

HB68: Violence Prevention Act Grant Funds Update

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Before we start...

On behalf of all my colleagues at the Department of Health, we humbly acknowledge we are on the unceded ancestral lands of the original peoples of the Apache, Navajo, and Pueblo past and present.

With gratitude we pay our respects to the land, the people, and the communities that have and continue to contribute to what today is known as the State of New Mexico.



Photo by NMDOH Employee, Leif Gregory: Taos Sunset

Mission

To ensure health equity, we work with our partners to promote health and well-being, and improve health outcomes for all people in New Mexico.

Goals



We expand equitable access to services for all New Mexicans



We ensure safety in New Mexico healthcare environments



We improve health status for all New Mexicans



We support each other by promoting an environment of mutual respect, trust, open communication, and needed resources for staff to serve New Mexicans and to grow and reach their professional goals

Cost of Firearm-Related Violence in NM

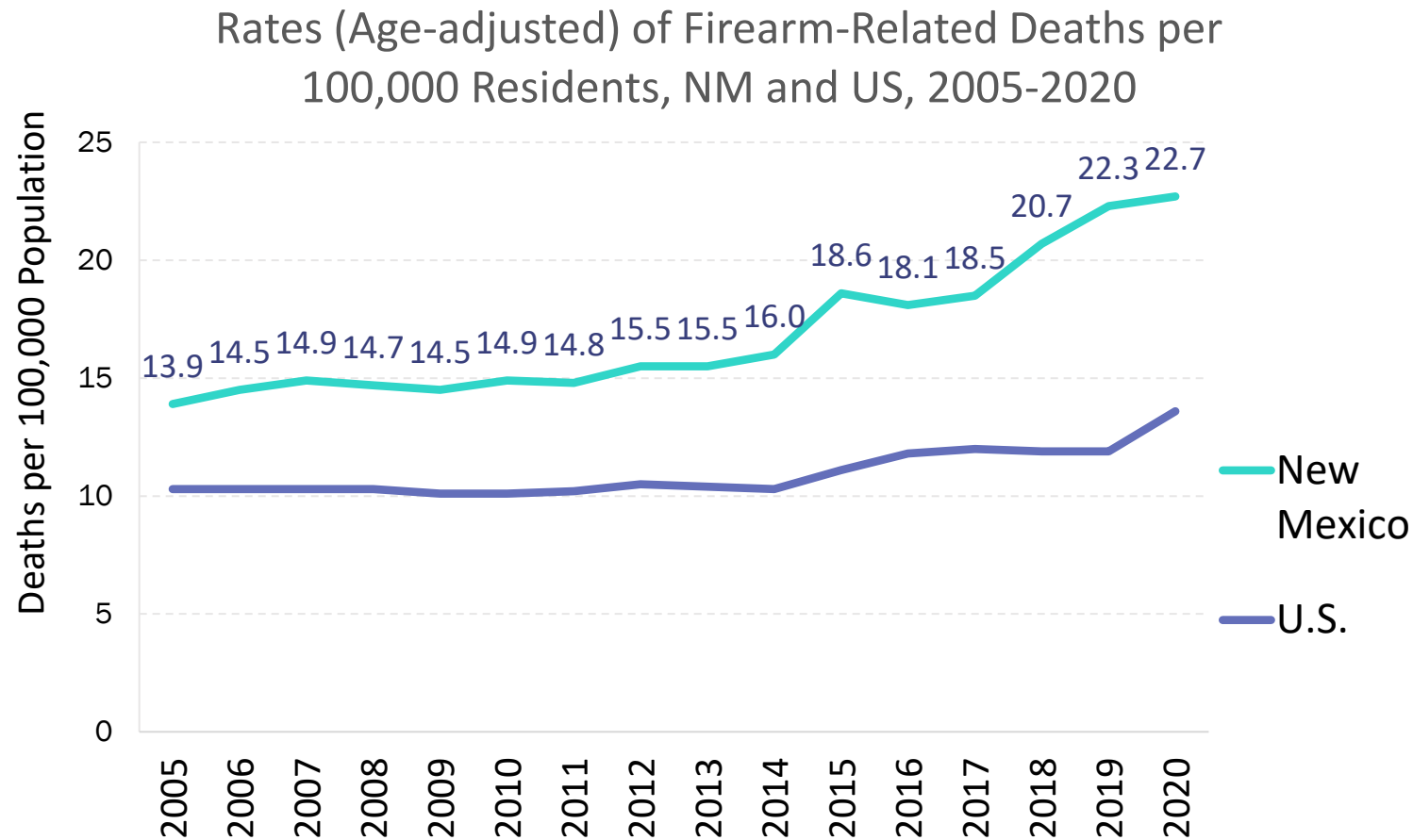
- NM had the 7th highest age-adjusted firearm fatality rate in the U.S in 2020
- 479 New Mexicans died by firearms in 2020 (1.3 individuals every day)
- In 2020, firearm deaths accounted for 11,280 Years of Potential Life Lost
- The annual cost of firearm violence in NM in 2020 is \$2,367 per Capita or \$4.99 billion according to CDC WISQARS
- Firearm violence cost almost 5% of NM's GDP in 2020



