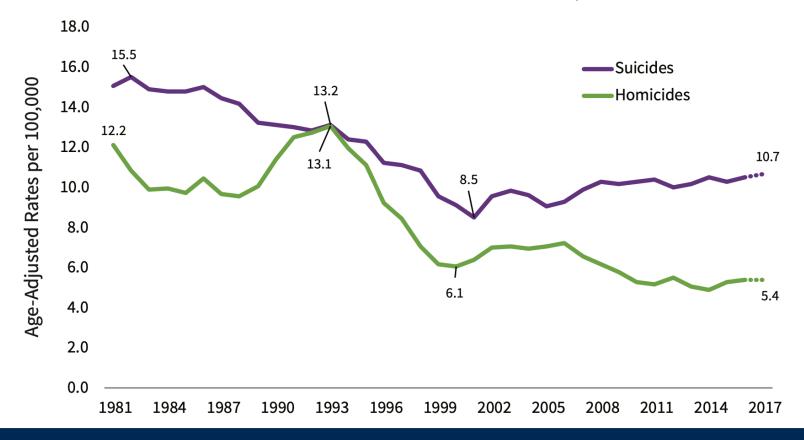
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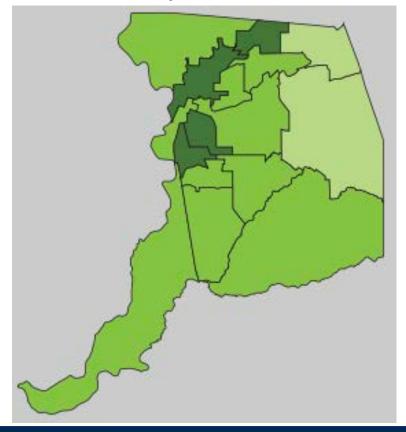




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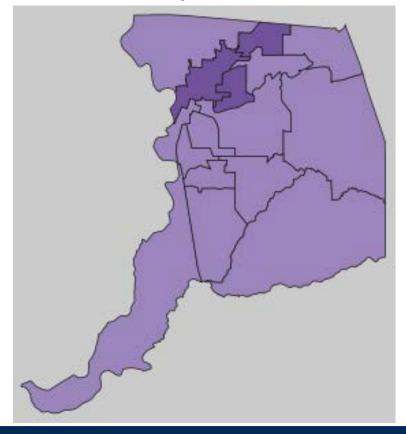
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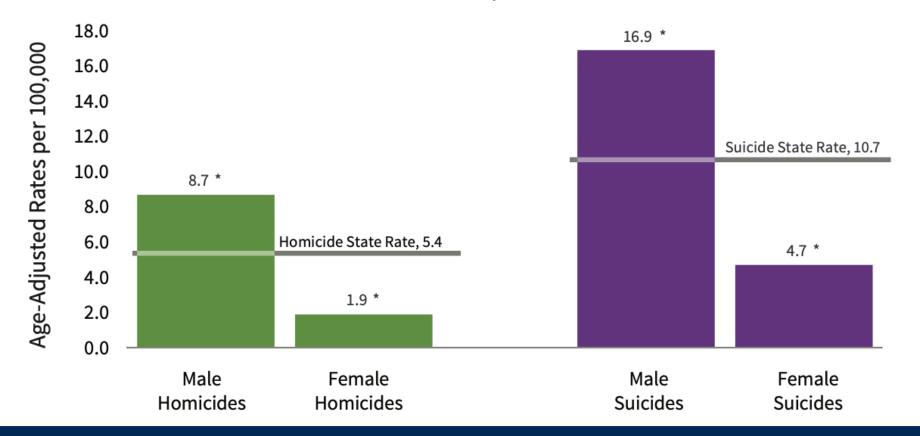
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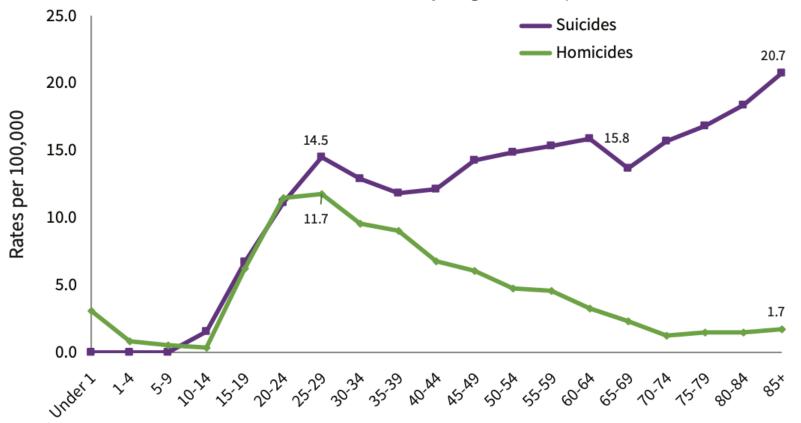


