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# Violence, Risk and Guns

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The Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence is a 501(c)(3) organization that makes communities safer by translating research into policy. The Ed Fund achieves this by engaging in:

**P**olicy Development: The Ed Fund is the gun violence prevention movement's premier research intermediary and founder of the Consortium for Risk-Based Firearm Policy, a group of academics and practitioners who collaborate to develop innovative recommendations for policymakers.

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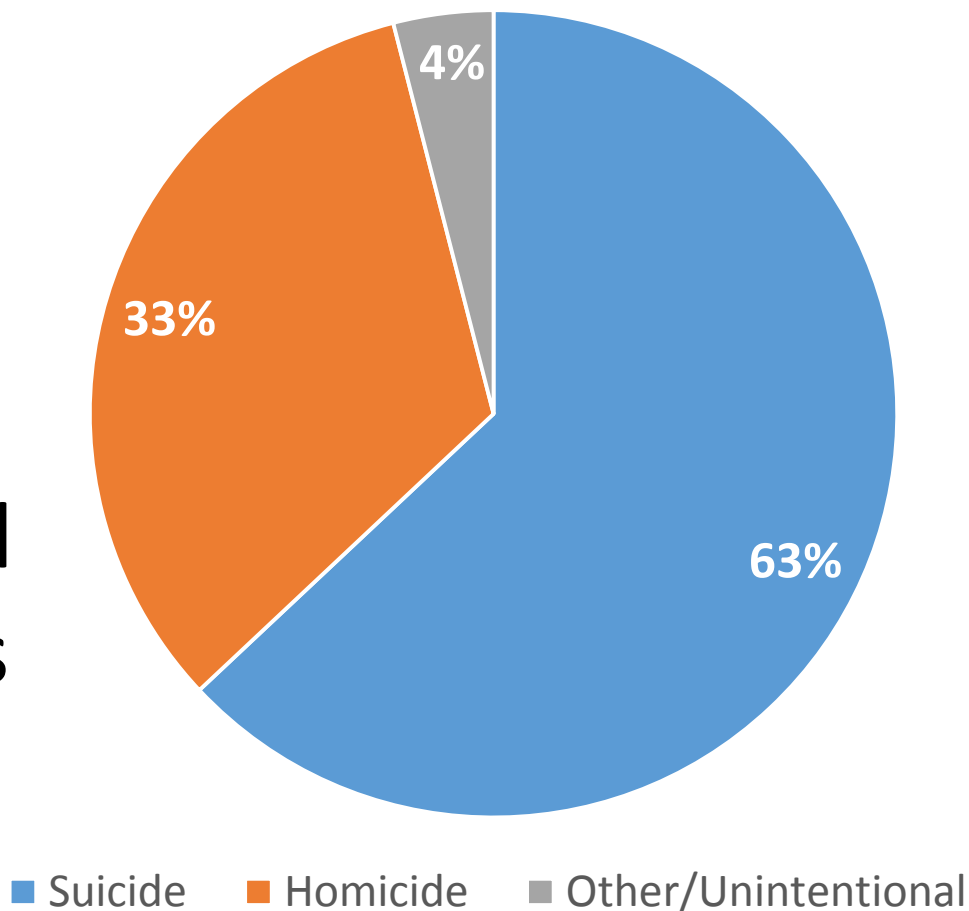
**C**ommunity and Stakeholder Engagement: The Ed Fund works with impacted community members to create a voting bloc trained to advocate for policies that reduce gun violence.

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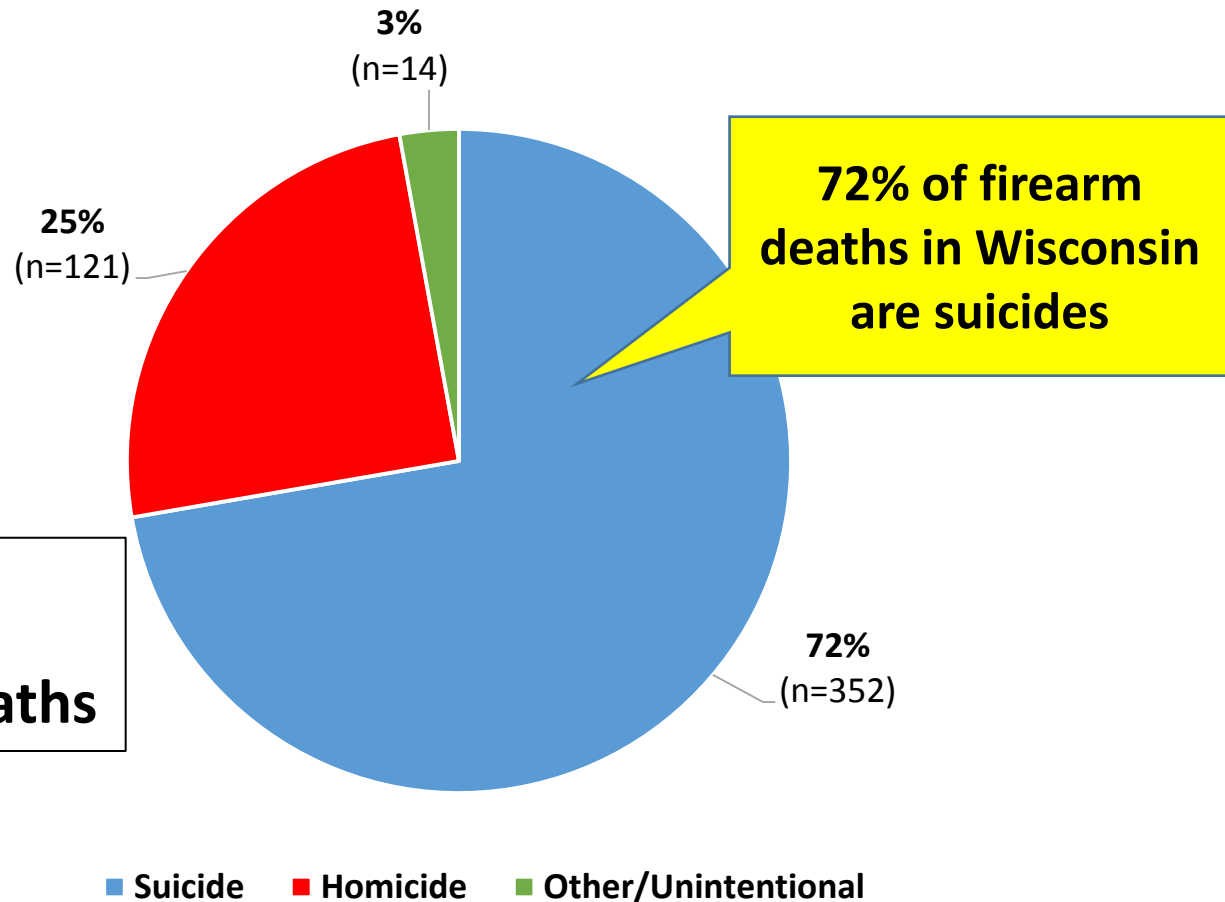
# The Numbers

