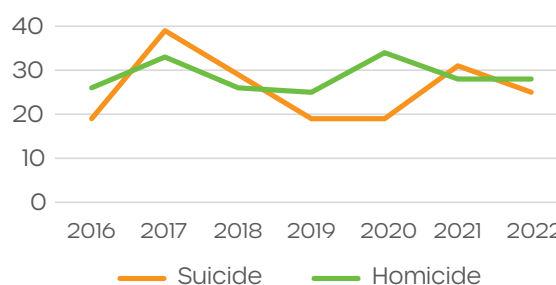
79%

of homicides nationally were committed with firearms in 2022²

**Suicide by firearm vs. other methods
St. Clair County, 2016-22**



**Violent deaths recorded in IVDRS by manner and year
St. Clair County, 2016-22**



Over 90% of homicides were committed with firearms on average between 2016 and 2022. The lowest percentage of firearm homicides occurred in 2022 (86%).

Both homicide and suicide are leading causes of violent death in St. Clair County. Homicide was the leading cause in 2016, 2019, 2020, and 2022.

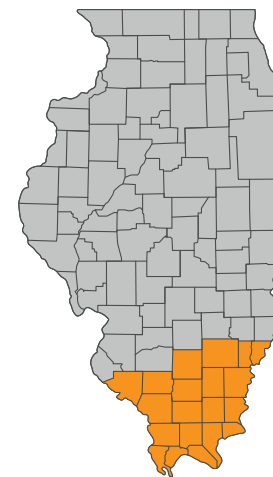
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Firearm Suicide in Southern IL

Introduction

Suicide is a leading cause of violent death throughout Illinois¹. Between 2019-2022, there were 159 violent deaths in Southern Illinois counties². Of these deaths, 126 were suicide (79%). The Illinois Violent Death Reporting System (IVDRS) provides valuable insight at the county level regarding firearm suicide in Illinois's southern county region.

Key Statistics¹ (2019 to 2022)

66%

of violent deaths in
Central Illinois counties
were suicides

49%

of suicides were
committed with
a firearm

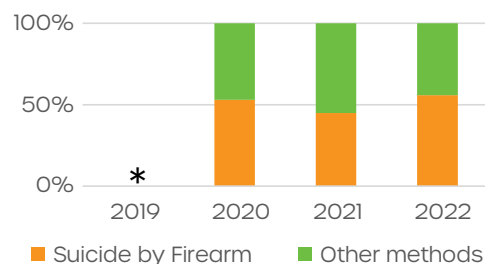
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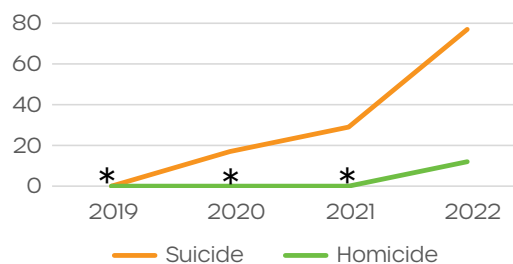
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**Suicide by firearm
vs. other methods
Southern Counties, 2019-2022**



*Counts <6 are suppressed for anonymity of decedents

**Violent deaths recorded in IVDRS
by manner and year
Southern Counties, 2019-2022**



Suicide by firearm accounted for approximately 50% of suicides from 2020 to 2022.

There were more deaths by suicide than homicide or other means each year.

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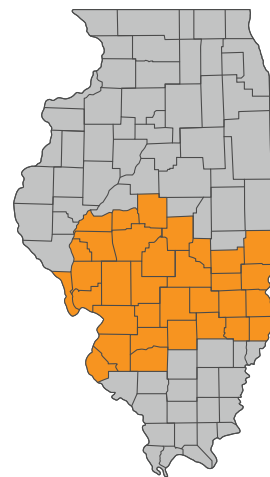
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Firearm Suicide in Central IL

Introduction

Suicide is a leading cause of violent death throughout Illinois¹. Between 2016-2022, there were 1,397 violent deaths in Central Illinois counties². Of these deaths, 917 were suicide (66%). The Illinois Violent Death Reporting System (IVDRS) provides valuable insight at the county level regarding firearm suicide in Illinois's central county region.

Key Statistics¹ (2016 to 2022)

66%

of violent deaths in
Central Illinois counties
were suicides

49%

of suicides were
committed with
a firearm

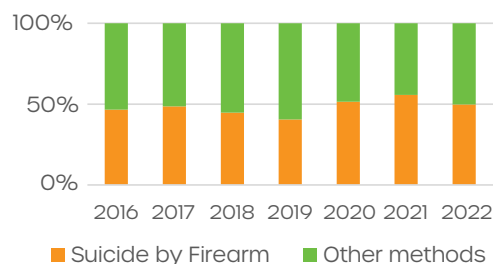
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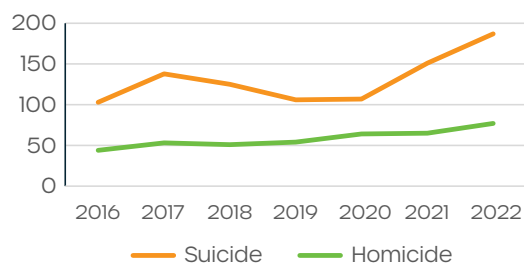
of suicide
attempts with a
firearm are fatal³

**Suicide by firearm
vs. other methods
(Central Counties, 2016-22)**



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**Violent deaths recorded in IVDRS
by manner and year
(Central Counties, 2016-22)**



Suicide by firearm accounted for nearly or over 50% of suicides between 2016-2022.

There were more deaths by suicide than homicide or other means each year.

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