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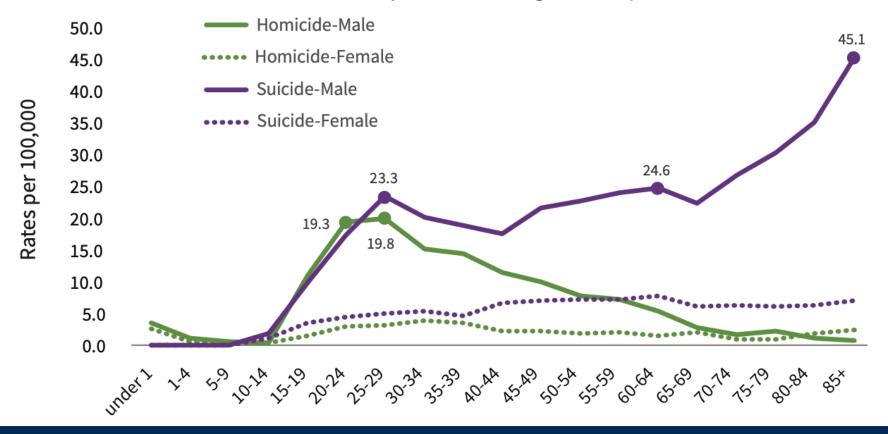


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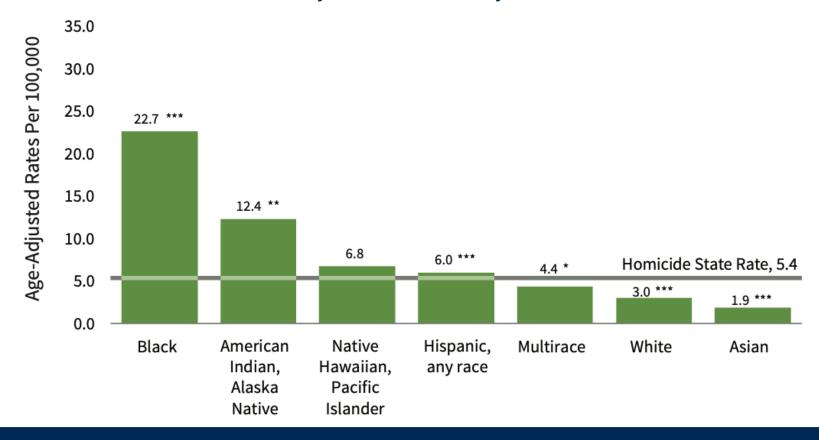