## US Firearm Deaths in 2014

More than  
**33,000** gun  
deaths and  
**84,000** non fatal  
gunshot injuries  
per year



# Wisconsin Firearm Deaths 2014



**487**

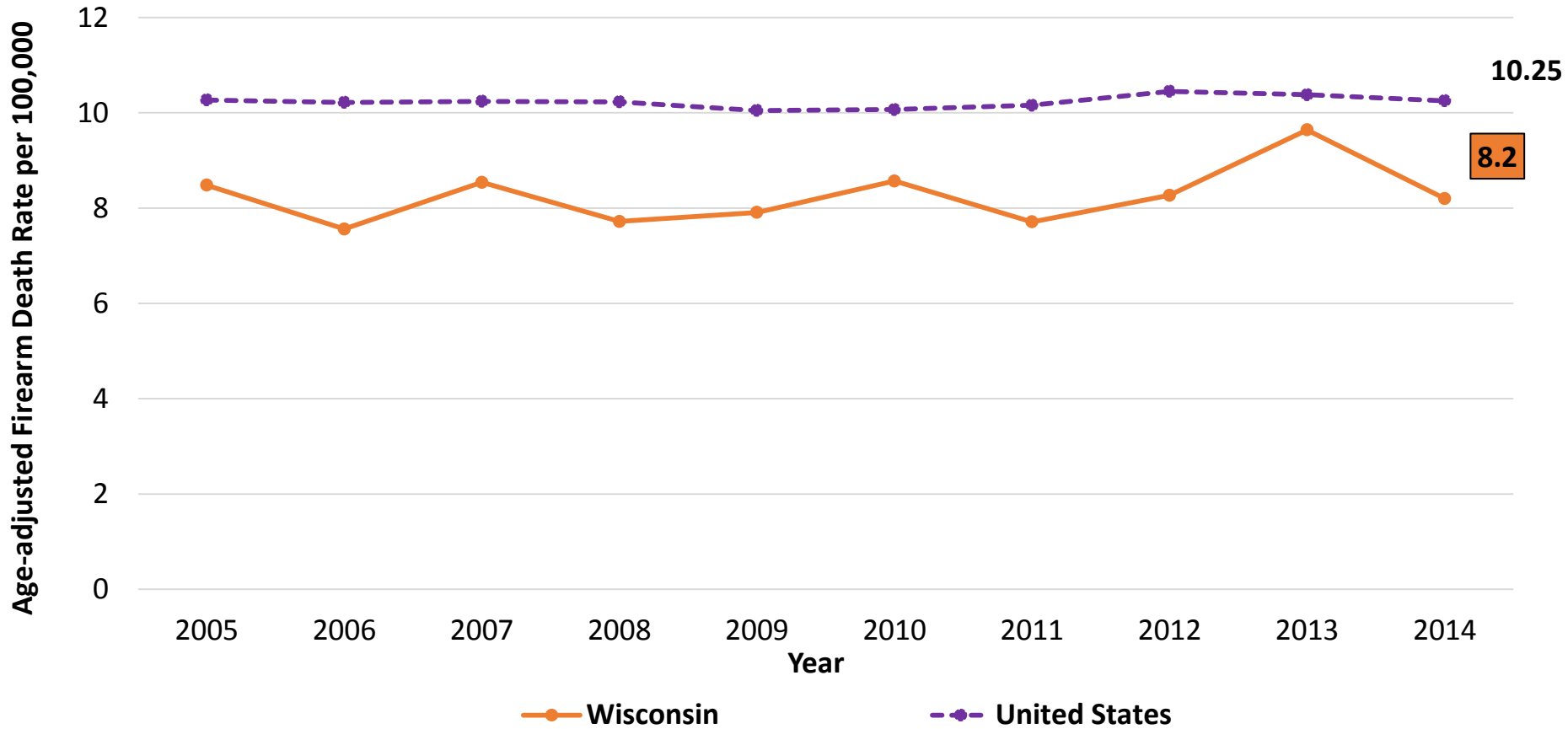
**total firearm deaths**

**72% of firearm  
deaths in Wisconsin  
are suicides**

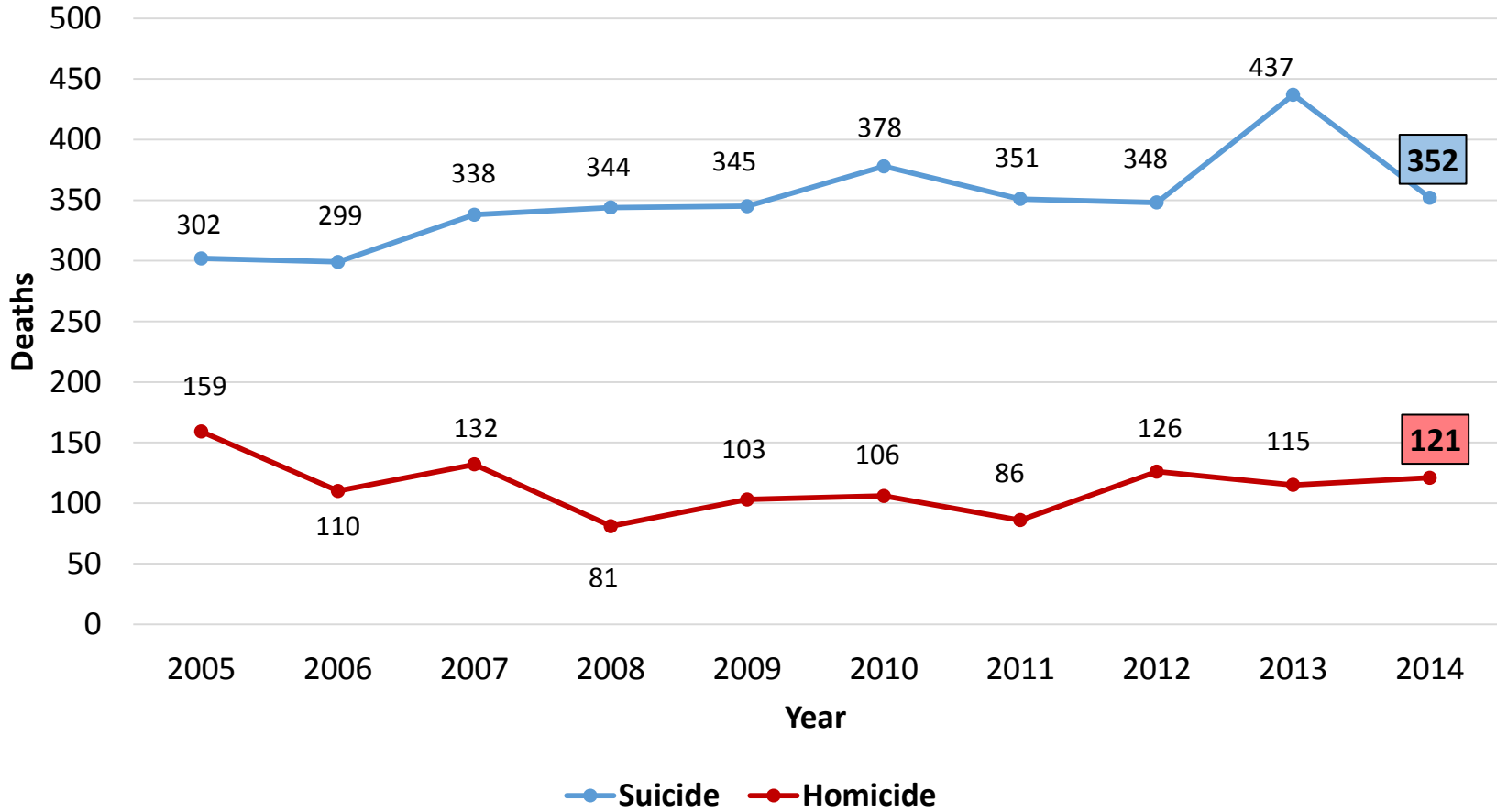
■ Suicide ■ Homicide ■ Other/Unintentional

