

# ***Welcome!***

## **CARE Community Briefing:**

### **Office of Gun Violence Prevention 2026 Report**

*A Strategic Plan to Sustain California's Record Progress Against Gun Violence*

**Thursday, May 7 | 10:00am - 11:30am**

The presentation will begin shortly. No audio is currently being played.



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# AGENDA

- I. **Welcome**
- II. **Presentation** Office of Gun Violence 2026 Report- *A Strategic Plan to Sustain California's Record Progress Against Gun Violence*
- III. **Community Impact Panel** Funding Landscapes and Needs
- IV. **Questions**

# **Office of Gun Violence Prevention**

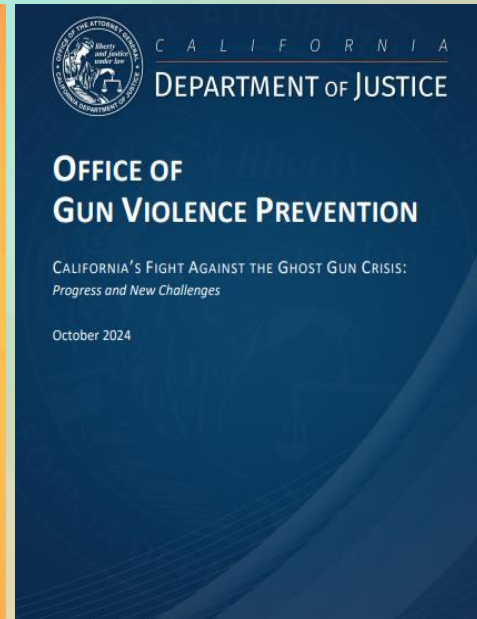
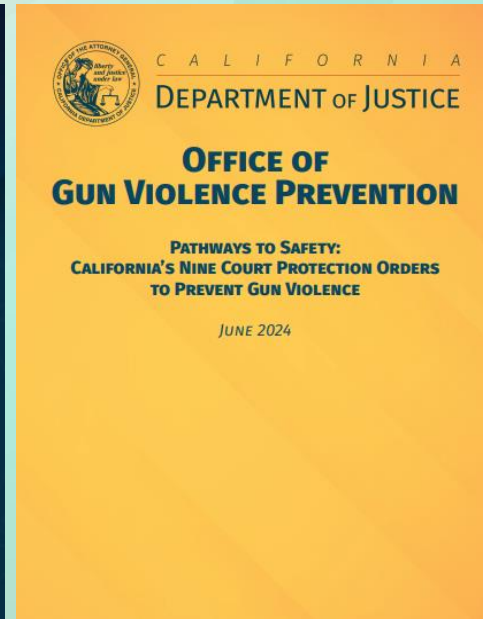
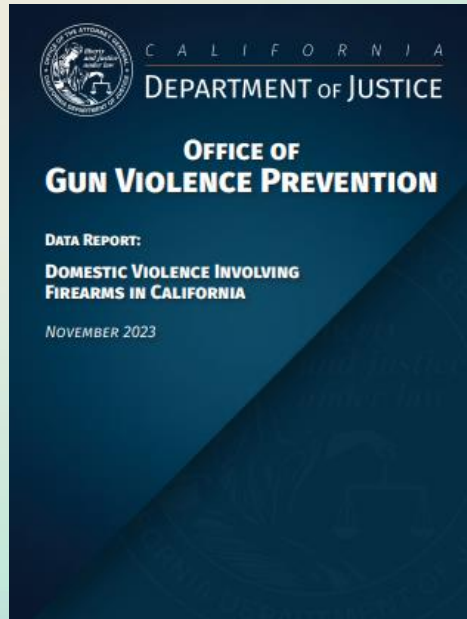
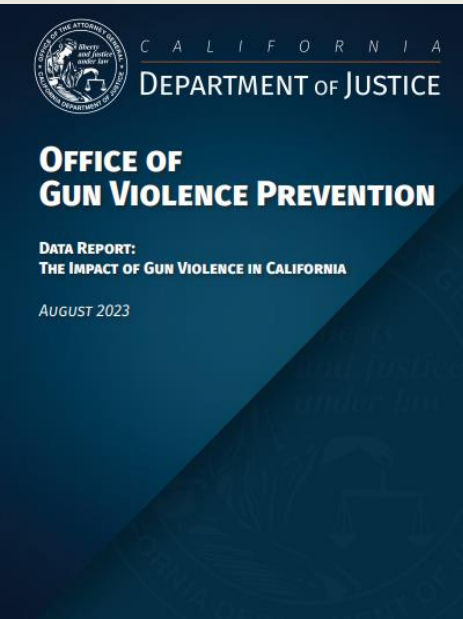
## ***California Department of Justice***

**Ari Freilich, *Director***

# California law outlines the mission of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention to:

1. Advise the Attorney General on gun violence prevention-related matters.
2. Serve as a liaison to gun violence prevention stakeholders; and
3. Support the implementation, coordination, and effectiveness of gun violence prevention laws and programs through activities, including technical assistance and grant support, and data and policy reports that:
  - Highlight best practices
  - Identify policy gaps and barriers to success, and
  - Make recommendations to the Legislature and other stakeholders about strategies, policies, and priorities for preventing gun violence.