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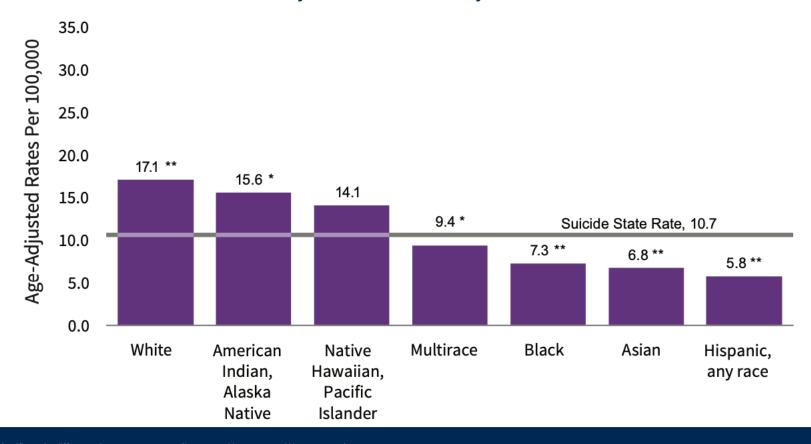


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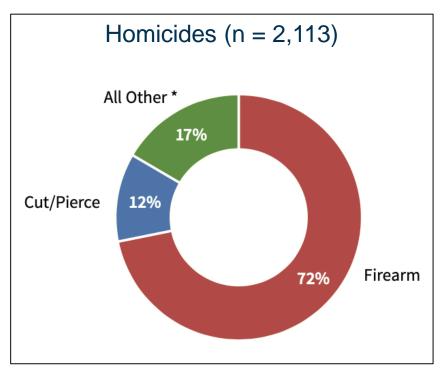
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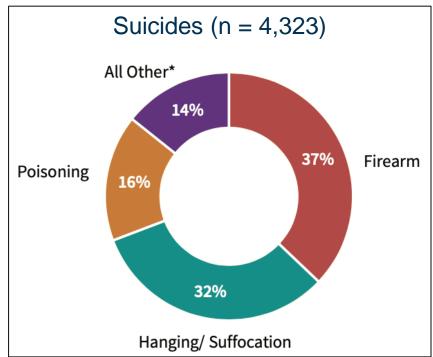




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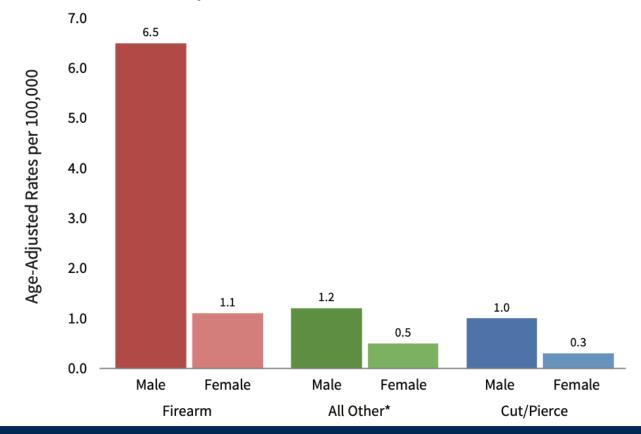
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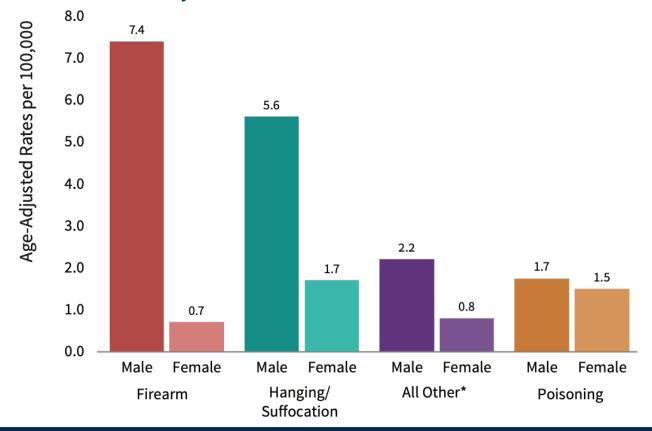