Sources: (1) CDC. Wonder. Underlying Cause of Death, 2016-2020
(2) CDC WISQARS Cost of Injury 2020, Years of Potential Life Lost 2020

NM Firearm-Related Deaths Increased in 2020 and Substantially Since 2010

- In 2019, there were 22.3 per 100,000 New Mexicans who died by firearm-related injuries
- 2020's rate is 3.4% higher than 2019: 22.7 per 100,000 New Mexicans died from firearm-related injuries in 2020
- 2020 rate is 55% higher than the rate from 2010 (14.9 deaths per 100,000 people)

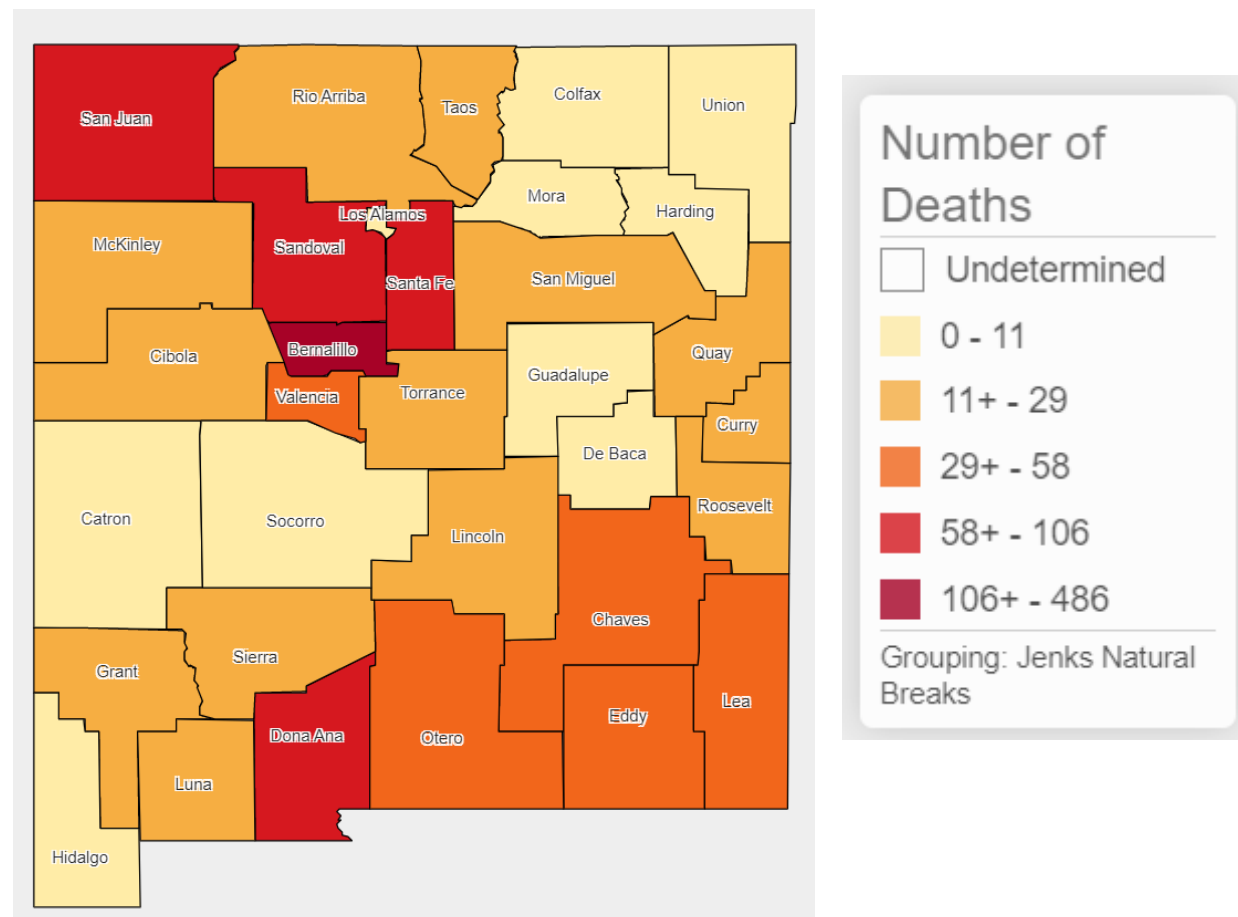


Rates have been age-adjusted to the standard U.S. 2000 population
Source: NMDOH, Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics; CDC WONDER

