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.

Sources:

- Homicide demographics by Medical Examiner’s Office, Philadelphia Department of Public Health