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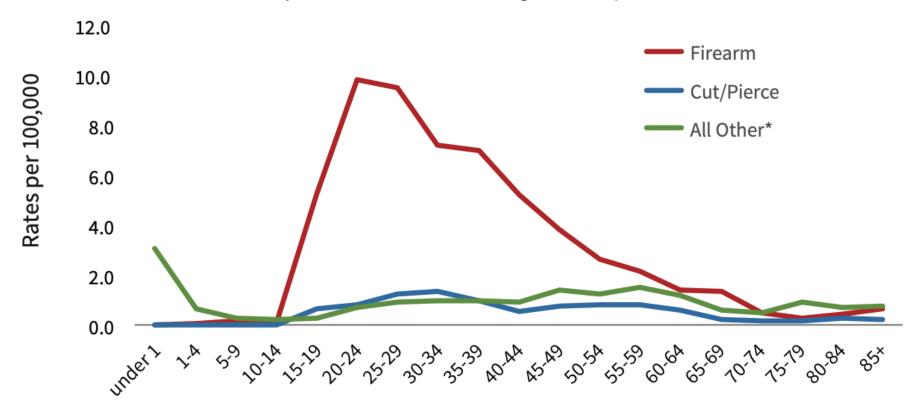


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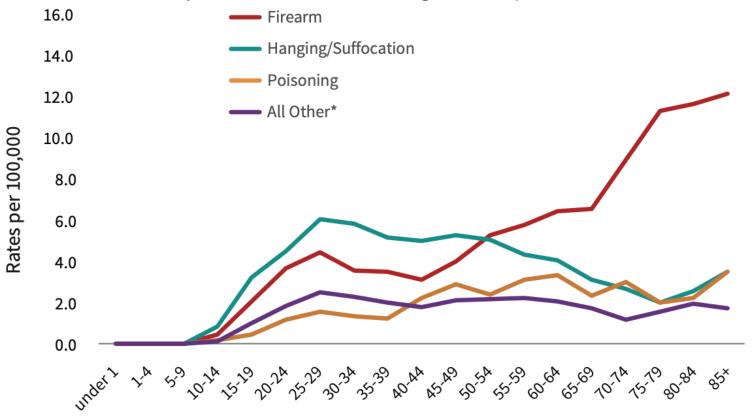


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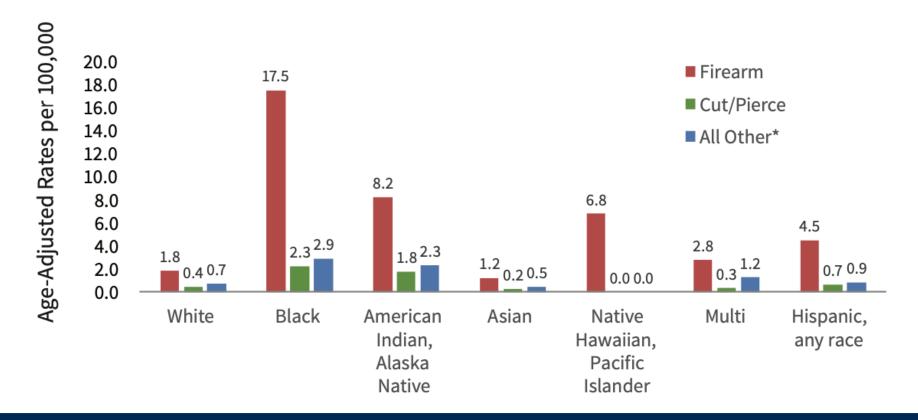


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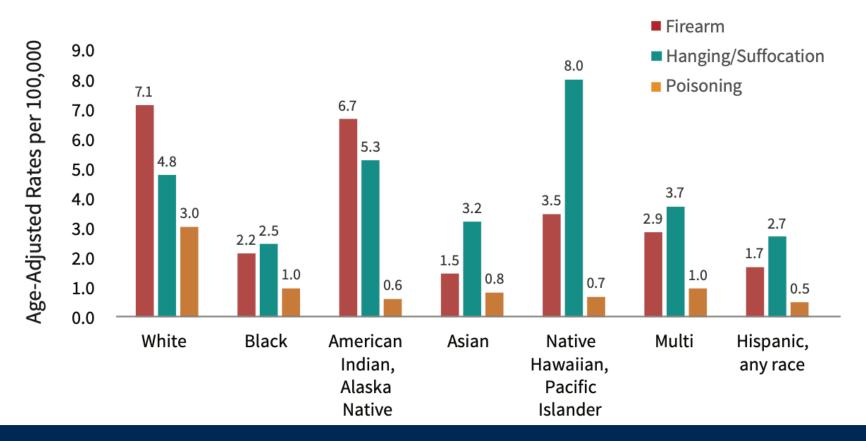