# All Cause Firearm Death Rate, 2005-14

## Wisconsin vs. United States



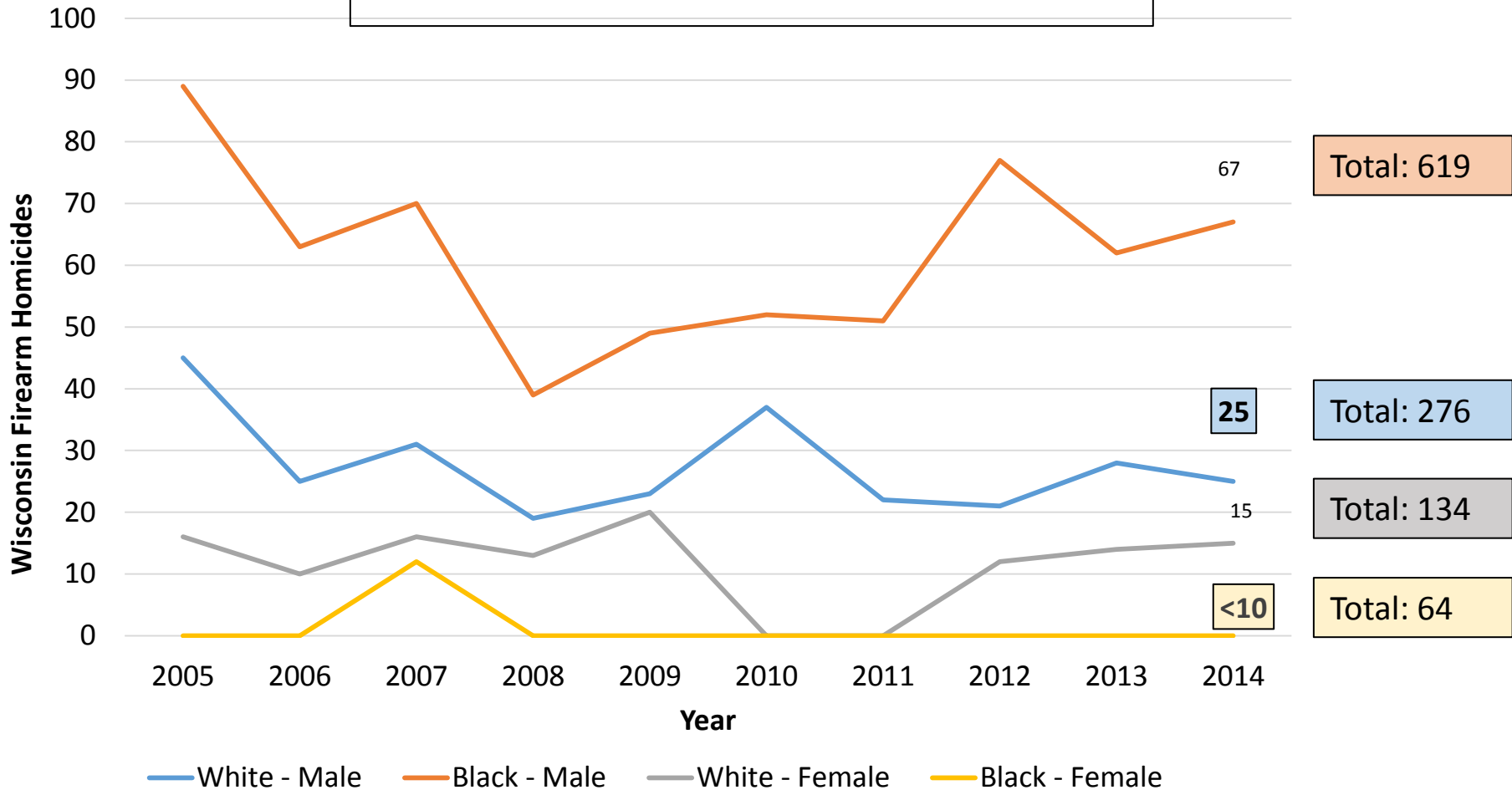
# Wisconsin Firearm Deaths, 2005-14



Source: CDC's WISQARS™ (Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System). Fatal Injury Reports, 1999-2013, for National, Regional, and States