Firearm-Related Deaths by NM County

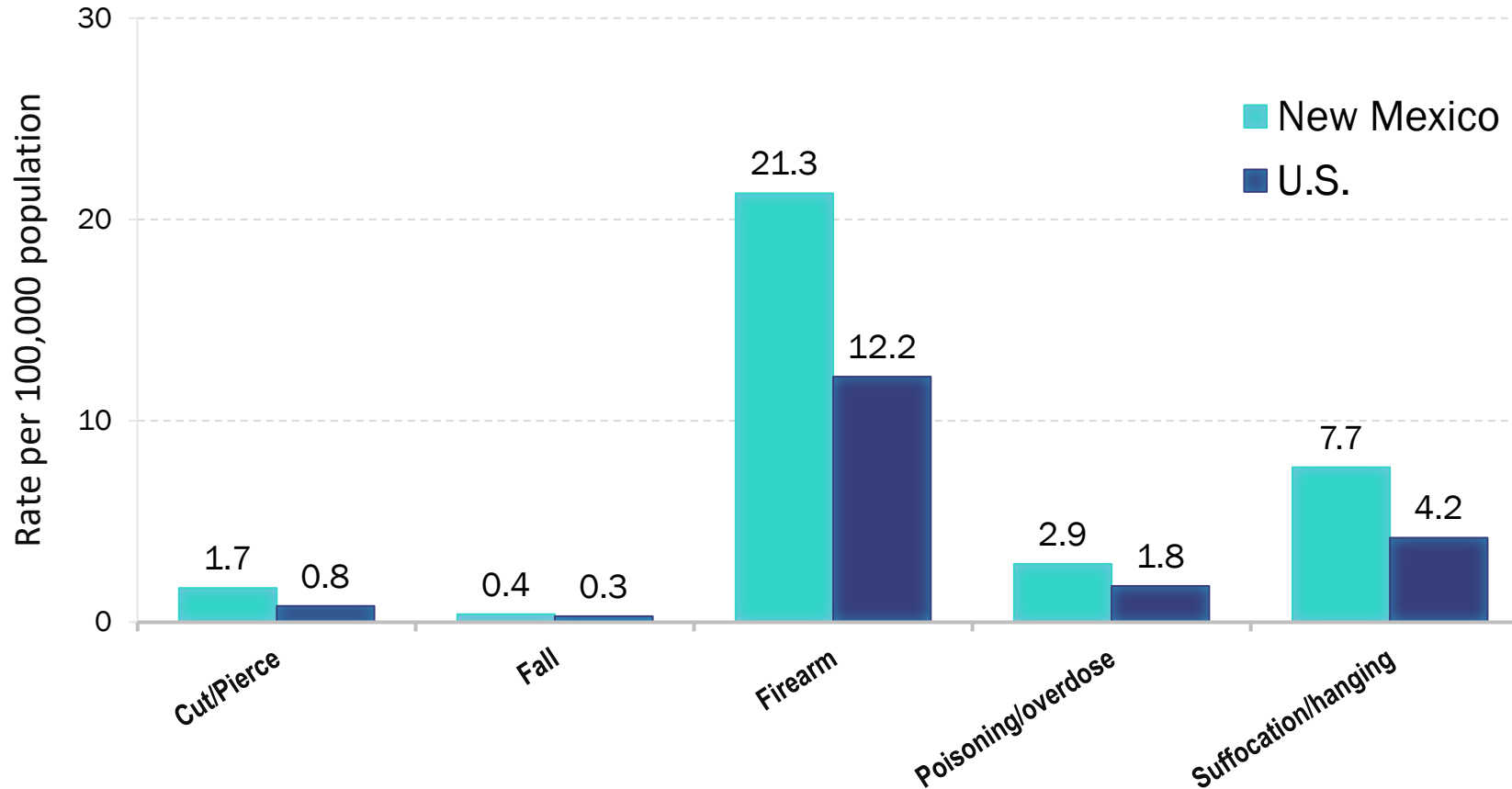
- Bernalillo County saw the highest number of firearm-related deaths in 2018-2020
- Dona Ana, San Juan, Sandoval, and Santa Fe counties also experienced a high number of deaths