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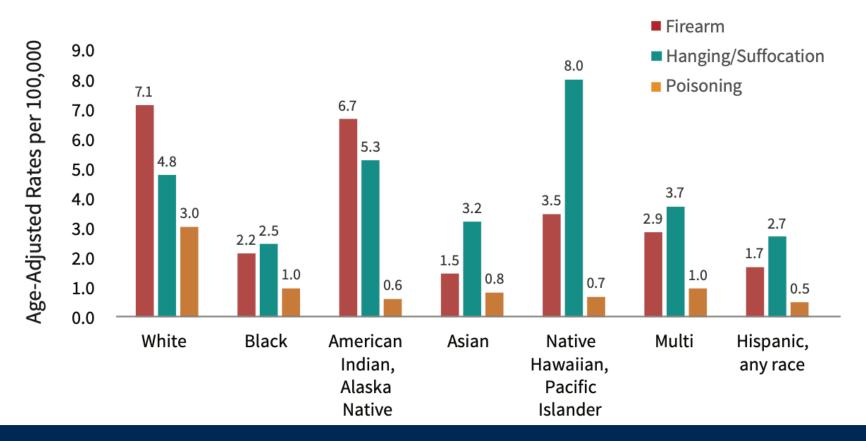


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## Concentration of Gun Violence - Places

 Homicides concentrate in cities due to population concentration in urban vs. rural areas

- In most cities, about 4% of city blocks account for ~ 50% of violence
- "Hot spots" or "micro-places" particular street corners, bars, liquor stores, dark parks, etc.

## Concentration of Gun Violence – People

- Substantial share of gun violence committed by tiny fraction of city's population
- Even in communities with high rates of gun violence, violence committed by tiny fraction of the residents
  - Oakland → 60% of homicides occur within social network of about 0.3% of city's population
  - New Orleans → 50+% of homicides occur within network of < 1% of population</p>
  - Chicago → 70% of nonfatal shootings and 46% of fatal ones occur within network containing 6% of population

## Structural Drivers of Violence

- Lack of Government Accountability
- Disenfranchised Community and Youth
- Inequitable
   Distribution of
   Opportunity,
   Resources, Money
   and Power
- Agencies Working in Silos
- Lack of Prevention Infrastructure
- Blaming Boys and Men of Color
- Reliance on Suppression Strategies Only
- Measurement of Inputs, Not Outcomes



## Contributors & Consequences of Violence

- Lack of Economic Opportunity
- Community Deterioration
- Distrust,
   Disconnection and Isolated Families
- Trauma
- Failing and Deteriorated Schools
- Cycle of Mass Incarceration
- Hopelessness and Despair