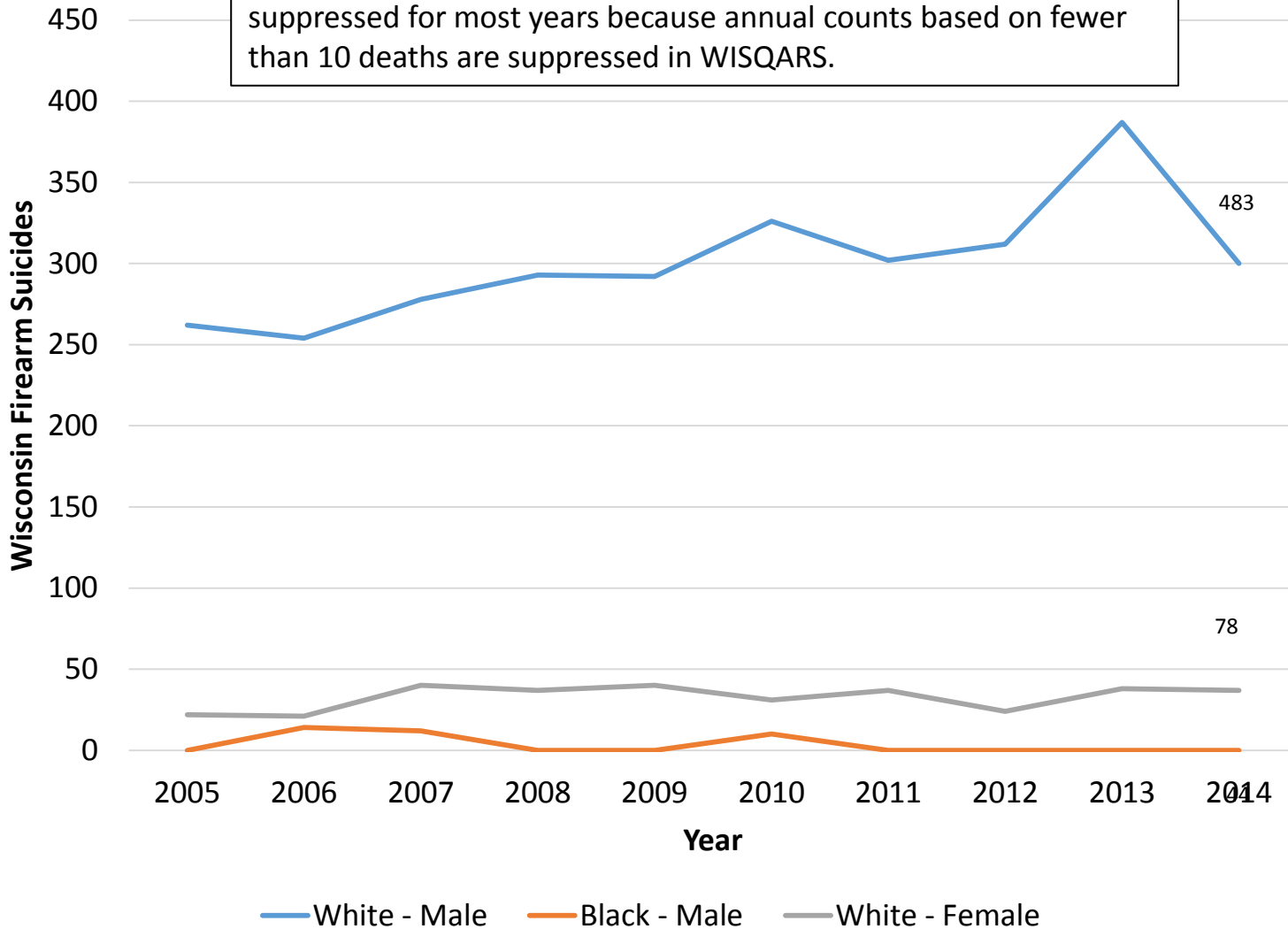
# Wisconsin Firearm Homicides, 2005-14

\*Note: Some counts for black and white female firearm homicides are suppressed because counts based on fewer than 10 deaths are suppressed in WISQARS.



# Wisconsin Firearm Suicides

\*Note: The count for black female and male firearm suicides is suppressed for most years because annual counts based on fewer than 10 deaths are suppressed in WISQARS.



Total: 3,006

Total: 327

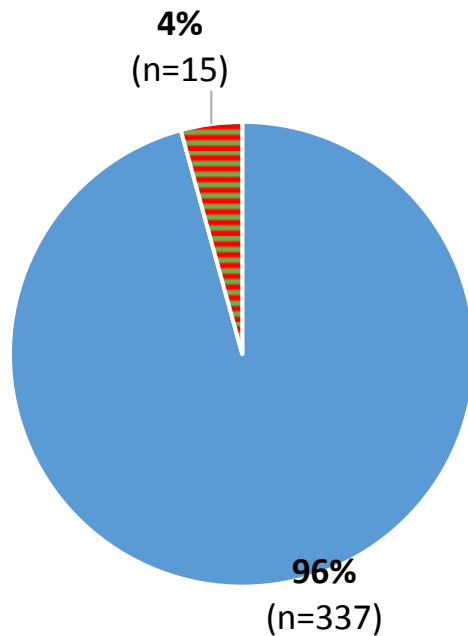
Total: 85

Black  
Female  
Total: 10



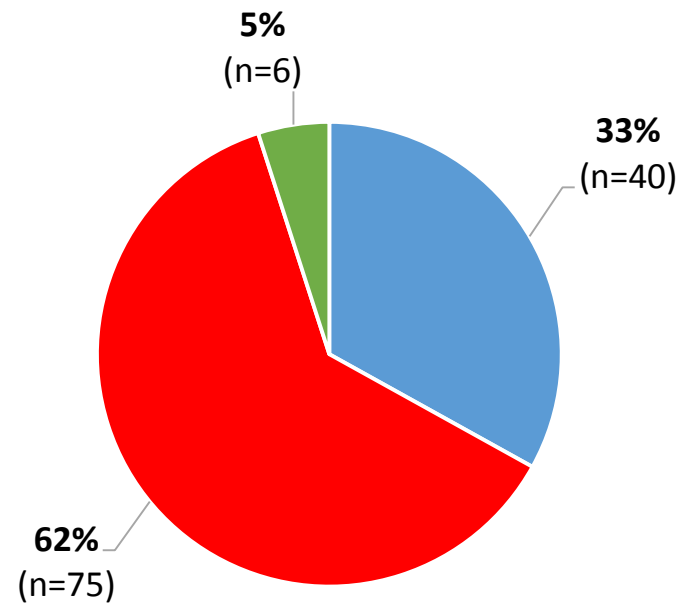
# Wisconsin Suicide and Homicide Firearm Deaths by Race in 2014

