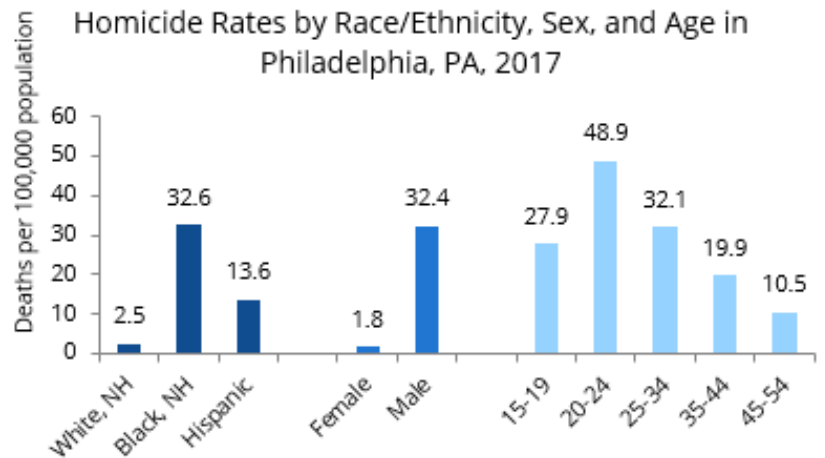


The Cost of Gun Violence

What does gun violence in Philadelphia look like?

- With over **300 homicides** each year, the homicide rate in Philadelphia is among the highest in the U.S. and more than 4 times the national rate.
- After declining for several years, **the homicide rate has increased steadily since 2014** - a trend that is expected to continue based on preliminary 2018 data.
- Victims and offenders of firearm violence are most commonly **young, non-Hispanic black and Hispanic males**.



What does gun violence cost Philadelphia?

- On average, a firearm homicide is associated with an estimated **\$1.42 million** in costs due to medical expenses, lost earnings/productivity, property damage, and criminal justice costs.
- The 335 homicides in 2017 alone will result in **\$476.6 million of economic burden to Philadelphia**.
- On average, a **nonfatal firearm-related injury costs \$46,632** in lost productivity and medical expenses, including short term rehabilitation and post-admission follow-up.
- The 2,205 nonfatal firearm assaults in 2017 alone will cost Philadelphia more than **\$102.8 million**.
- Much of the short- and long-term medical costs are paid for by the government with over 70 percent of firearm victims in Philadelphia being covered by Medicaid.

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