CALIFORNIA FIREARM DEATHS, 2000-2015

HOMICIDES
- Rates declined since the mid-2000s in urban areas: Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino.
- By 2015, rates were highest in the Central Valley.
- LA County had a 54% decline in firearm homicides from a peak in 2002. Hispanic men had the greatest number of homicide deaths overall.

SUICIDES
- Death rates increased slightly from a statewide low in 2006, and were three times higher in rural than urban counties.
- Los Angeles and San Francisco Bay Area had the lowest suicide rates.
- Suicide had the highest rate among white men of all ages, peaking in their 50s. Most suicides among non-white men occur between ages 20 and 29.

7.2 X
Firearm homicide rate 7.2 times higher for men than women.

4.5 X
Homicide rate highest for black men in their 20s. Rate for black men of all ages was 4.5 times higher than homicide rate for Hispanic men, the group at the next highest risk.

30 X
White men over age 80 had nearly 30 times the number of firearm suicides than Hispanic men.

8.5 X
Suicide rates were 8.5 times higher for men than for women. Rates for white men and women together was six times higher than any other ethnic or racial group.