## Suicide



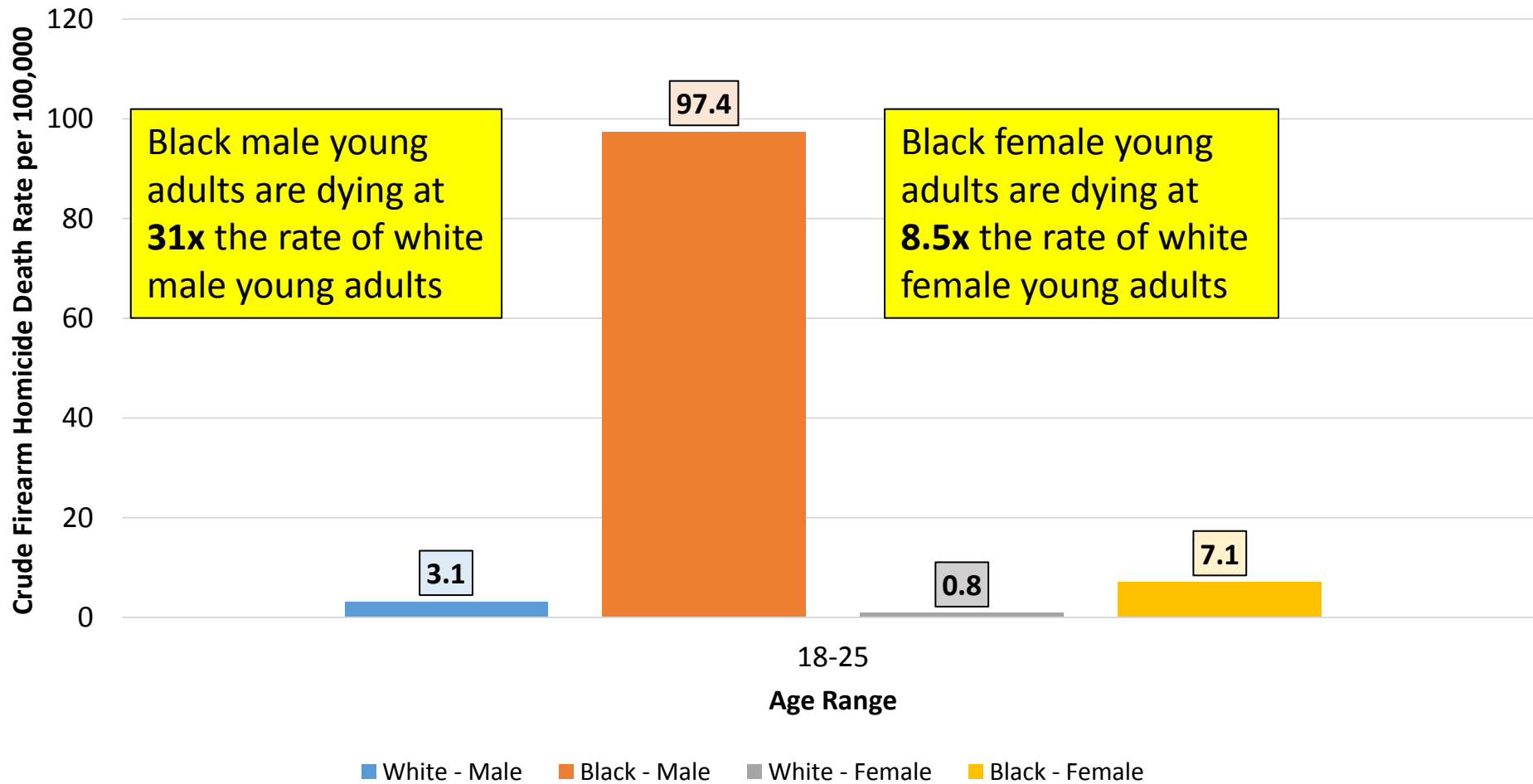
■ White ■ Black & Other

## Homicide



■ White ■ Black ■ Other

# Wisconsin 10 Year Firearm Homicide Death Rate Average, Age Range 18-25 (2005-14)

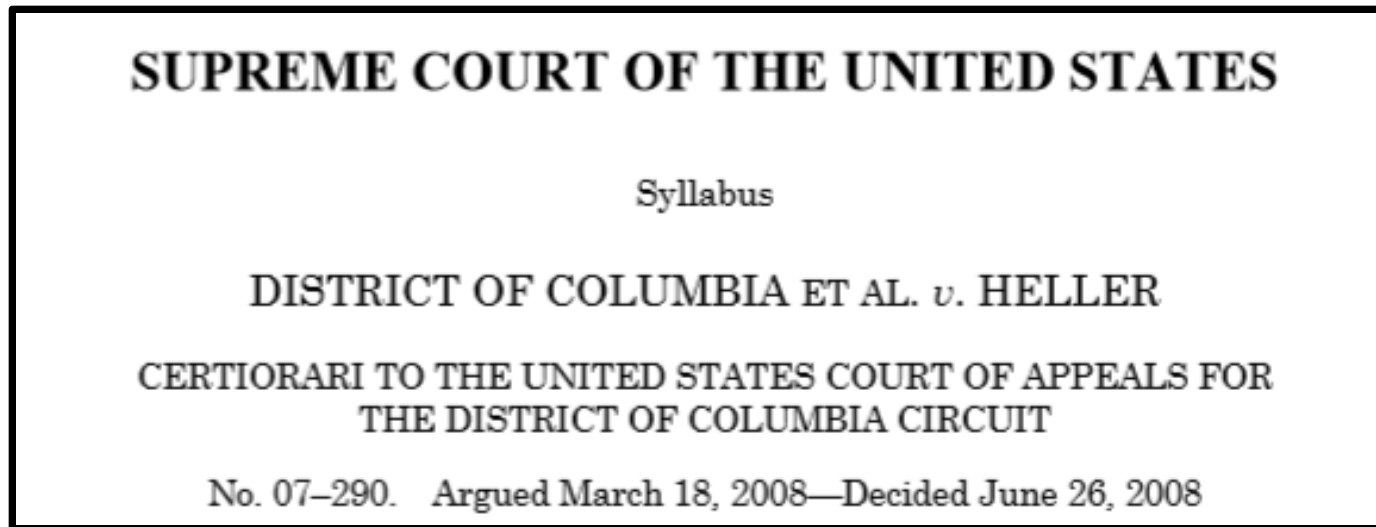


# The Real Cost



## Legal Context:

Supreme Court recognizes legal right to a gun in the home for self defense



But that right is not unlimited.