# CA DOJ OGVP Data Reports: [www.oag.ca.gov/ogvp/data](http://www.oag.ca.gov/ogvp/data)





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## Gun Violence Restraining Order 10-Year Progress Report:

Data and Recommendations  
for Improved Implementation

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## Model Gun Violence Restraining Order Policy for California Law Enforcement

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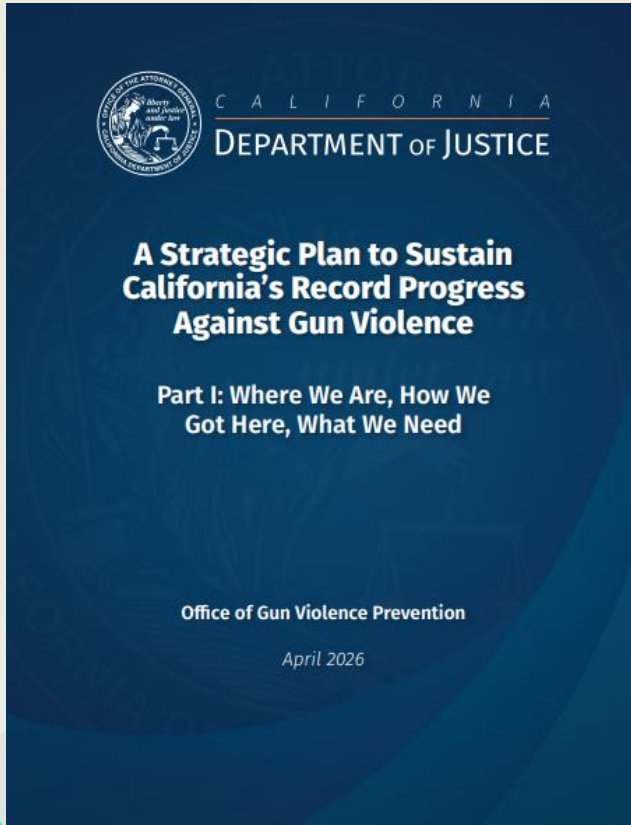
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# AB 1252 Mandated OGVP Report & Strategic Plan



## AB 1252 (Wicks):

Required Office of Gun Violence Prevention to publish report outlining recommendations for *“new legislation, improvements to statutory implementation, and increased programmatic funding necessary to achieve sustained reductions in gun violence in California”* and a 5-year strategic plan for doing so.

## Key Takeaways

1. In 2024, California became safer from gun violence than any other time on record.
2. After three years of large reductions starting in 2022, California achieved its **lowest firearm death, firearm suicide, and firearm homicide rates on record**—and California opened the largest gap ever recorded between our state and the rest of the nation on all three measures.
3. Provisional data indicates that this progress continued into 2025.
4. These record reductions were driven by especially large declines in firearm homicide among Black and Hispanic men and teens, especially in cities implementing new and strengthened Community Violence Intervention (CVI) strategies.