#### Lack of Safety

- Violence
- Lack of Community Safety
- Fear of Violence

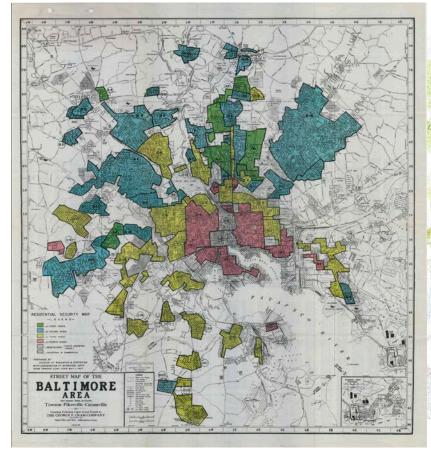


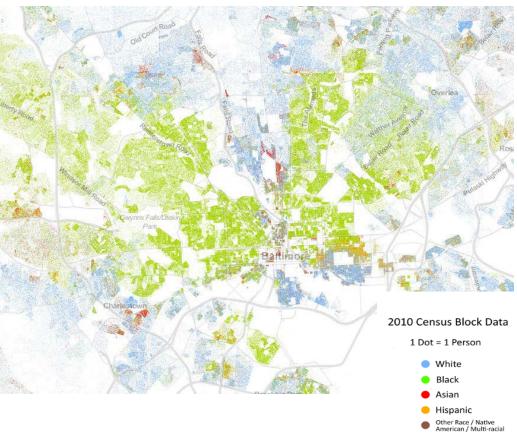
#### Long-Term Health Consequences

- Injury, Disability and Death
- Mental health Problems
- Substance Abuse
- Asthma
- Barriers to Healthy Eating and Active Living

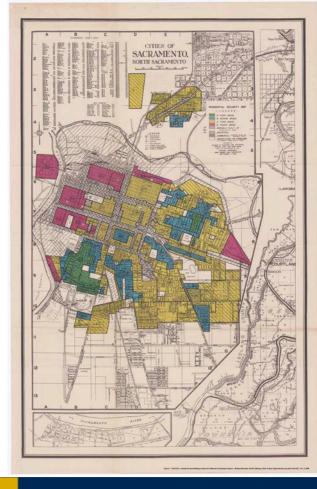


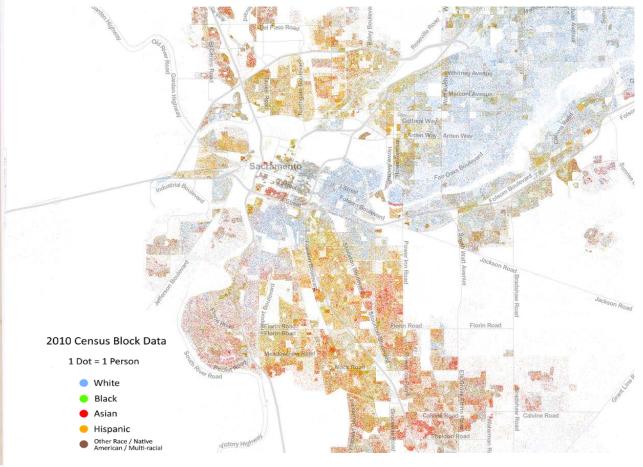
Chronic Illnesses











## Violence and Gangs, Drugs, and Immigrants

- Most people in most gangs, crews, cliques, and groups are not violent.
- The most common drug associated with gun violence is alcohol.
  - Some gun violence does stem from the illicit drug market.
- Higher percentages of immigrants undocumented or not correlate with no change or lower levels of violent crime.



## "Hurt people hurt people."

- In most intracity gun violence, those who commit violence:
  - Have histories of violence, often with juvenile or criminal justice experience
  - Frequently have substance abuse problems
  - Come from impoverished and difficult backgrounds
  - Overwhelmingly have had extensive trauma in their own lives
  - Yesterday's victim is often tomorrow's transgressor

## Successful Community-Level Gun Violence Prevention Includes:

- A. Focusing on individuals at greatest risk for violence victimization and perpetration.
- B. Providing supports to those individuals at greatest risk.
- C. Having well-functioning and just systems to hold individuals accountable for violent behavior.
- D. Address system inequities and advance justice and equity across communities to prevent future violence.

## Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs

- Support holistic recovery from violent injury (VI)
- Transition (VI) patients from hospital to long term community and natural support
- Uses culturally competent case management by Violence Intervention Specialists (VIS)
  - Relationship based care through continuum of recovery
  - Addresses social determinants of violence

## UC Davis Health Wraparound Program

# Target Population

- Ages 13-26 years
- Injured by interpersonal violence

## **Inclusion Criteria**

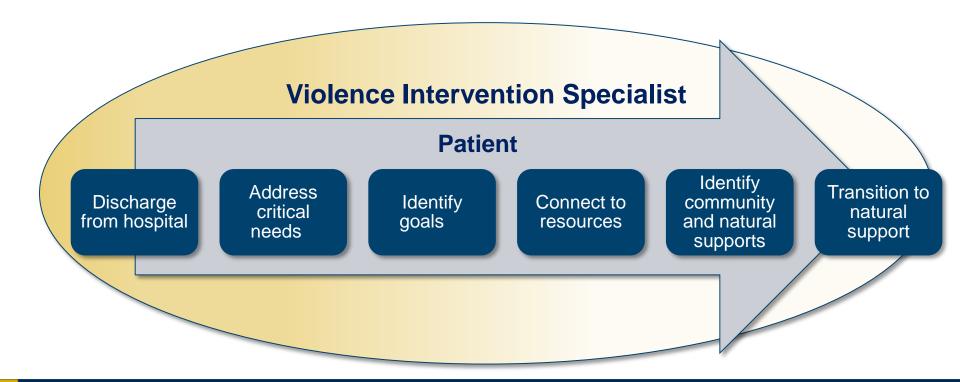
- GSW, SW, Assault
- Admitted to hospital on trauma service

## Exclusion Criteria

- SA/DV/Child Abuse/SI
- Prisoner
- Level I mental illness

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## Continuum of Recovery from Violent Injury



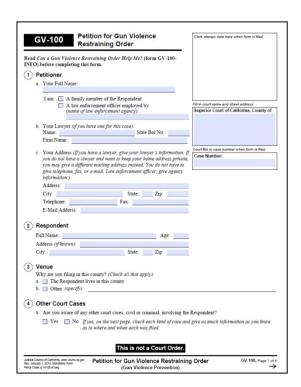
## Wraparound Community Partnerships

- Black Child Legacy Campaign (BCLC)
- WellSpace Health Sacramento Violence Intervention Program (SVIP)
- Chicks in Crisis (CIC)
- Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD)
- Sacramento Food Bank (SFB)

- Sacramento County Probation Department
- We Help Youth Sacramento Collaboration (WHY Sac)
- Build Black/Sacramento Kings
- California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB)
- Department of Human Assistance (DHA)

## The Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO)

- Response to the Isla Vista shooting in 2014
- GVRO law went into effect on January 1, 2016
- Allows family, household members, and law enforcement to petition for a GVRO, which:
  - Temporarily removes firearms and ammunition from individuals who pose significant danger to themselves or others
  - Prevents the purchase of firearms and ammunition

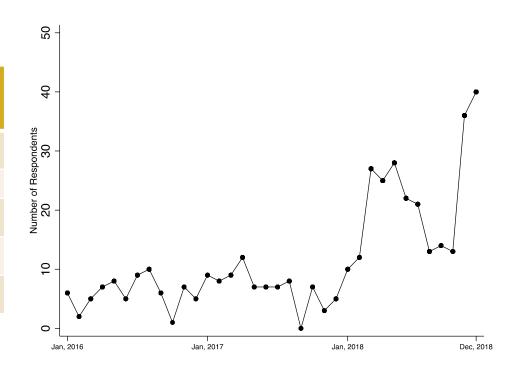


## Types of GVROs

- **Emergency temporary orders**: Available to law enforcement petitioners 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Last for 21 days.
- Ex parte orders: Available to law enforcement and family/household member petitioners. Last for 21 days.
- Orders issued after notice and hearing: Available to law enforcement and family/household member petitioners. Last for 1 year.