**Who can exercise the right safely?**

# *The Consortium for Risk-Based Firearm Policy*



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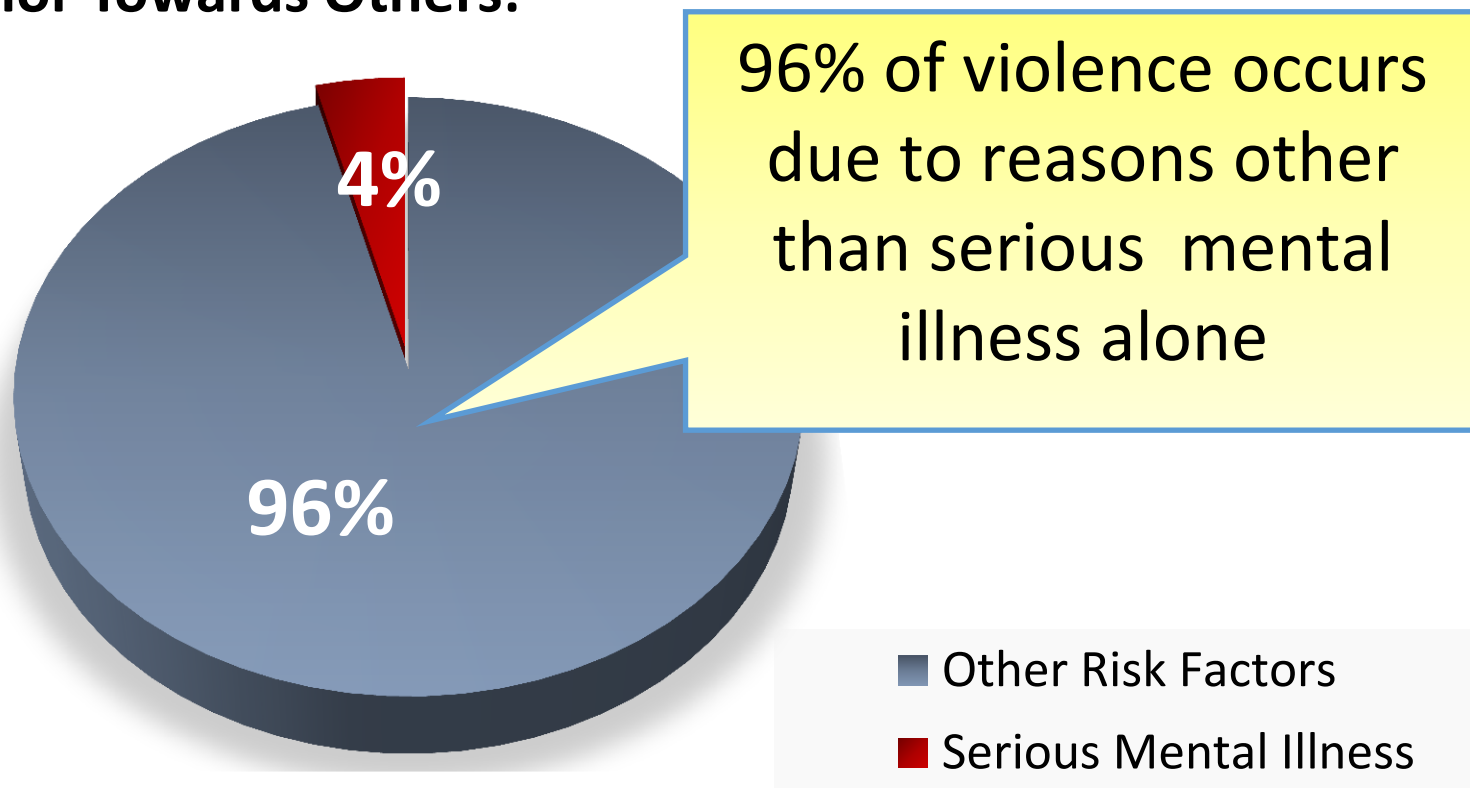
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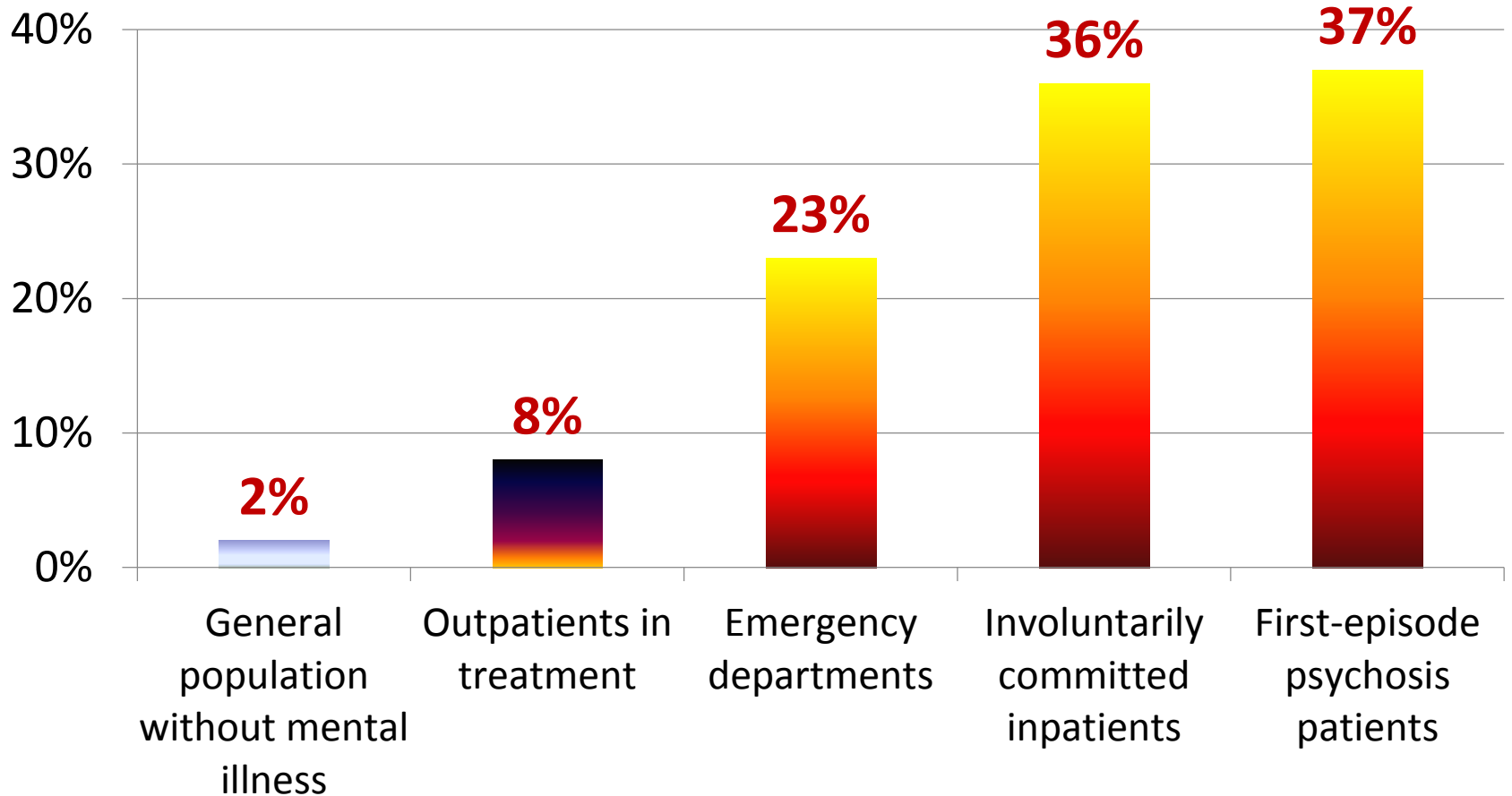
Serious mental illness, on its own, **contributes very little** to overall violence towards others (a bigger risk factor for suicide)