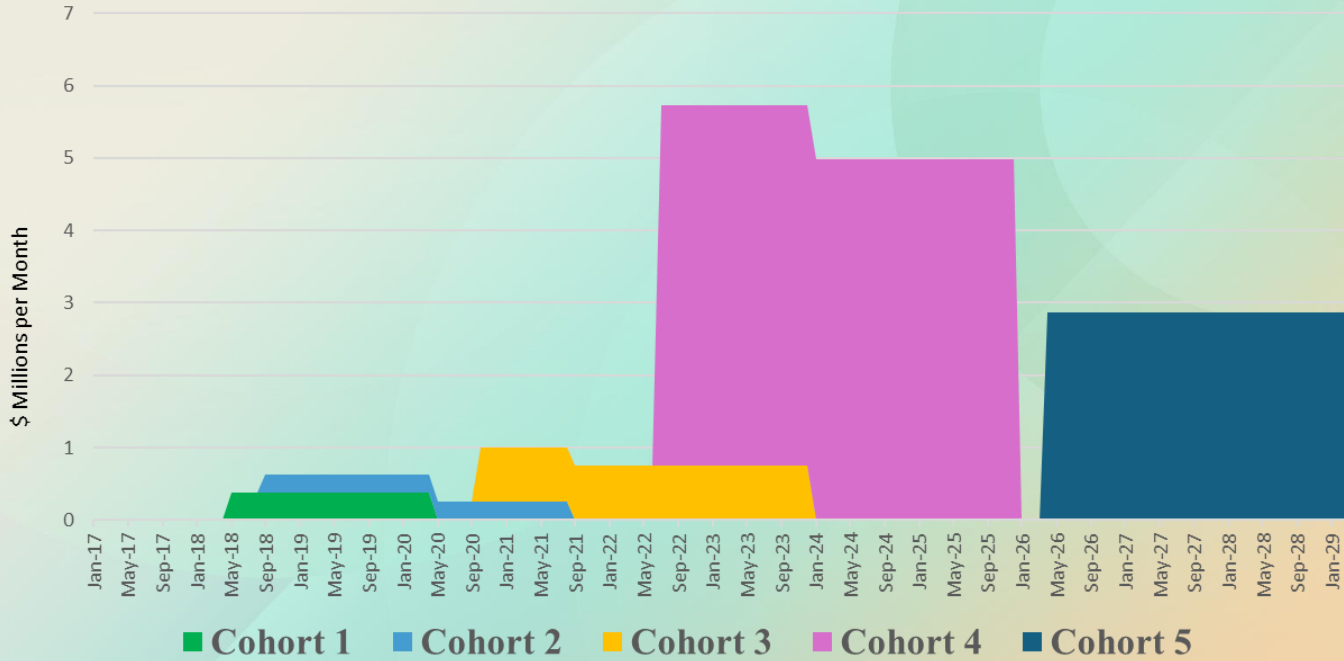
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- 1. From 2021-2024: California recorded 35% reduction in firearm homicide rates; 37% reduction in nonfatal shooting injuries.**
  - 48% reduction in firearm homicide rates for young Black men.
  - 52% reduction in firearm homicide rates for young Hispanic men.
- 2. Firearm death rate 49% below rest of US on average.** Mass shooting victimization rate 39% below rest of US on average.
- 3. As recently as 2010, a child under 18 was more likely to die from bullet wounds in California than in the rest of the U.S. on average. By 2024, a child in the rest of the nation was nearly three times as likely to die from bullet wounds as a child in our state.**

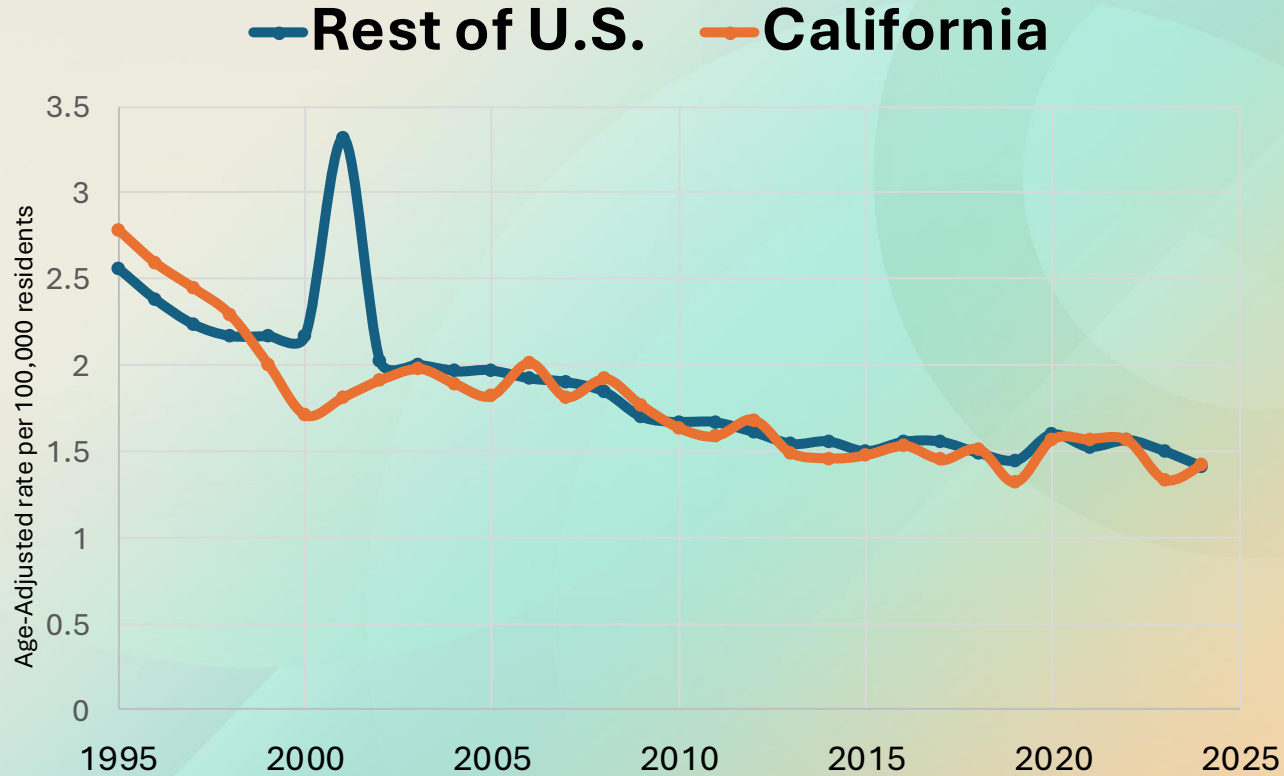
## Key Takeaways

California's record-setting progress was built on a foundation of nation-leading gun safety laws and ghost gun reforms, accelerated by historic—*but now fast-declining*—levels of state, local, and federal investment in community violence intervention (CVI) initiatives, protective order and firearm relinquishment programs, and other targeted efforts to build gun violence prevention capacity in our most impacted communities.

