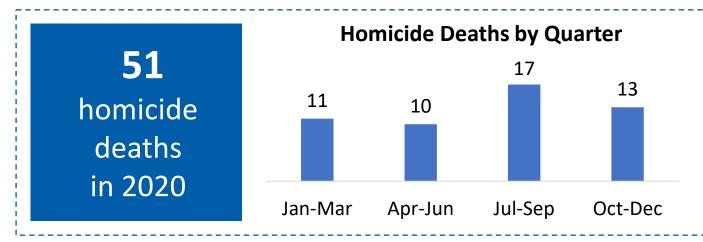
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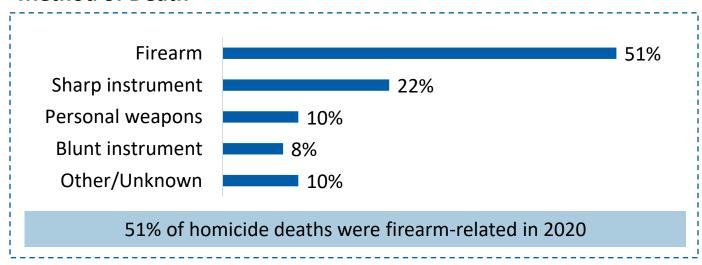
Homicide Deaths in South Dakota, 2020

What is SD-VDRS?

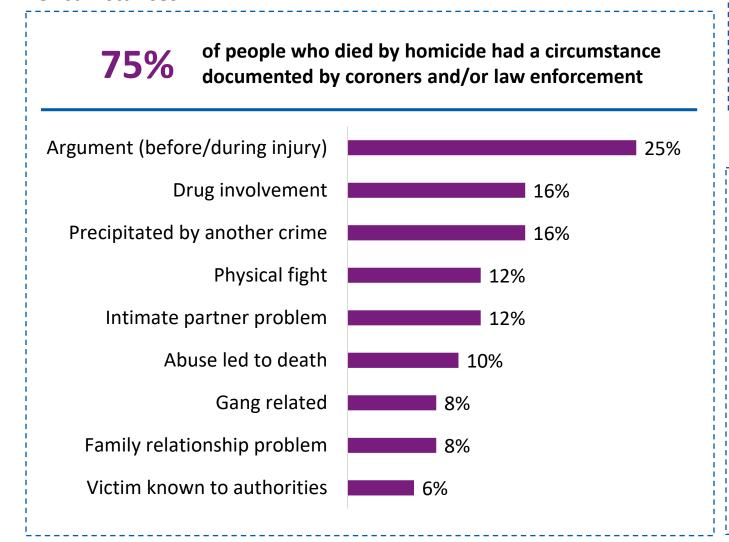
The South Dakota Violent Death Reporting System (SD-VDRS) is a CDC-funded statewide surveillance system that collects information on suicides, homicides, deaths of undetermined intent, unintentional firearm deaths, and legal intervention deaths that occur in the state. Information collected comes from multiple data sources: death certificates, coroner reports, toxicology reports, and law enforcement reports. The purpose of this program is to understand and aid in the prevention of violent deaths in South Dakota.



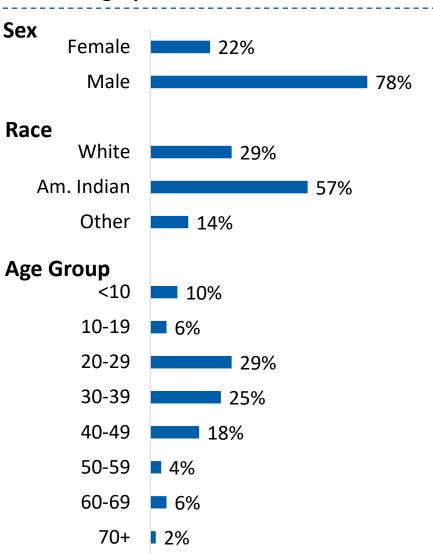




Circumstances



Demographics



The largest proportion of homicide deaths were among males, individuals aged 20-29 years, and those who were American Indian.

Suspect Information

62% of homicide suspects knew their victims

The largest proportion of homicide suspects were male (89%), individuals aged 30-39 years (34%), and those who were American Indian (32%).

- **21%** were recently in contact with law enforcement
- **19%** had suspected substance use at time of crime
- **15%** had suspected alcohol use at time of crime

