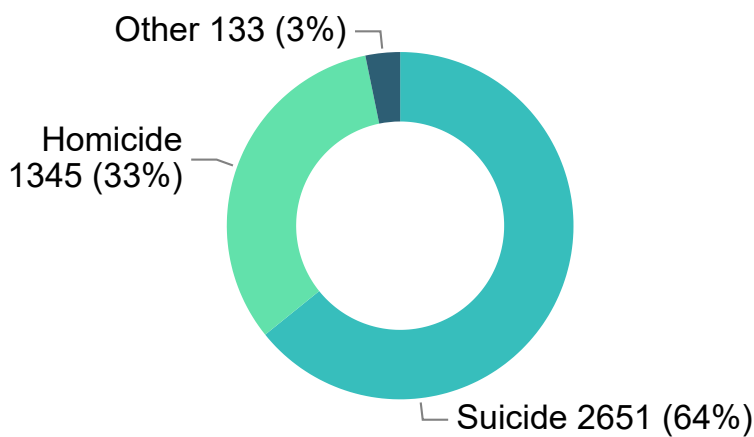


# CaIVDRS Deaths in 2020

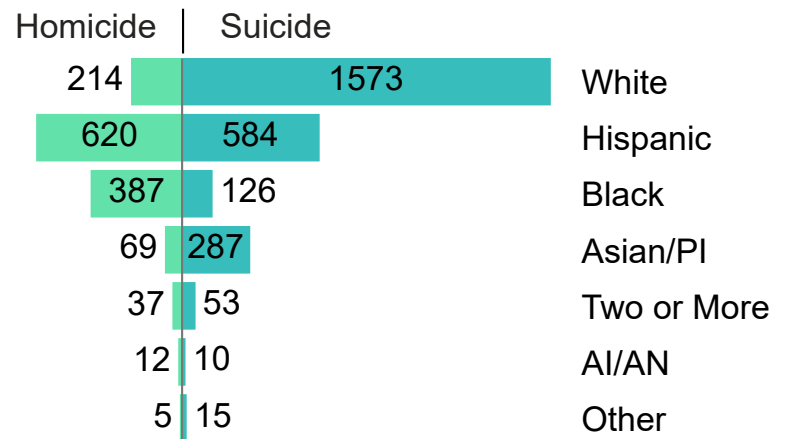


The California Violent Death Reporting System (CaIVDRS) is housed in the Injury and Violence Prevention Branch in the California Department of Public Health. CaIVDRS is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct statewide surveillance on violent deaths that occur in California. Violent deaths include homicide (including legal intervention deaths that result from law enforcement acting in the line of duty), suicide, unintentional firearm deaths, and deaths for which the intent could not be determined. CaIVDRS collects data from multiple sources (death certificates, medical examiner/coroner reports, and law enforcement reports) in order to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the circumstances surrounding these deaths. The goal of this system is to assist stakeholders in the development of public health prevention strategies, interventions, and policies to reduce the number of violent deaths that occur each year.

**There were 6,927 violent deaths in California in 2020.**  
**Reports were abstracted for 4,129 deaths in 34 counties, described here.**  
 Note: Counts may not equal total numbers due to unknown information.

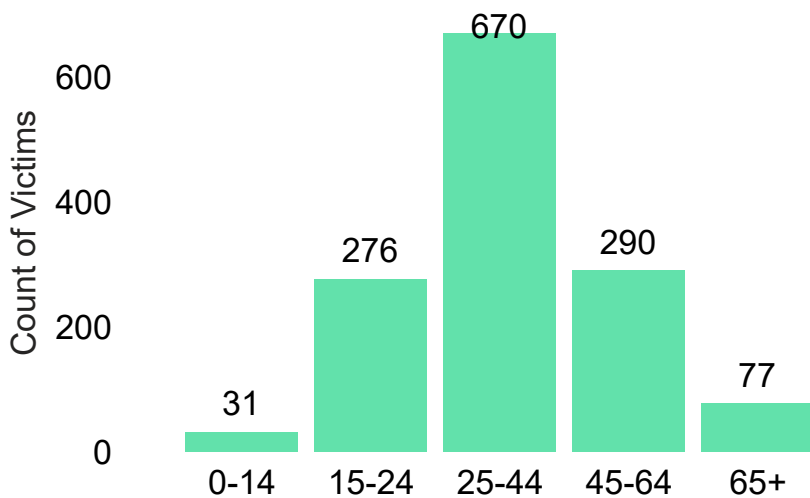


Note: 81 legal intervention deaths are included in homicide death counts.