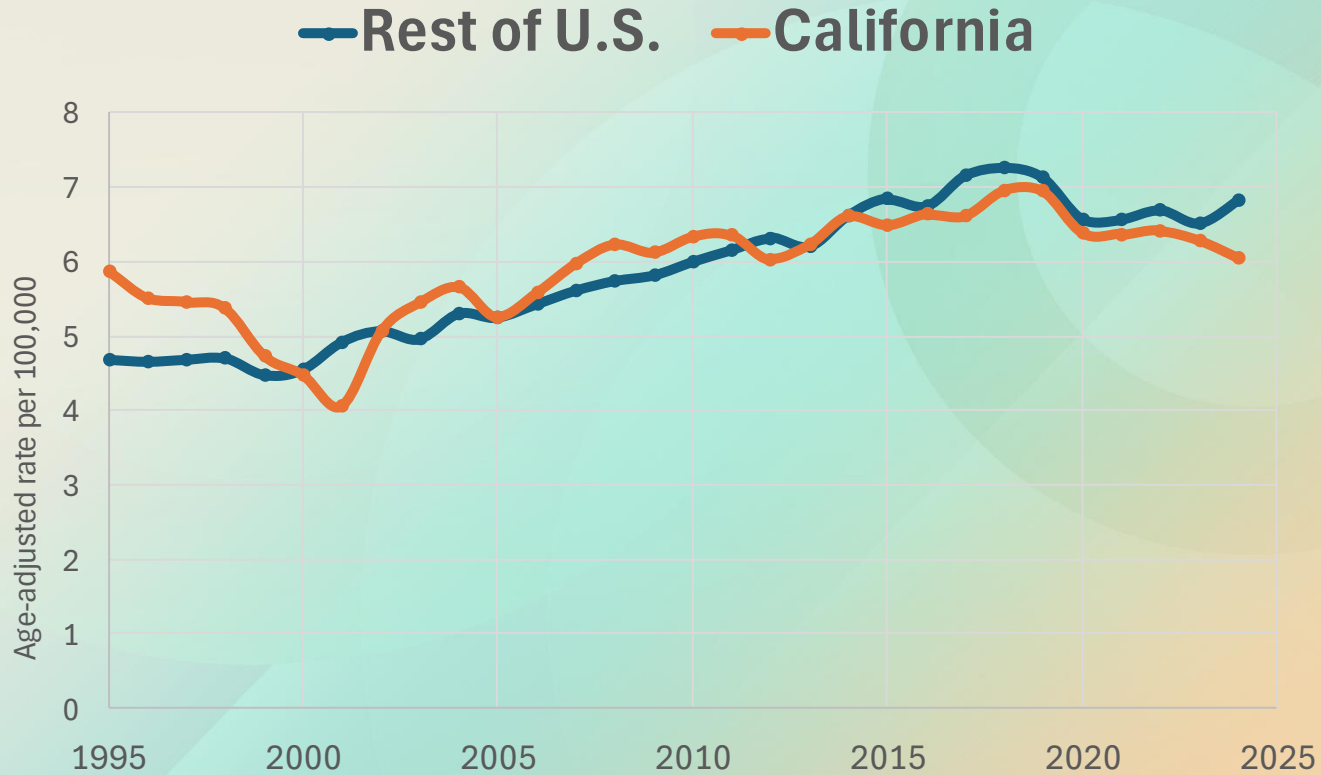
# CalVIP Cohorts 1 – 5: Average CalVIP Grant Allocation per Month of Grant Period