Number of Firearm-Related Deaths by County, NM, 2018-2020



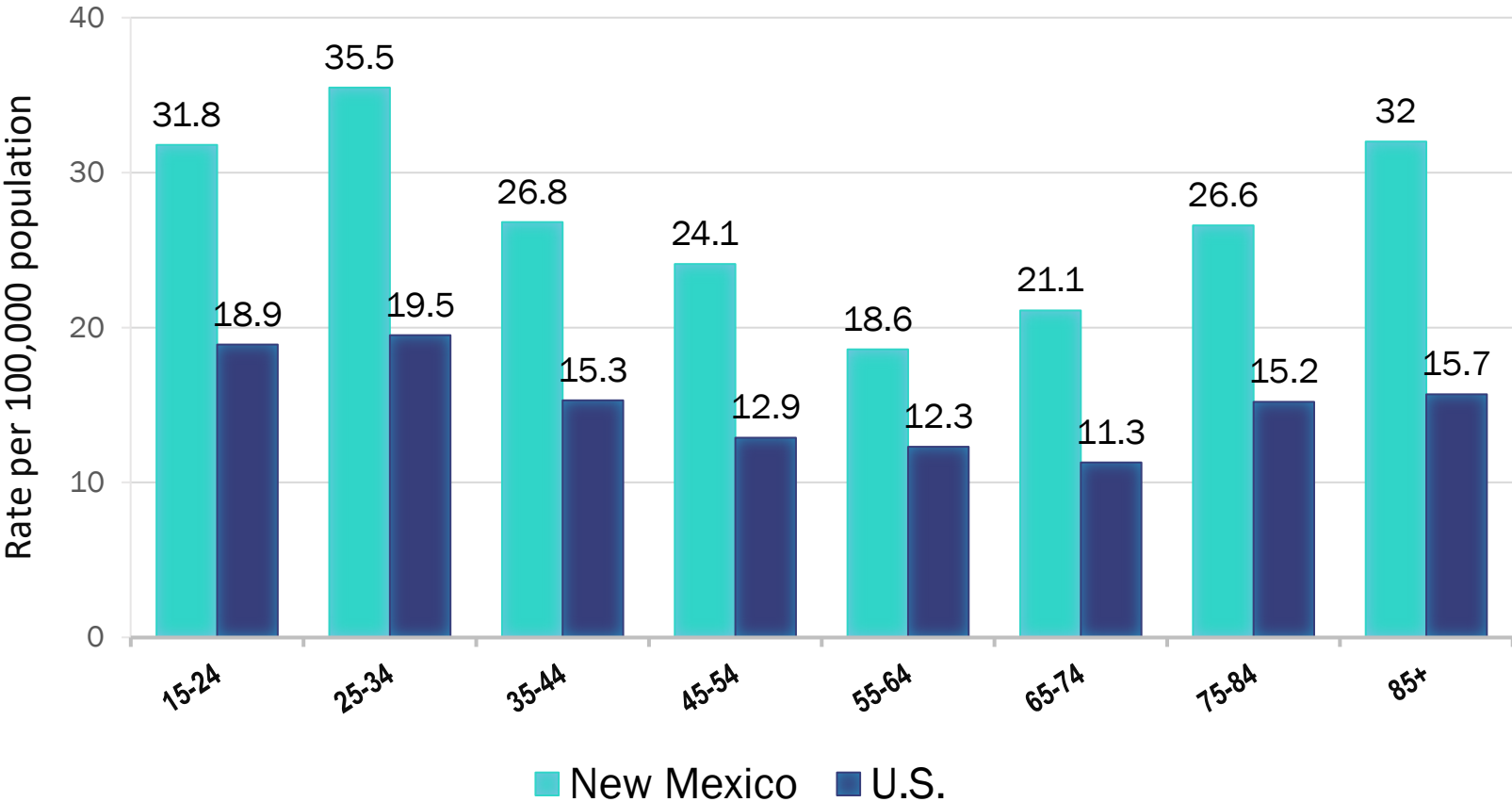
Source: NMDOH, NM-IBIS, Underlying Cause of Death. Retrieved 7/22/2022

Violent Death Rates by Selected Mechanisms/Means, NM and U.S., 2018-2020



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Rate of Firearm-Related Deaths per 100,000 Residents by Age Group, NM and US, 2018-2020



Rates have been age-adjusted to the standard U.S. 2000 population
 Source: CDC WONDER, Underlying Cause of Death, 2018-2020.

