



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 New Jersey:



- The **New Jersey** Department of Health and Senior Services began using NJ-VDRS data **to provide timely and in-depth information on suicides** to the New Jersey Governor’s Council on Mental Health Stigma. These data have verified an increase in suicide rates and helped the Governor’s Council tailor its prevention efforts to the most at-risk populations.
- **New Jersey-VDRS** suicide data has been used to **help task forces plan responses to youth and police suicides.**
- **New Jersey** has been using the comprehensive data provided by NVDRS to **create maps** illustrating the prevalence of violent death in different locations across the state according to any number of factors such as suicides by school district or intimate partner deaths with prior knowledge of abuse by county, leading to better understanding of the issue.

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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