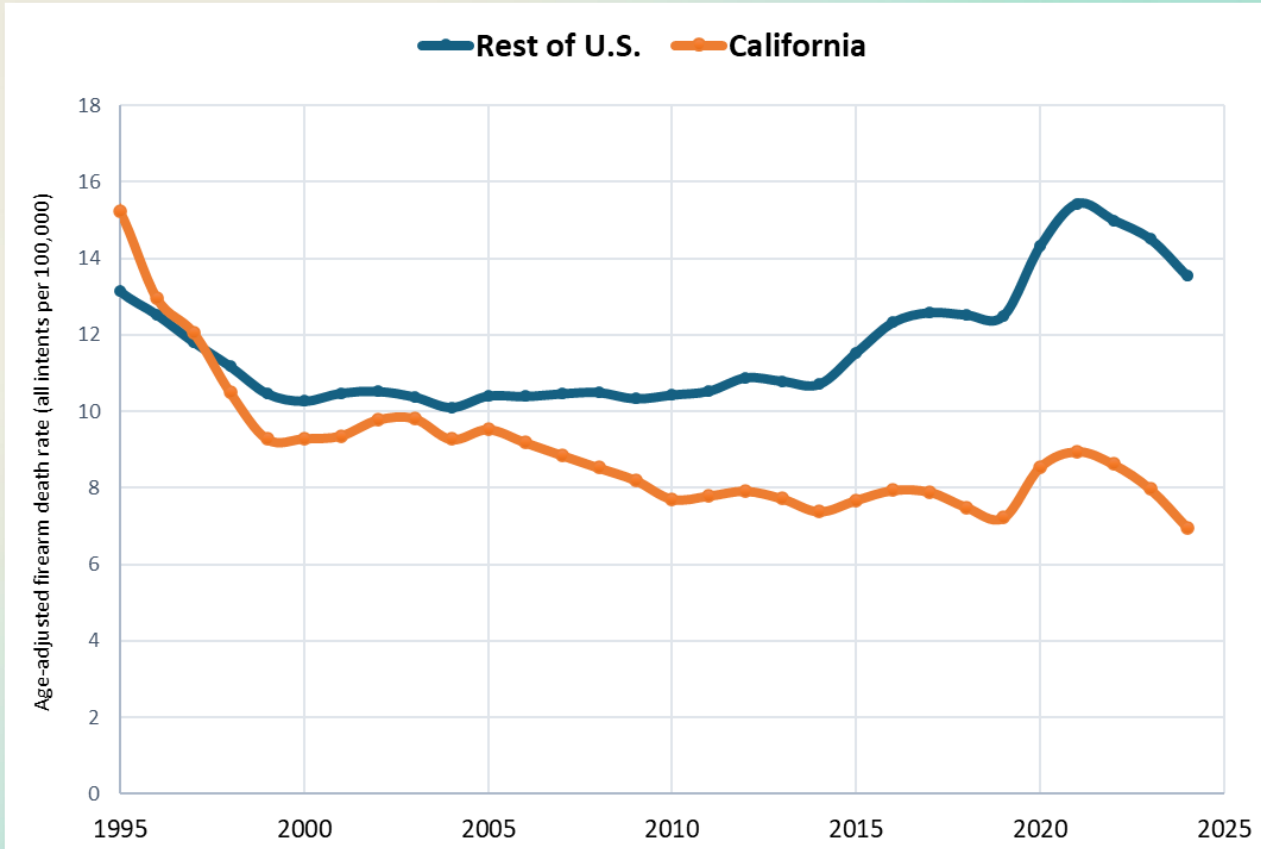
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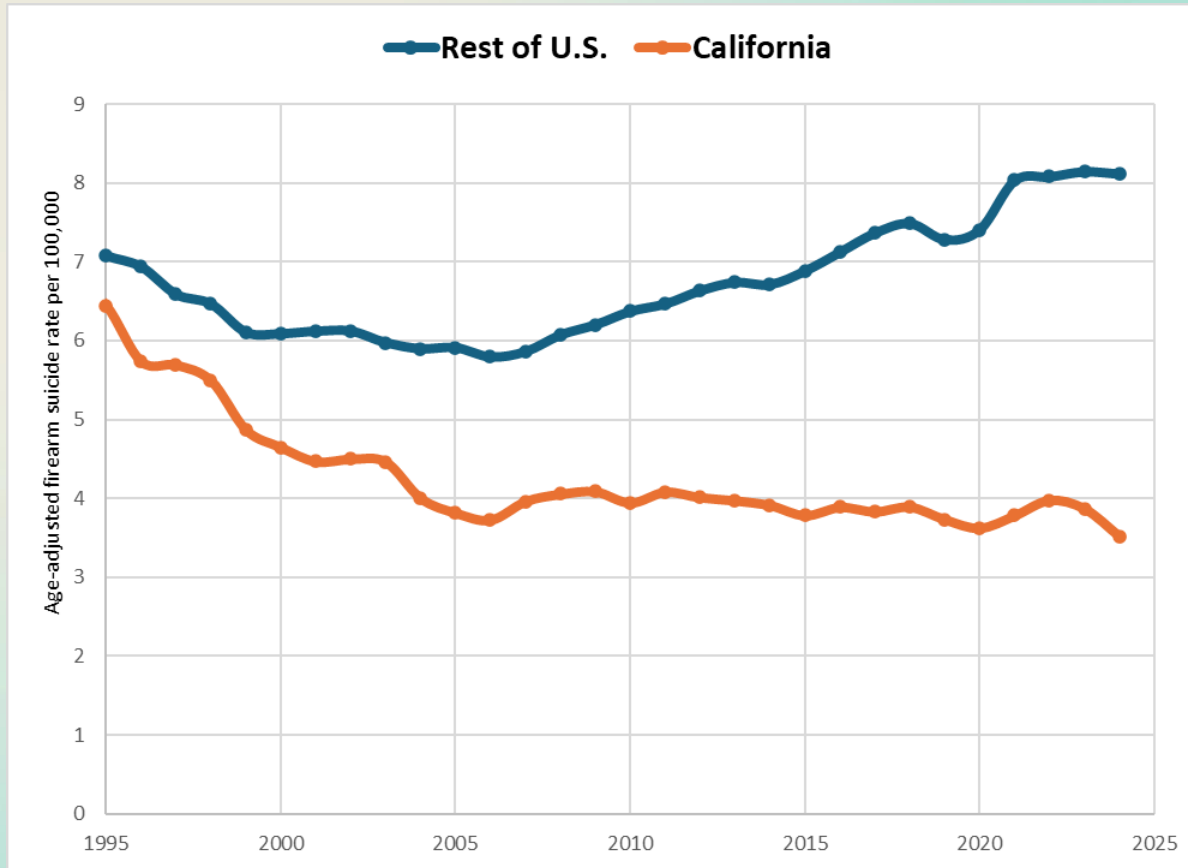
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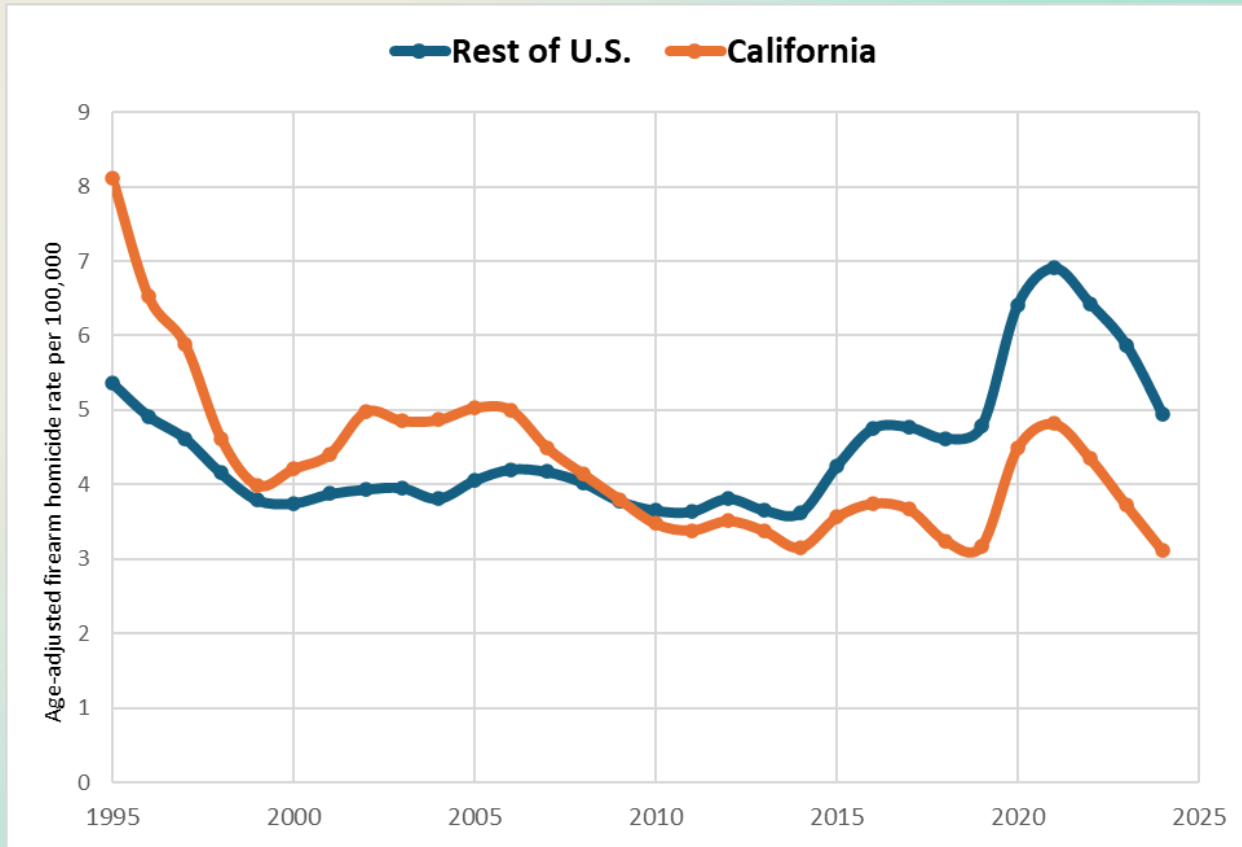