### Attributable Risk of Minor or Serious Violent Behavior Towards Others:



There are certain times, **in certain settings**, when those with a serious mental illness are at **increased risk of violence**

### Percent violent within 6 – 12 months



# Predicted Probability of Violence in a One-year Period: Data From a Three City Study (Swanson, 1990)

Violence risk is multi-factorial and cumulative:  
**Risk linked to mental illness is embedded in other factors**

- Older
- Female
- Middle to upper SES
- No serious mental illness
- No substance abuse
- No psychiatric hospitalization
- No arrest history

<1 % violent

CUMULATIVE VIOLENCE RISK

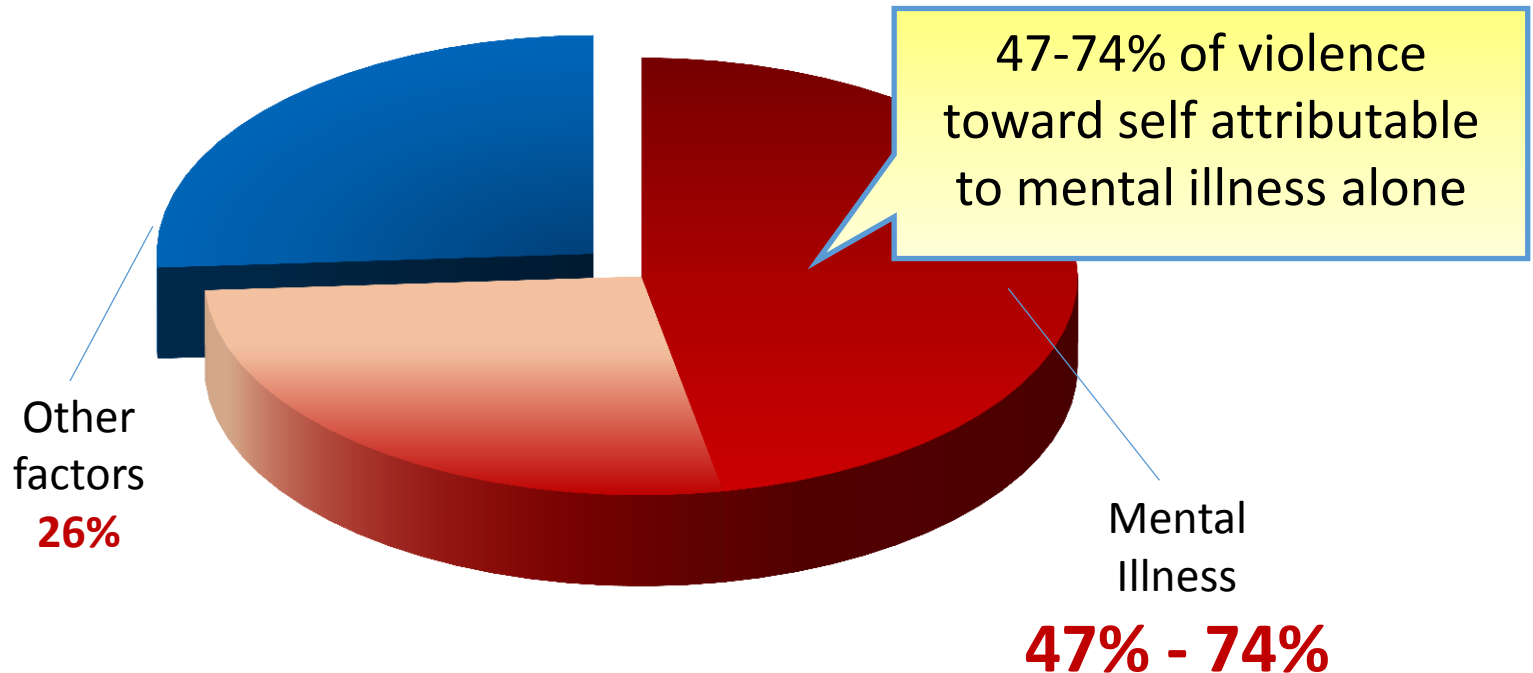
- **Younger** 65 % violent
- **Male**
- **Lower SES**
- **Serious mental illness**
- **Substance abuse**
- **History of psychiatric hospitalization**
- **History of arrest**



# Significant Risk Factors for Interpersonal Violence

- Age (Young)
- Male
- Low socioeconomic status
- Exposure to Violence
- Alcohol abuse
- Drug abuse
- History of violence
- Serious mental illness

# Population Attributable Risk of Suicide



**Serious mental illness, on its own, contributes significantly to suicide**

# Thoughts

- Easy access to guns increases lethality of interpersonal violence and suicide attempts
- A holistic approach that looks at gun policy but also addresses other core issues

# Federal Prohibitors:

- Persons convicted of a felony; fugitives
- Persons who have been involuntarily committed to a mental institution
- Those convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence
- Those subject to permanent domestic violence restraining orders
- Unlawful users or those addicted to a controlled substance



# Guns Make Violence Lethal



STATE

**WISCONSIN**

GRADE

**D**

GUN LAW RANK

**18**

GUN DEATH RANK

**35**

- In 2015, Wisconsin weakened gun laws by repealing its 48-hour waiting period for purchasing a handgun.
- Could improve its score by requiring background checks on private sales, reinstating its waiting period law, and prohibiting the purchase or possession of guns by people who have been convicted of violent misdemeanors.