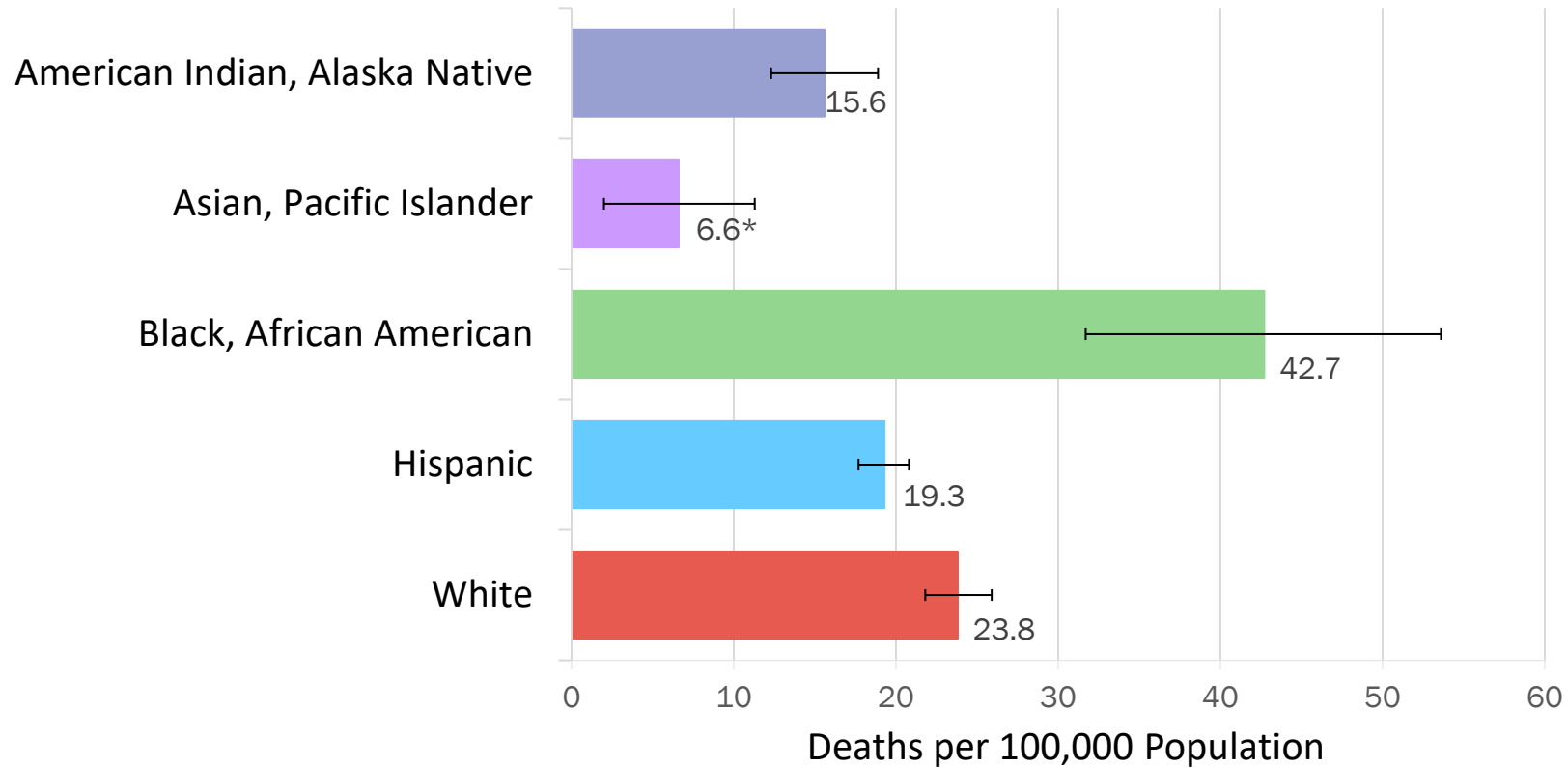


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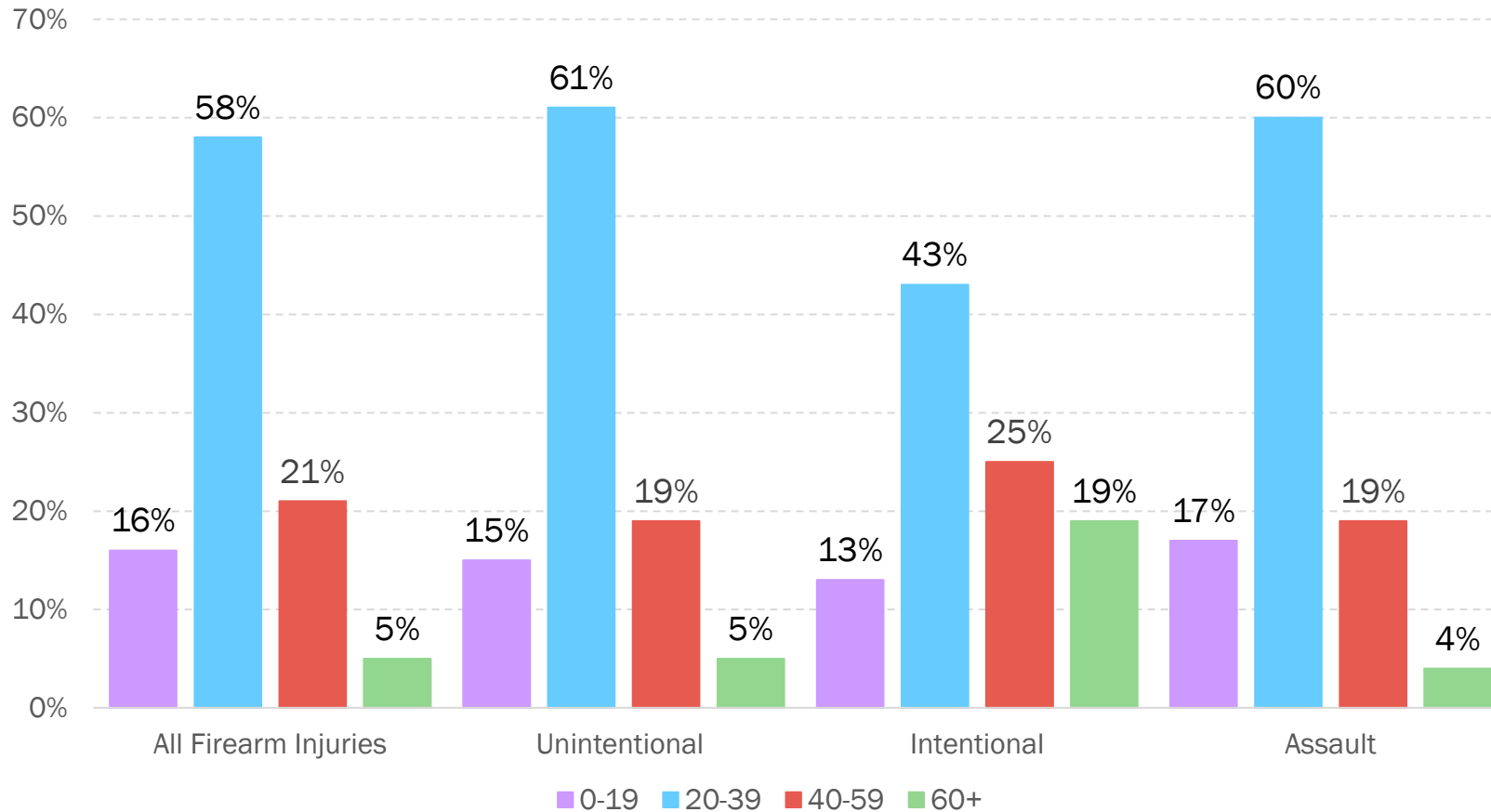


Rates (Age-adjusted) of Firearm-Related Deaths by Race/Ethnicity, NM, 2018-2020



Note: * indicates rates with less than 20 cases and are considered unreliable for comparisons
Rates have been age-adjusted to the standard U.S. 2000 population
Source: NMDOH, Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics

Percentage of Syndromic Firearm Injuries by Age Group & Intention, New Mexico, Past Year (May 2021 – May 2022)



Data sources: New Mexico Department of Health. NSSP. ESSENCE. Firearm Syndromic Injuries

