



Pennsylvania  
**Commission on Crime  
and Delinquency**

# Office of Gun Violence Prevention

On September 9, 2024, Governor Josh Shapiro signed Executive Order 2024-02, reestablishing the Pennsylvania Office of Gun Violence Prevention (OGVP) under the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). Below are the key initiatives of the OGVP.



### **Convene Advisory Group**

Bring together experts, survivors, healthcare workers, law enforcement, and state agencies working to address gun violence.



### **Training & Technical Assistance**

Promote awareness and adoption of violence intervention, prevention, and community violence intervention (CVI) strategies and best practices.



### **Develop Gun Violence Prevention Plan**

Develop plan for the Commonwealth focusing on youth involvement, domestic violence, and other related issues.



### **Support Victims of Gun Violence**

Work with PCCD's Office of Victims' Services to improve services and support for victims of gun violence.



### **Develop Gun Violence Data Dashboard**

Create a dashboard to serve as a "one-stop-shop" for data and research on gun violence in Pennsylvania.



### **Promote Firearm Safety**

Work with the Departments of Health, Human Services, and other stakeholders to increase awareness of safe storage practices.

## **We want to hear from you**

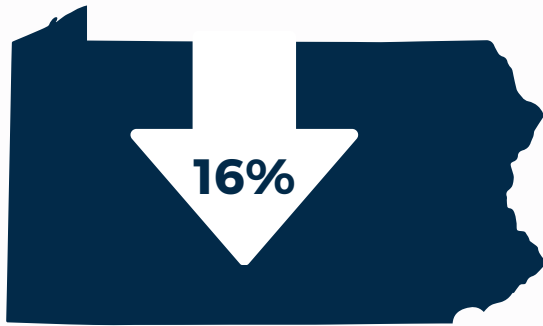


To inform the work of the Office and Pennsylvania's FY 2024 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Funding Plan, PCCD is gathering feedback from Pennsylvania community members to better understand trends and needs related to gun violence, crime, and behavioral health. The data collected will help shape a strategic plan for the Office as well as PCCD's SCIP Plan.

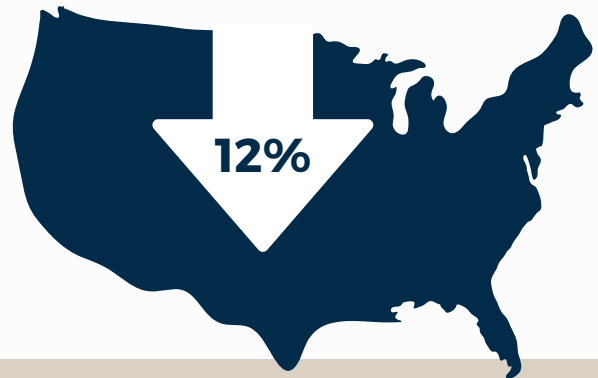


# Gun Violence in Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania's investments in public safety have made a significant impact on decreasing homicides across the state in recent years.



In 2023, homicides dropped by 16%, with 872 total deaths across PA.



PA's decrease is higher than the national decline (12%) over that same time period.

In 2023, 29 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties experienced a decrease in homicides, including Philadelphia, which saw a 23% decrease and a 40% decrease so far for 2024.

However, gun violence continues to affect far too many Pennsylvanians.

Gun violence kills or injures

**4,600**

Pennsylvanians each year on average.

In 2022, PA's firearm death rate was almost

**2x** that of neighboring states in the NE Region.

Black Pennsylvanians are more than

**4x** as likely to die from gun violence than White Pennsylvanians.

In 2022, more than

**1,900**

Pennsylvanians died from firearm injuries.

The total economic cost of firearm injury is

**\$300M**

per year in Pennsylvania.

More than half

**(55%)**

of gun deaths in Pennsylvania resulted from suicide in 2022.