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# Three-pronged approach to temporarily suspending access to Firearms:

## #1 Mental Health Risk Factors

- Involuntary hospitalization prohibition

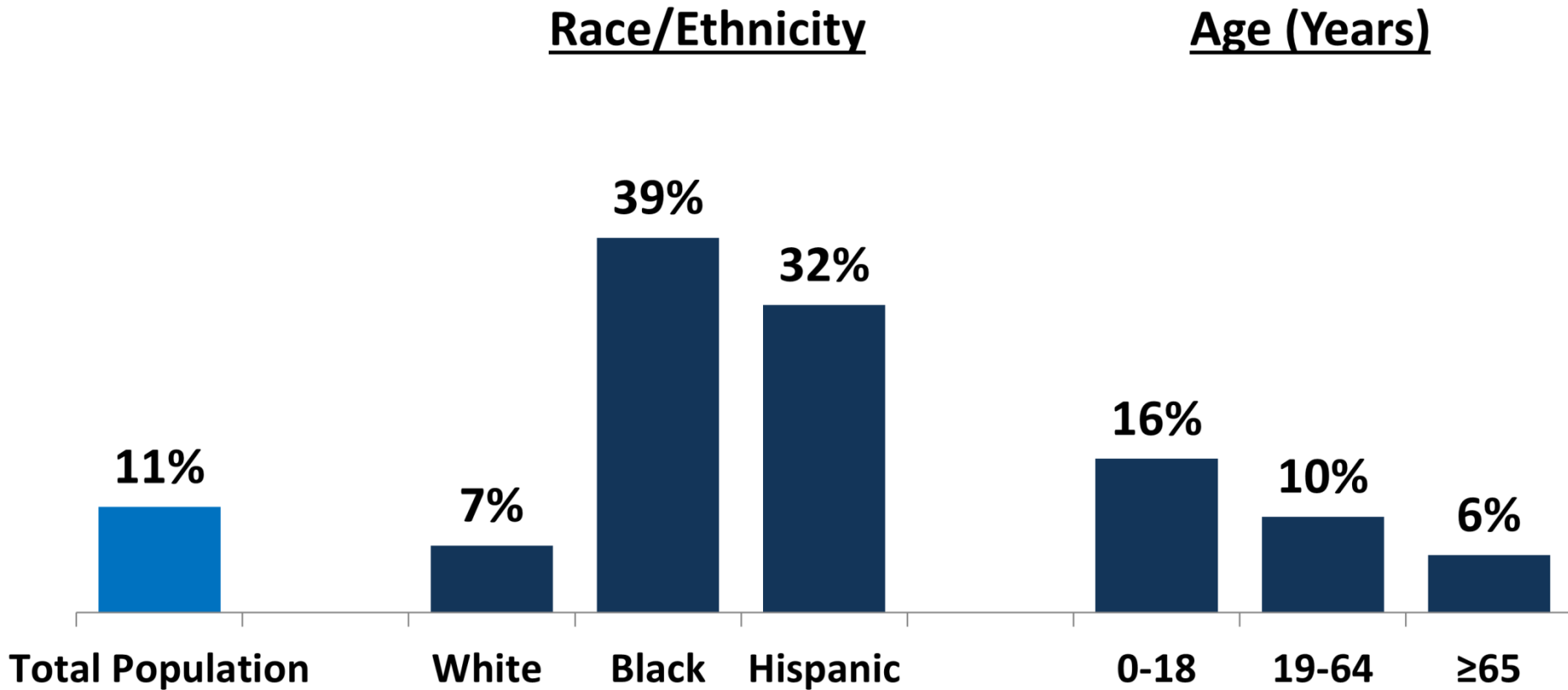
## #2 Other Risk Factors

- Violent misdemeanants;
- Temporary DV orders;
- DUIs, DWIs;
- Substance abuse

## #3 Periods of Crisis

- Gun Violence Restraining Order

# Wisconsin Poverty Rates by Race/Ethnicity and Age, 2013

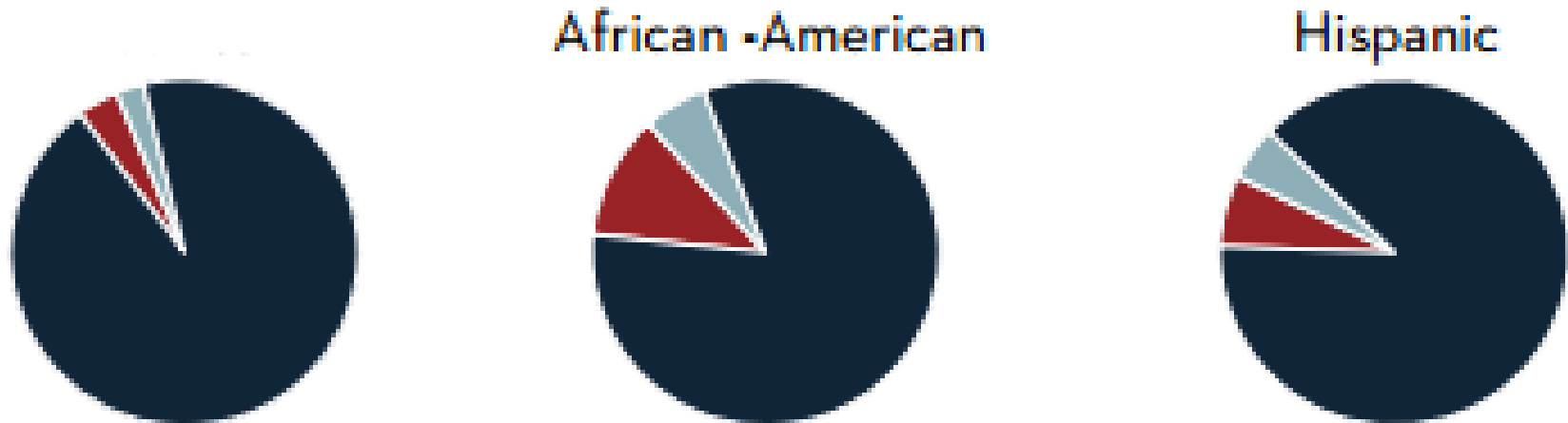


NOTE: Data for Whites and Blacks exclude Hispanics.

SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation estimates based on the Census Bureau's March 2014 Current Population Survey (CPS: Annual Social and Economic Supplements).

# Wisconsin Unemployment and Involuntary Part-Time Work for Key Demographic Groups, 2015

- Unemployed
- Involuntary Part-Time
- "Fully" Employed



	UNEMPLOYED	INVOLUNTARY PART-TIME	"FULLY" EMPLOYED
All	4.6%	2.9%	92.5%
<b>Race / ethnicity</b>			
White	3.9%	2.6%	93.5%
African-American	11.6%	5.9%	82.5%
Hispanic	6.7%	5.0%	88.3%







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RESEARCH REPORT

# Engaging Communities in Reducing Gun Violence

## A Road Map for Safer Communities

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# Discussion