

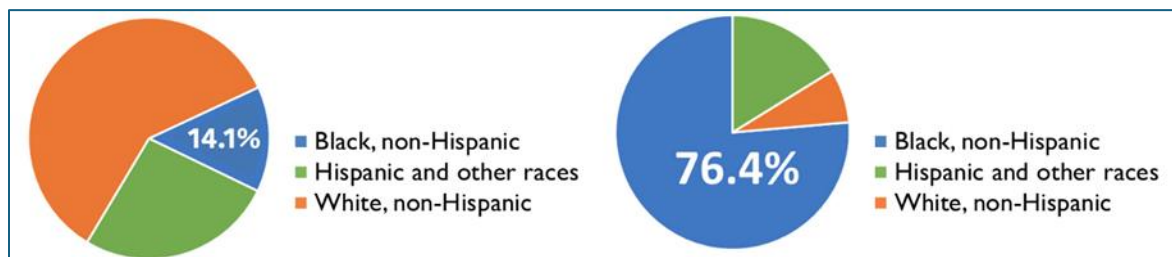
## *Gun Death in Illinois Annual Report: 2024 Edition*

This report, a joint effort of [One Aim Illinois](#) and the [Violence Policy Center](#), describes fatal gun violence in Illinois, namely firearm homicide and suicide. The full study can be found [here](#).

### Key Findings:

- In 2022, **guns claimed the lives of 1,798 Illinois residents**, including 1,091 firearm homicides and 676 firearm suicides.
- **Homicide and firearm homicide rates are higher in Illinois** than national rates.
- **Firearms were used in 83.2% of all homicides in Illinois** (1,091 of 1,312).
- While only 14.1% of the state's population is Black, **more than three-quarters of the state's firearm homicide deaths occurred in the Black population** (76.4%). Black Illinois residents were more than 39 times as likely to die by firearm homicide compared to white residents.

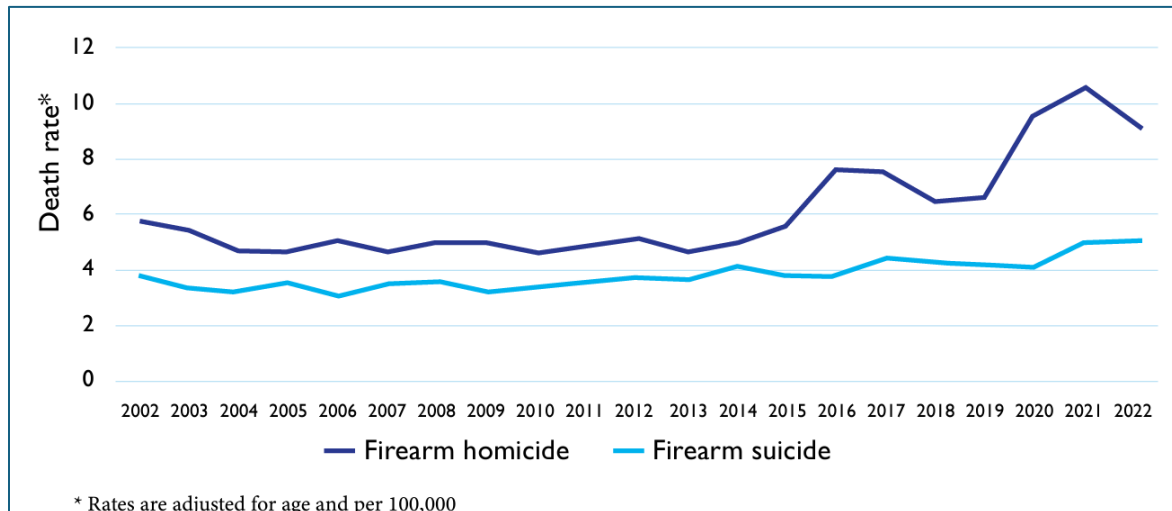
*Percentage of Illinois residents by race and ethnicity (left figure); Percentage of firearm homicide victims by race and ethnicity (right figure), 2022<sup>1</sup>*



- **The Black male firearm homicide victimization rate was more than 50 times the white male firearm homicide victimization rate**, while the **Black female firearm homicide victimization rate was more than 17 times the white female firearm homicide victimization rate**.
- **Firearms were used in 44.1% of all suicides in Illinois in 2022** (676 of 1,533). Both the overall suicide rate and the rate of suicide by firearm is lower in Illinois compared to national rates, though both rates increased in Illinois between 2020 and 2022.

- **Illinois had the highest overall homicide and firearm homicide rates for all ages as well as victims age 24 and younger** compared to other Great Lakes states.

**Rates of firearm homicide and firearm suicide in Illinois, 2002 — 2022<sup>1</sup>**



The report also outlines One Aim Illinois’ policy priorities and initiatives, including the following.

- Karina’s Bill to strengthen protections for survivors of domestic violence and ensure the removal of firearms from dangerous situations.
- Homicide Victims' Families' Rights Act to provide support and resources for families impacted by homicide.
- Homicide Data Transparency Bill to promote accountability and transparency in reporting on homicide incidents.
- Safe Firearm Storage Act to promote responsible firearm ownership and reduce the risk of gun-related tragedies.
- Lost and Stolen Firearm Reporting Bill to prevent unauthorized access to firearms and enhance public safety.
- Truth and Accuracy in Offense Titles to ensure accurate reporting and classification of gun-related incidents.
- Crime Victims Compensation Act to provide essential resources and support to communities affected by gun violence.
- ICJIA-GRANT CHRC - LIVEFREE IL Community Healing Resource Center Funding.

1. CDC WISQARS Fatal and Nonfatal Injury Reports. Accessed between May 6-8, 2024. Available at: <https://wisqars.cdc.gov/reports/>.