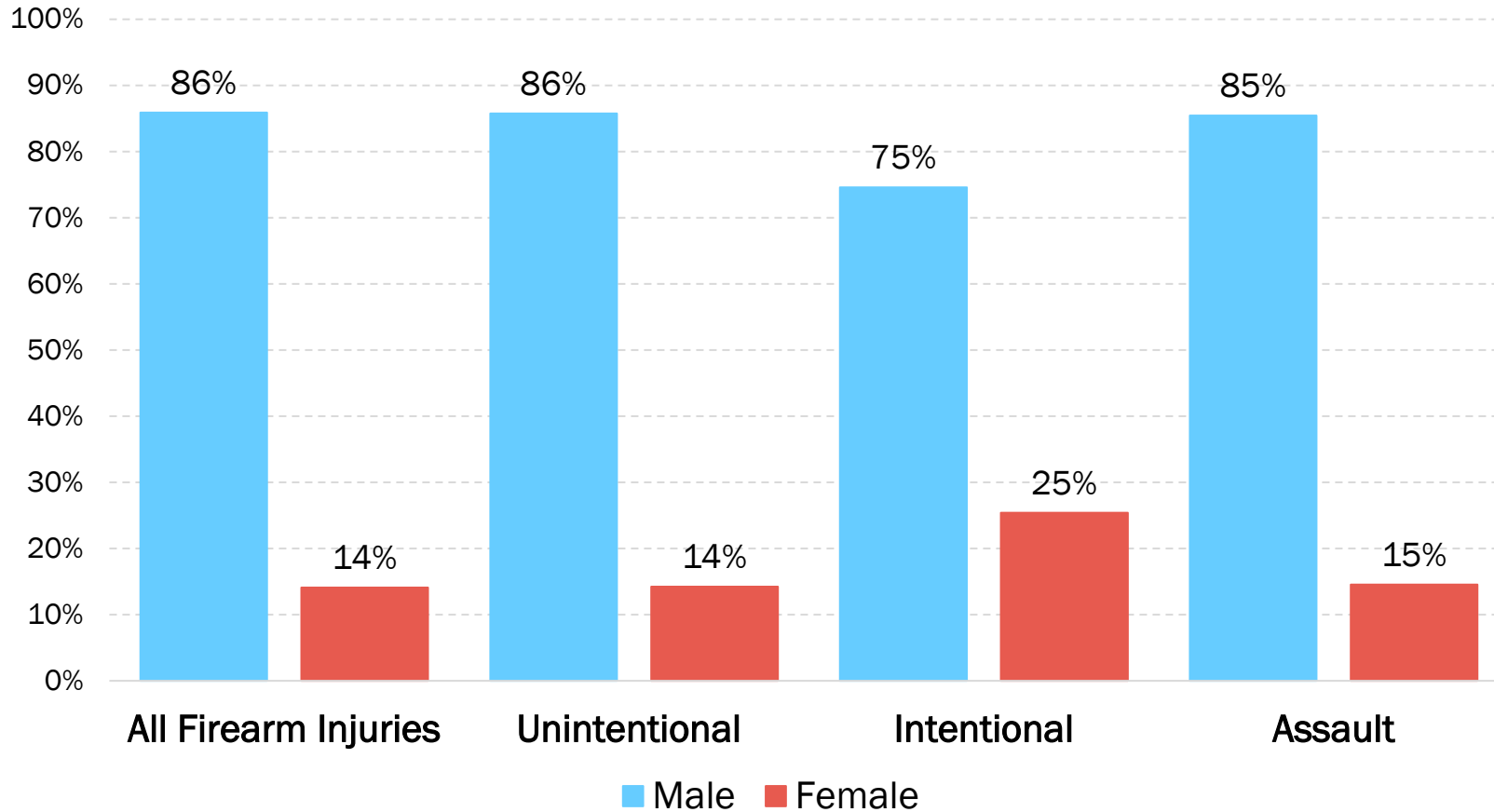


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Percentage of Syndromic Firearm Injuries by Sex & Intention, New Mexico, Past Year (May 2021 – May 2022)



Data sources: New Mexico Department of Health. NSSP. ESSENCE. Firearm Syndromic Injuries



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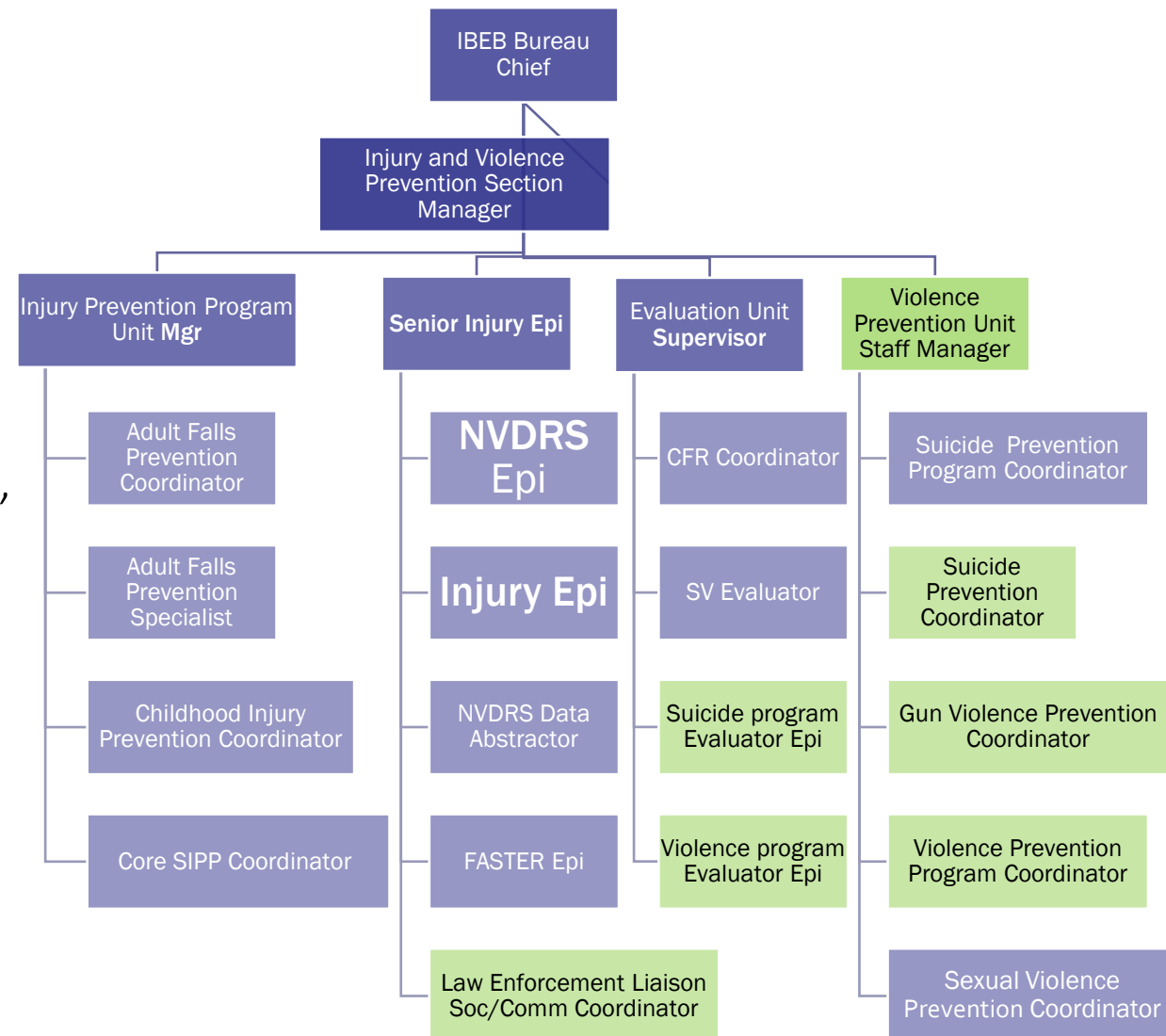