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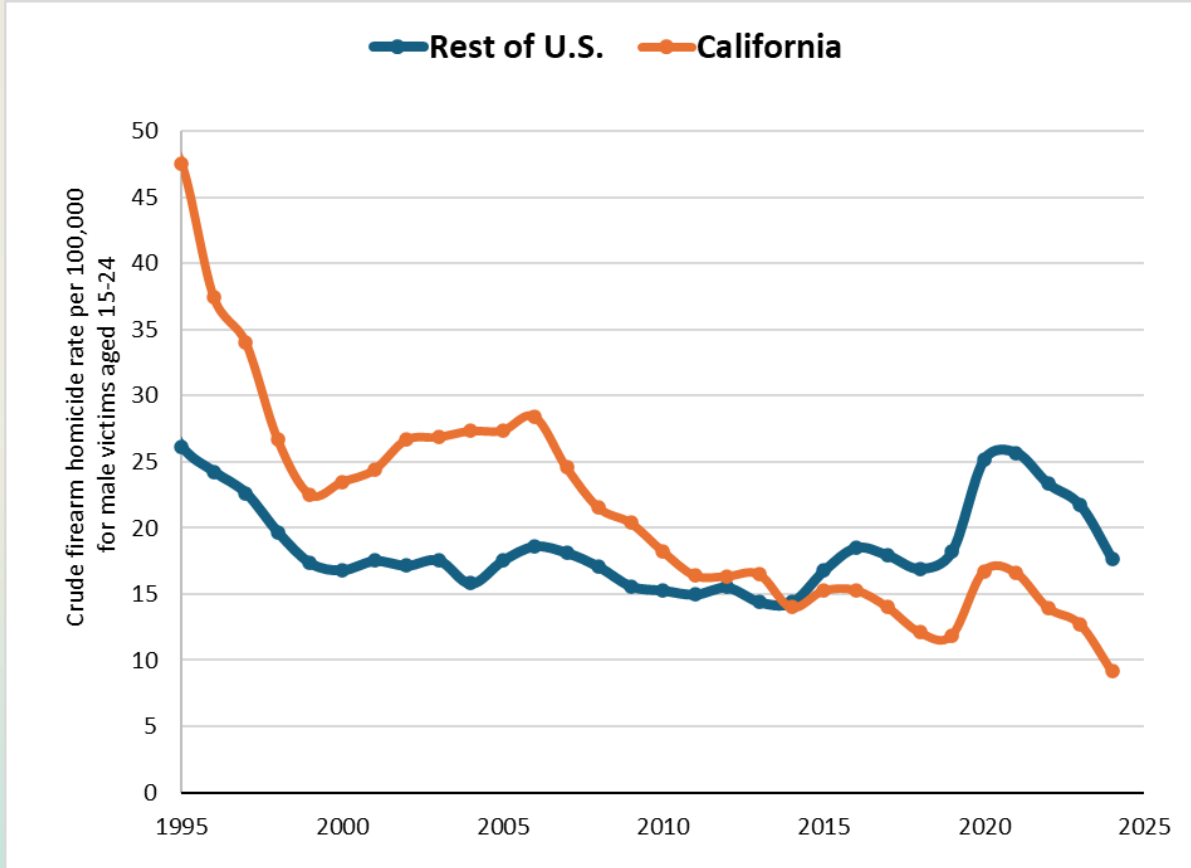


