



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 Ohio:



- In 2012, the Ohio General Assembly passed legislation establishing the **Ohio Violent Death Reporting System** and requiring all departments, agencies, and political subdivisions of the state to report violent death information to the Ohio Department of Health. **Ohio is the first state to have passed such legislation.**
- Since 2009, Ohio Department of Health uses **OH-VDRS** to **collect critical data on violent death in the state.** Suicide accounted for more than 60% of violent deaths in Ohio in 2010. Most suicide victims had a mental health diagnosis, and the majority had a crisis within 2 weeks prior to death, indicating the importance of **increasing mental health services and best practices in clinical care.** Additionally, **nearly half of all female homicides were intimate partner violence-related,** demonstrating the impact of intimate partner violence in Ohio.
- **OH-VDRS Advisory Committee** composed of stakeholders such as public health officials, data collectors, researchers, and prevention advocates advise the Ohio Department of Health on the implementation of **OH-VDRS** and relevant use of the data.

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 \$25.0M FOR NVDRS