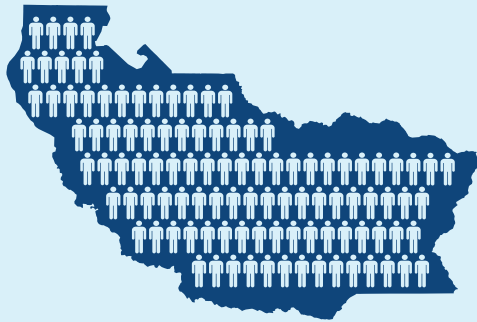


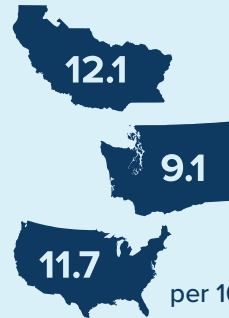
Firearm Deaths in Pierce County

Pierce County's rate of firearm deaths outpaces the state and national rates. Access to firearms plays a role in suicide, homicide and firearm-related injuries.



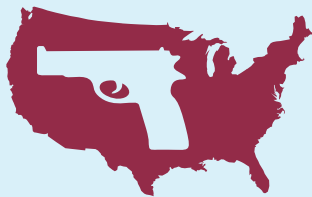
105 Pierce County residents experienced firearm deaths in 2016.

More than half of these deaths were suicides.



Pierce County's 2016 firearm death rate was higher than the state and national rate.

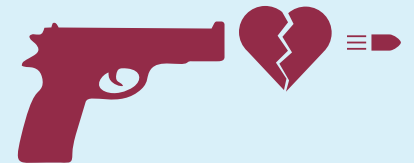
per 100,000 people.



Firearms are the leading method of suicide in the U.S. and are used in more than half of all youth suicides.

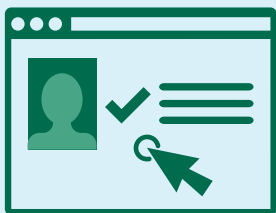


In Pierce County, eight percent of youth attempted suicide between one and six times.



More than half of intimate partner homicides involve a firearm.

Public health relies on multiple strategies to reduce firearm deaths and injuries.



Background checks reduce the rate of violent firearm crimes by those whose mental health records prevent them from getting a firearm legally.

The National Instant Criminal Background Check System lets a licensed firearm dealer immediately check the status of a buyer.



Safe storage laws reduced the risk of firearm suicide among youth age 14-17 by 10.8%.



When people convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence can't buy firearms, it reduces homicides of family members.

For more statistics on firearm violence and information on preventing injuries, visit www.tpchd.org/safety