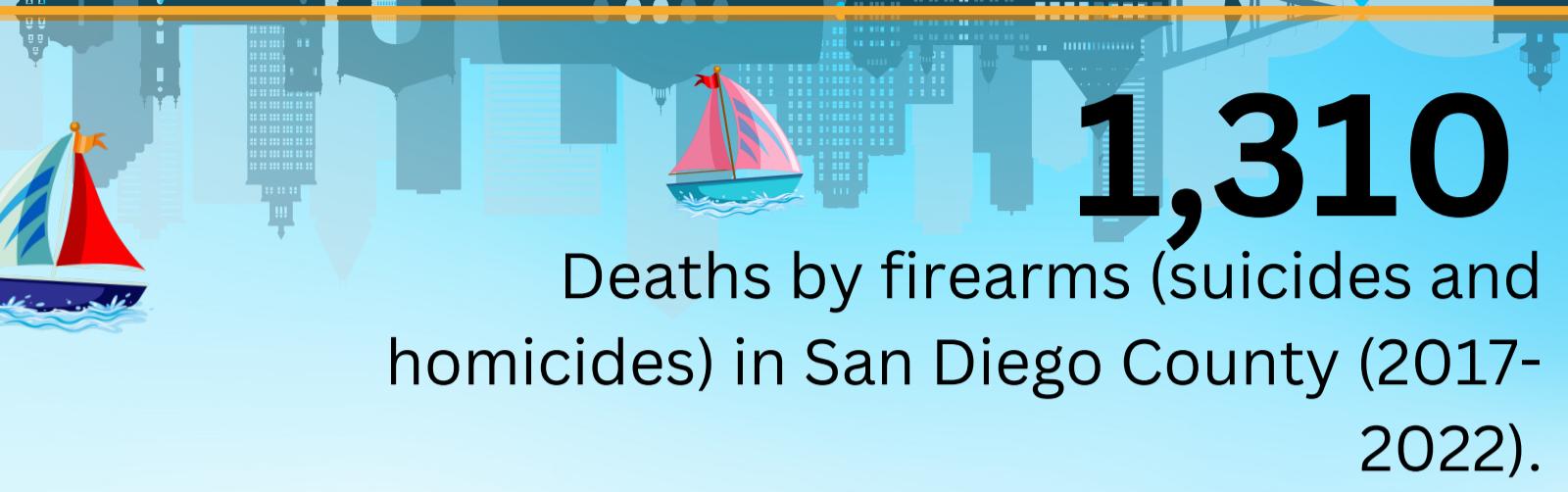




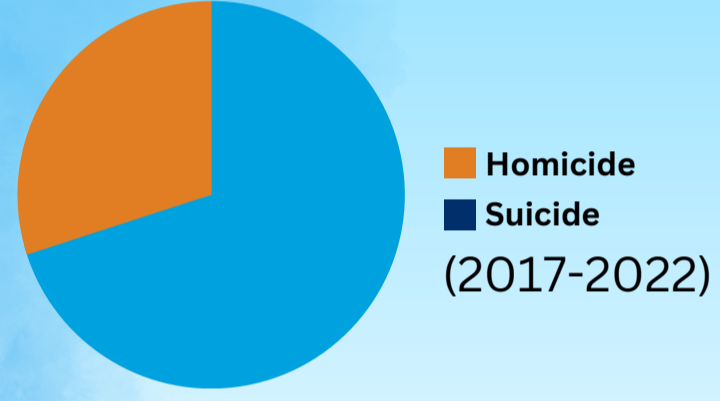
# SAN DIEGO COUNTY GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION



# 1,310

Deaths by firearms (suicides and homicides) in San Diego County (2017-2022).

About **29%** of firearm-related deaths in San Diego County were **homicide**.



And about **71%** of firearm-related deaths were **suicide**.

About **3 in 10** of all firearm-related deaths (2017-2022) were **veterans**.



Among these veteran deaths, most (93%) were suicides.

# 64%

increase in firearm-related crime rate (2017-2021).



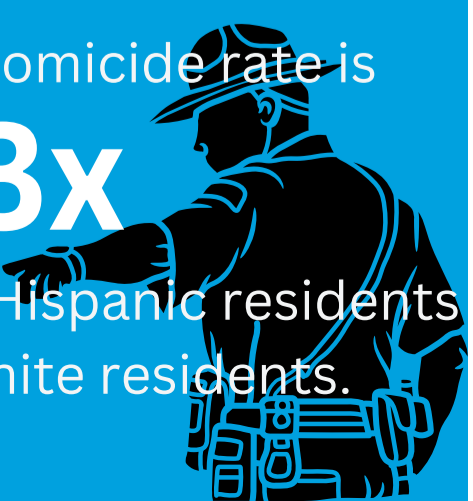
Firearm homicide rate is **10x** greater for Black residents than White residents.



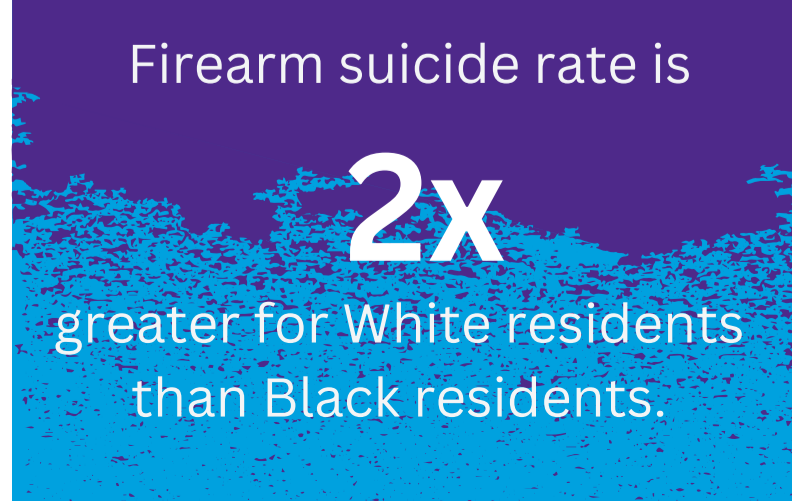
Firearm suicide rate is **6x** greater for White residents than Hispanic residents.



Firearm homicide rate is **3x** greater for Hispanic residents than White residents.



Firearm suicide rate is **2x** greater for White residents than Black residents.



# Recommendations

Recommendations are organized into strategic areas of focus and emphasize actions that can be undertaken, funded, or coordinated by the County.

These recommendations are an array of responses, as there is no one policy or practice that will “solve” the issue of gun violence. Rather, a coordinated, well resourced, and multifaceted public health approach is needed.



## AWARENESS & ADVOCACY

Support community outreach to share information and resources for suicide, domestic violence, and community violence prevention. Support distribution of free gun locks. Provide gun safety training to County staff. Promote standard use of suicide screening tool in healthcare settings.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & COLLABORATION

Facilitate a Gun Violence Reduction Community Advisory Group to guide prevention efforts. Facilitate collaboration across agencies, organizations, and sectors.



## COMMUNITY HEALING & TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICE

Engage with stakeholders in southeastern and northern San Diego County to establish new and expand existing programs for underserved youth. Establish a partnership with trauma hospitals to connect firearm-injury patients and their families to support services.



## PLANNING & EVALUATION

Have a central office or unit in the County government to lead gun violence reduction efforts. Monitor and evaluate program effectiveness. Share data with the public and hold town halls/listening sessions. Develop a strategy to secure funding for violence prevention efforts.



To access the full gun violence reduction report, go to

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/psg/docs/Final%20Gun%20Violence%20Report%206-23-2023.pdf>