

The general public supports the establishment of a National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS). In a recent poll, more than 80% of Americans thought that the government should collect data about violent deaths, and the same large percentage also said that they would support the proposed NVDRS.

SHOULD THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLECT THIS DATA AND IS IT IMPORTANT?

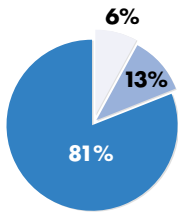
- **81%** believe that the federal government should collect state-based, detailed information about violent deaths and **85%** say it is very or somewhat important that the federal government collect this type of data.

SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

- More than **eight in ten** say they support the proposed National Violent Death Reporting System, with **61%** saying they strongly support the system.
- **Eighty-four percent** of those polled say they are registered voters.

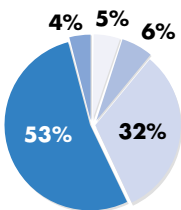
The poll, directed by Roper Starch Worldwide, was a random digital dial sample of 1,000 completed telephone interviews conducted in May, 2001.

Question: Do you think the Federal government should or should not collect state-based, detailed information about violent deaths such as homicide, suicide, and accidental death?



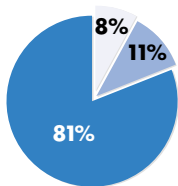
- 81%** Federal government should collect state-based detailed information
- 13%** Federal government should not collect state-based detailed information
- 6%** Don't know

Question: How important is it that the Federal government collects state-based, detailed information about violent deaths? Would you say it is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important that the Federal government collect state-based detailed information?



- 53%** Very important
- 32%** Somewhat important
- 6%** Not too important
- 5%** Not at all important
- 4%** Don't know

Question: A nationwide system is being considered that would collect and link uniform data from local crime labs, police departments, coroners offices and death certificates into a national database that would be coordinated and funded by the Centers for Disease Control. It would be used to help health professionals, police, and policymakers better understand the circumstances surrounding violent deaths and would improve violence prevention strategies in communities. **Would you say you would support or oppose this proposal?**



- 81%** Would support this proposal*
- 11%** Would oppose this proposal**
- 8%** Don't know

* 61% strongly support, 19% do not strongly support

** 6% strongly oppose, 5% do not strongly oppose

For more information, call the National Violent Injury Statistics System at the Harvard School of Public Health, 617-432-3353.