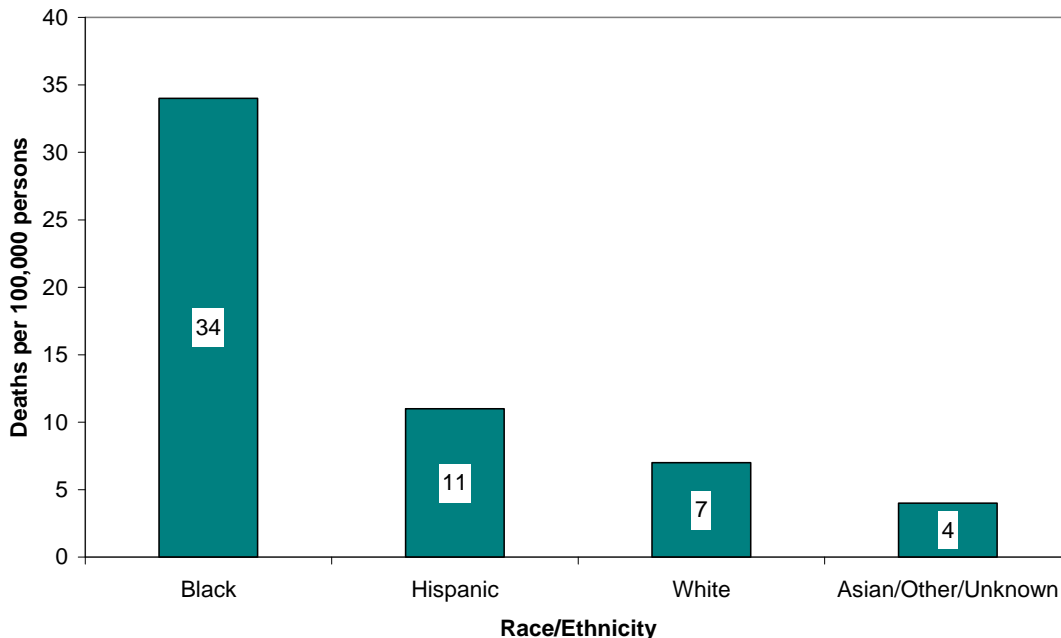


## FACT SHEET: FIREARMS AND FIREARM RELATED VIOLENCE

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY

- ❖ In 2007, a total of 989 residents of Los Angeles County lost their lives to guns - an amount equivalent to 8 Boeing 737's crashing with no survivors. *California Department of Public Health, EPIC Branch, 2009*
- ❖ On average in 2007, more than two people died each day and over 80 people per month due to guns, including homicides, suicides, and accidental shootings. Deaths due to firearms in Los Angeles County make up 30.6% (989 of 3231) of California's total deaths due to firearms. *California Department of Public Health, EPIC Branch, 2009*
- ❖ Thirty-nine percent (39%) of LA County residents who lost their lives to gun violence were 24 years old or younger. *California Department of Public Health, EPIC Branch, 2009*
- ❖ 41.3% of *suicides* in LA County were committed with a firearm (274 out of 664 *California Department of Public Health, EPIC Branch, 2009*)
- ❖ 79.3% of *homicides* in LA County were committed with a firearm (677 out of 854 *California Department of Public Health, EPIC Branch, 2009*)
- ❖ Approximately 5% of students in Los Angeles reported carrying a gun on at least 1 day in the last 30 days. Over 8% of male students reported that they carried a gun on at least 1 day in the last 30 days. *CDC, 2007*

**Firearm-Related Death Rates in Los Angeles County by Race/Ethnicity, 2006**



Source: Death Statistical Master File, California Dept of Health Services, Vital Statistics  
Population data from California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit

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## CALIFORNIA

- ❖ In 2005, California had largest number of firearm deaths among children and teens (474) in the U.S. *Children's Defense Fund, 2008*
- ❖ 72.9% of homicides in 2007 (1,684 out of 2,310) were committed with a firearm in California. *California Department of Public Health, EPIC Branch, 2009*
- ❖ In 2007, 39.8% of suicides (1,404 out of 3,525) were committed with a firearm in California. *California Department of Public Health, EPIC Branch, 2009*

## UNITED STATES

- ❖ In 2006, there were 30,896 deaths due to firearms in the United States. This equates to an average of 85 deaths due to firearms each day. *CDC, WISQARS, 2009*
- ❖ In 2006, 7,564 persons 24 years old or younger died as a result of injury from a firearm. This amount is equivalent to one Boeing 737 crash every week for a year with no survivors. *CDC, WISQARS, 2009*
- ❖ More than half the deaths involving firearms in the US in 2006 were attributable to suicide (54.6%; 16,883 out of 30,896). *CDC, WISQARS, 2009*
- ❖ Homicides accounted for 41.4% percent of the deaths due to firearms in the US in 2006 (12,791 out of 30,896). *CDC, WISQARS, 2009*
- ❖ Firearms were used in 68.9% of homicides (12,791 of 18,573) and in 50.7% of suicides (16,883 of 33,300) committed in the U.S. in 2006. *CDC, WISQARS, 2009*
- ❖ Approximately 68% of all murders, 42% of all robberies, and 22% of all aggravated assaults reported to the police in 2006 were committed with a firearm. *U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2008*
- ❖ In 2007, 5.2 % of high school students in the U.S. said they carried a gun in the past 30 days. *CDC, 2009*

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