Source: OGPV analysis of data from CDC WONDER for 1990-2024. Age-adjusted firearm suicide rate per 100,000 residents.

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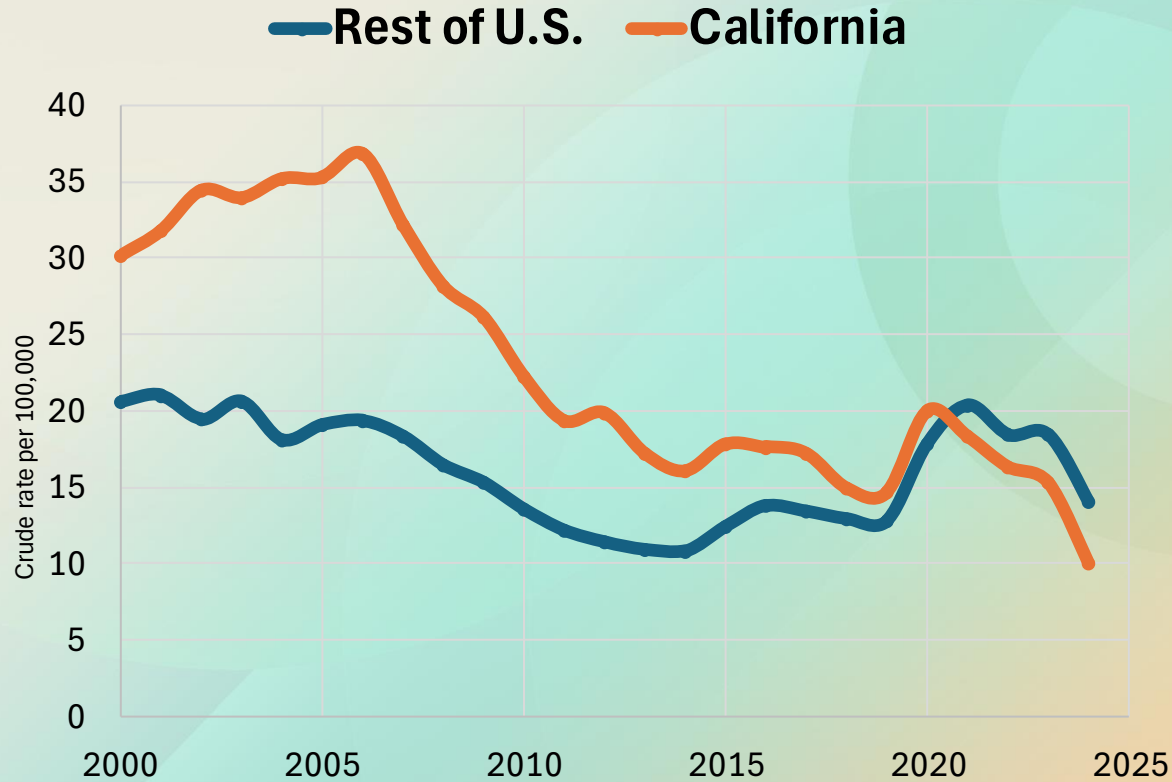