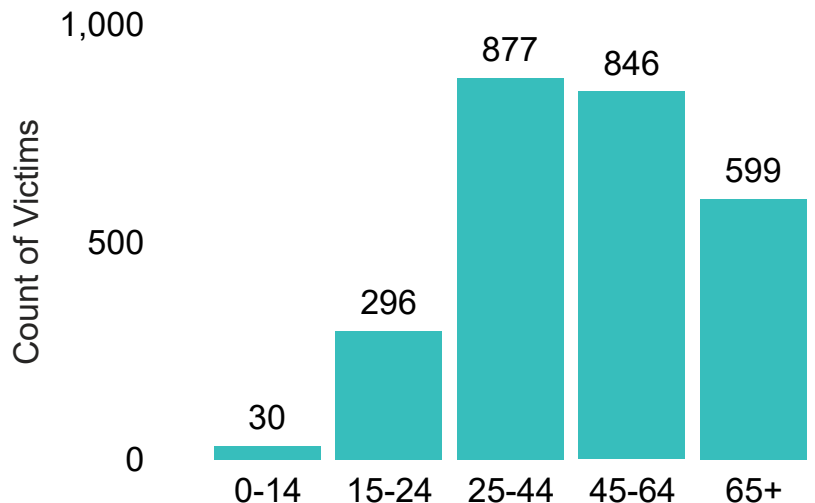


PI: Pacific Islander;  
 AI/AN: American Indian/Alaska Native

Age of Homicide Victims



Age of Suicide Deaths



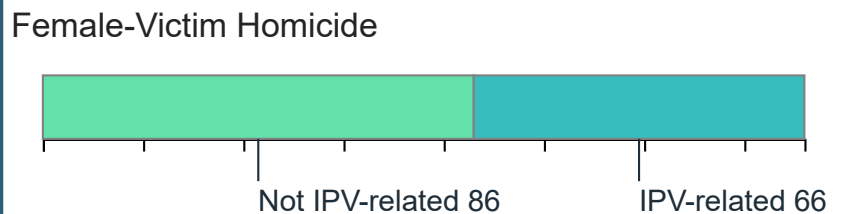
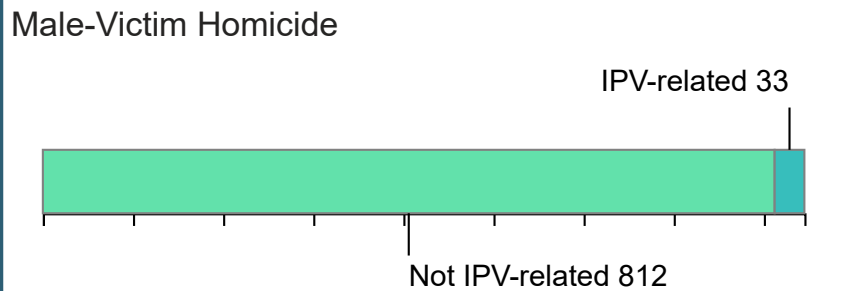
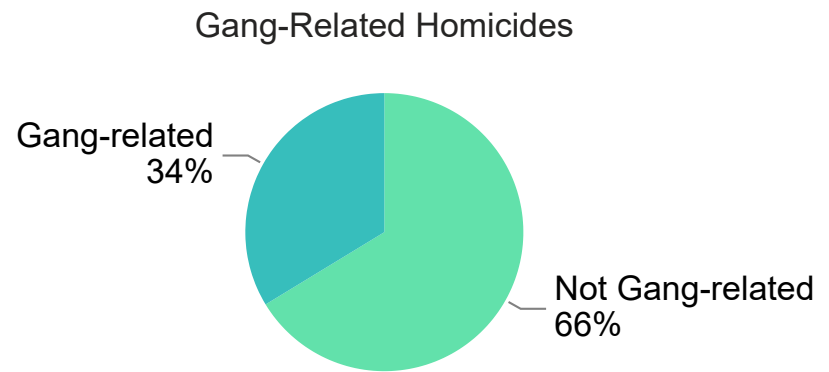
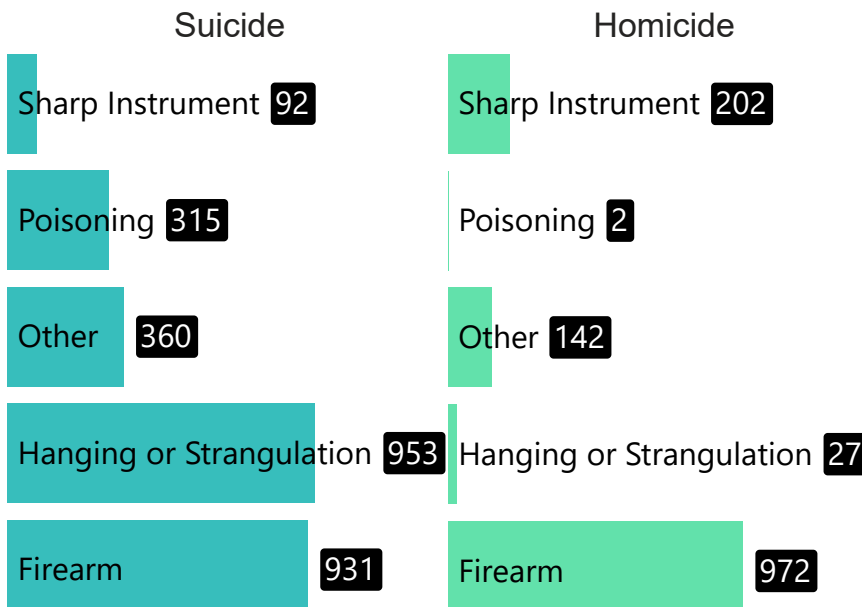
Sex of Homicide Victims



