



FY 2016 FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2017 PRESIDENT'S REQUEST	FY 2017 NVPN'S REQUEST
\$16 M	\$23.5 M	\$25.0 M

## NATIONAL VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM (NVDRS)

Violent deaths are a serious public health problem in the United States.

- Every hour, nearly six Americans die from violence-related injuries and **a total of 57,000** people die by homicide and suicide annually.
- Violent deaths **cost \$77 billion** in annual medical and work-related costs.
- U.S. males aged 15-19 **are five times more likely** to die from violence than those in other OECD countries.

**Data to inform policy: *Violent deaths are preventable.*** To obtain the data necessary to track violent deaths and eventually develop prevention strategies, CDC administers the NVDRS.

- NVDRS is a **state-based surveillance system that centralizes information** from a variety of state and local agencies and sources – medical examiners, coroners, police, crime labs, and death certificates— to **better characterize and monitor violent deaths.**
- NVDRS provides tools necessary for public health officials and policymakers to **design and implement targeted prevention efforts.**

**The 2014 World Health Organization Global Status Report on Violence Prevention** calls on Congress to strengthen data collection on violent deaths from multiple sources and promote linkage of data to provide more complete and comprehensive information to inform prevention efforts.

NVDRS has been essential in identifying problem areas and developing successful prevention efforts in Michigan:



- **Michigan** started participating in NVDRS in 2010, and data from **Michigan-VDRS (MI-VDRS)** is helping public health officials **identify high-risk groups and trends in violent deaths.**
- **MI-VDRS** data revealed that suicide was the most common manner of violent death, accounting for 56.5% of deaths (n=1,203), followed by homicide at 27.8% (n= 592).
- **MI-VDRS** data also showed that the **suicide rate among American Indians/Alaska Natives** was more than **6 times** that of Asian/Pacific Islanders and more than **twice** that of Whites, identifying American Indians/Alaska Natives as a high-risk population for whom prevention programs should be targeted.
- **MI-VDRS** data revealed that the homicide rate for Blacks was approximately **15 times** that of the Whites and about **6 times** that of Hispanics.

The National Violence Prevention Network supports the President's request for nationwide expansion of NVDRS by providing an increase of \$9 million to the CDC Injury Center.

**CONGRESSIONAL ASK:  
SUPPORT FY2017 FUNDING LEVEL OF  
\$25M FOR NVDRS**

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