## GVRO respondents by year & month, California

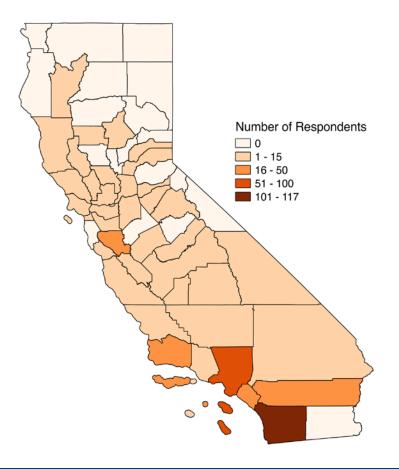
	2016	2017	2018	Total	
	N	N	N	N	
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Total	71	82	261	414	
	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	
GVRO type					
Emergency	48	66	113	227	
	(67.6)	(80.5)	(43.3)	(54.8)	
Ex Parte	16 (22.5)	9 (11.0)	66 (25.3)	91 (22.0)	
After hearing	7 (0.9)	7 (8.5)	82 (31.4)	96 (23.2)	





# GVRO respondents by county (2016-2018)

- San Diego is leading the state in use of GVROs (117), followed by Los Angeles (53) and Santa Barbara (34)
- 19 of 58 counties did not issue any GVROs in the first three years





## GVRO respondents by year: demographics

	2016 N (%)	2017 N (%)	2018 N (%)	Total N (%)
Gender				
Male	57 (80.3)	77 (93.9)	243 (93.1)	377 (91.1)
Female	14 (19.7)	5 (6.1)	18 (6.9)	37 (8.9)
Race/Ethnicity				
White	47 (66.2)	55 (67.1)	150 (57.5)	252 (60.9)
Hispanic	9 (12.7)	10 (12.2)	62 (23.8)	81 (19.6)
Black	4 (5.6)	2 (2.4)	23 (8.8)	29 (7.0)
Asian	4 (5.6)	8 (9.8)	14 (5.4)	26 (6.3)
Other	7 (9.9)	7 (8.5)	12 (4.6)	26 (6.3)



## GVRO respondents by year: characteristics

	2016 N (%)	2017 N (%)	2018 N (%)	Total N (%)
Petitioner				
Family	6 (8.5)	6 (7.3)	4 (1.5)	16 (3.9)
LEO	63 (88.7)	76 (92.7)	257 (98.5)	396 (95.7)
Service				
Served	62 (87.3)	72 (87.8)	181 (69.4)	315 (76.1)
Unserved	9 (12.7)	10 (12.2)	80 (30.7)	99 (23.9)

- Vast majority of petitioners have been law enforcement officers
- Service (or reporting of service) has declined over time



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## MEDICINE AND PUBLIC ISSUES

## Extreme Risk Protection Orders Intended to Prevent Mass Shootings A Case Series

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Urgent, individualized interventions to reduce firearm access, such as extreme risk protection orders (ERPOs, colloquially known as "red flag" orders), provide a rapid, focused response when risk for imminent firearm violence is high. Studies to date suggest such interventions are most commonly used to prevent suicide and are effective. Authorizing legislation has often been enacted after public mass shootings but, to our knowledge, there have been only 2 reported cases of ERPO use in efforts to prevent mass shootings. California enacted the nation's first ERPO statute, which took effect in January 2016. The authors are evaluating that statute's implementation and effectiveness and are seeking to obtain court records for all 414 cases occurring in 2016 to 2018. Based on 159 records received thus far, this article presents an aggregate summary and individual histories for a preliminary series of 21 cases in which ERPOs were used in efforts to prevent mass shootings. Most subjects were male and

non-Hispanic white; the mean age was 35 years. Most subjects made explicit threats and owned firearms. Four cases arose primarily in relation to medical or mental health conditions, and such conditions were noted in 4 others. Fifty-two firearms were recovered. As of early August 2019, none of the threatened shootings had occurred, and no other homicides or suicides by persons subject to the orders were identified. It is impossible to know whether violence would have occurred had ERPOs not been issued, and the authors make no claim of a causal relationship. Nonetheless, the cases suggest that this urgent, individualized intervention can play a role in efforts to prevent mass shootings, in health care settings and elsewhere. Further evaluation would be helpful.

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## Additional Research at UC Davis VPRP

- Armed and Prohibited Persons System (APPS)
- California Safety and Wellbeing Survey (CSaWS)
- What You Can Do (WYCD) → AB 521
- DUI and violence risk among handgun purchasers
- Changing the physical environment

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