Sex of Suicide Deaths



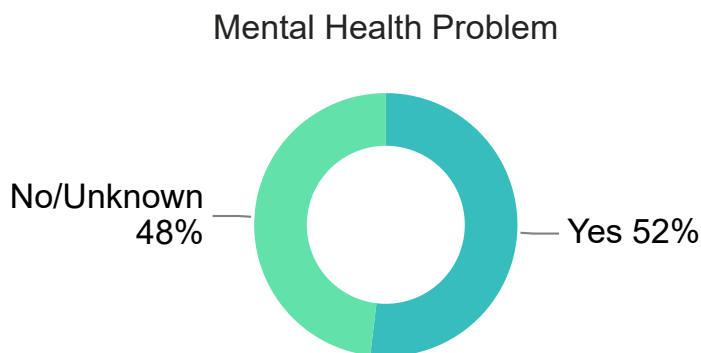
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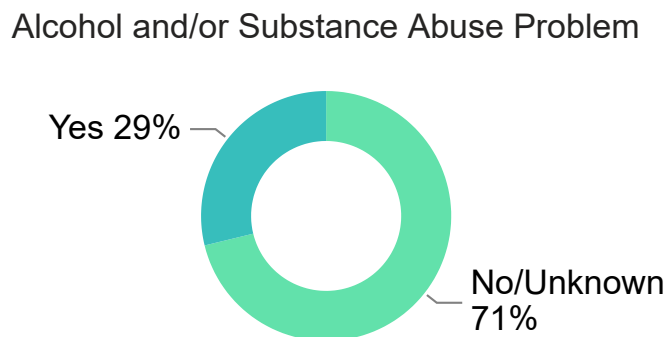
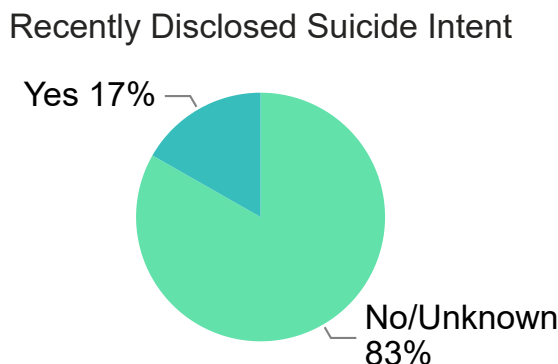
**Firearms** were used in **35%** of deaths by suicide and in **72%** of homicide deaths. Overall, firearms were used in **47%** of violent deaths, representing **1,938** deaths.

IPV: Intimate Partner Violence

## Suicide and Mental Health



**23%** of those who died by suicide were noted to have been in a **depressed mood**. **Depression, Bipolar Disorder, Anxiety, and Schizophrenia** were the most common mental health diagnoses of those who died by suicide.



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Note: 2020 CaVDRS data was collected for 34 counties and is not representative of California. For more information about CaVDRS please email at [CaVDRS@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:CaVDRS@cdph.ca.gov).