A Public Health Approach to Preventing Gun Violence

- Public health is the science of reducing and preventing injury, disease, and death and promoting the health and well-being of populations through data, research, and effective policies and practices
 - **Social Determinants of Health-**
 - We look upstream to identify interventions that produce conditions for optimal health (where people work, live, and play)
 - Public health focuses on population level solutions to address both firearm access and the factors that prevent and contribute to gun violence
 - **Identification of Risk and Protective Factors**
 - Seek to decrease risk and increase protective factors. BRFSS and YRRS help us measure these.
 - A public health approach brings together institutions and experts across disciplines in a common effort to:
 - 1) define and monitor the problem,
 - 2) identify risk and protective factors,
 - 3) develop and test prevention strategies, and
 - 4) ensure widespread adoption of effective strategies
- A public health approach to gun violence prevention focuses on the following types of harm:
- Intentional- homicide, suicide, and assault
 - Unintentional

NMDOH Violence Prevention Unit

- Newly appropriated funding will be used to Create NMDOH's Violence Prevention Unit. 7 new positions...
- The Unit will be used to:
 - Implement public health programs in partnership with communities, health councils, hospitals, and cities, counties, tribes, and other state agencies
 - Create new violence prevention programs
 - Enhance existing programs
 - Contracts to implement interventions public health approach to gun violence prevention identified in the Statewide Strategic Plan for Preventing Firearm Related Injuries and Deaths in NM



NMDOH Violence Prevention Unit Funding

Funding Source	Amount	Impact	FTE Created
Office of Gun Violence Prevention	\$300,000.00 Recurring GF received in SFY23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education on safe storage practices, counseling on access to lethal means • Distribution of gun locks • Programs to create community cohesion and reduce isolation • Disseminate firearm injury and death data and prevention information to stakeholders and the public • Develop and/or adapt firearm injury prevention programs to be culturally responsive to the needs of New Mexicans 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gun Violence Prevention Coordinator 2. Violence Prevention Evaluator
Violence Prevention Appropriation	\$1,600,000.00 Recurring GF received in SFY23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase community capacity to prevent violence • Increase participation in interventions that improve family, school, and community connectedness • Firearm safety • Create protective community environments • Increase capacity of potential applicants to apply for violence intervention fund • Collaborate with other agencies and community partners to address ACEs and mitigate impacts of ACEs experienced during childhood by adults 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Violence Prevention Unit Manager 2. Law Enforcement Liaison/Coordinator
Violence Intervention Fund (HB 68)	\$9,000,000.00 (over three years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focused on disproportionately impacted by violent crimes, including homicides, shootings and aggravated assaults to implement violence prevention initiatives through community-based providers: Violence prevention strategic plan, evidence or research based public health approaches, and data driven methods that target populations at high risk for victimization 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Violence Prevention Coordinator
Suicide Prevention Appropriation	\$700,000.00 Recurring GF received in SFY23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic planning and technical support • Strengthen access and delivery of suicide care • Identify and support people at risk • Reduce access to lethal means • Lessen harms and prevent future risks 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suicide Prevention Program Coordinator 2. Suicide Prevention Evaluator



DOH Rulemaking currently underway..

- Rule will establish standards and procedures for grantees:
 - Tribal Governments
 - Counties
 - Municipalities
 - State agencies
- DOH will work with potential grantees that have been impacted by violent crimes such as homicide, shootings, and aggravated assaults
- DOH will develop standards pertaining to collection and sharing of data by grantees
- Injury and Behavioral Epidemiology Bureau (IBEB) will administer the fund
 - 9 million over 3 years
- DOH expects rule to take effect late August
- DOH to notify the public and all potential applicants that application period is open

Thank You