# Firearm Homicide Rates for Young Men and Boys Aged 15-24: CA vs. Rest of U.S.



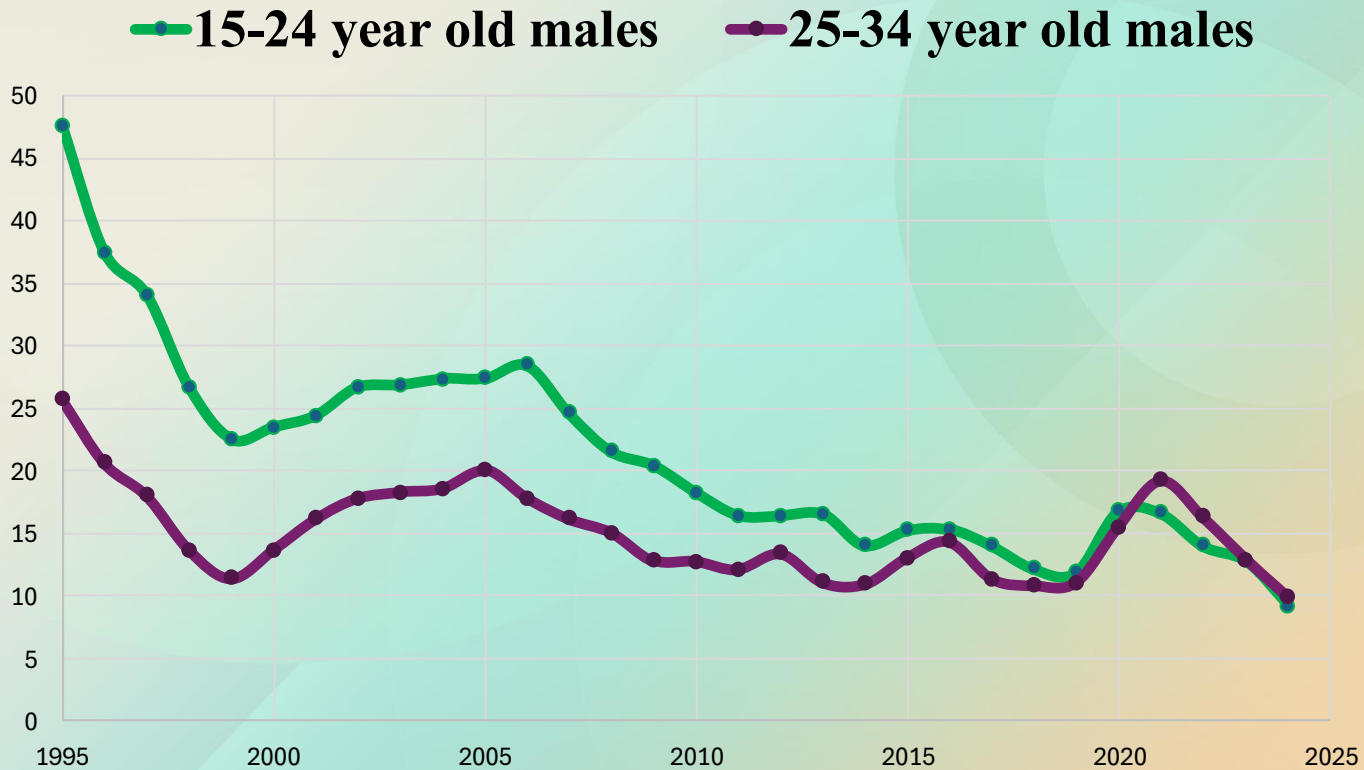
Source: OGVP analysis of data from CDC WONDER for 1995-2024.  
(Crude firearm homicide rate per 100,000 for male victims aged 15-24.)

# Firearm Homicide Rates for Hispanic Men and Boys Aged 15-24



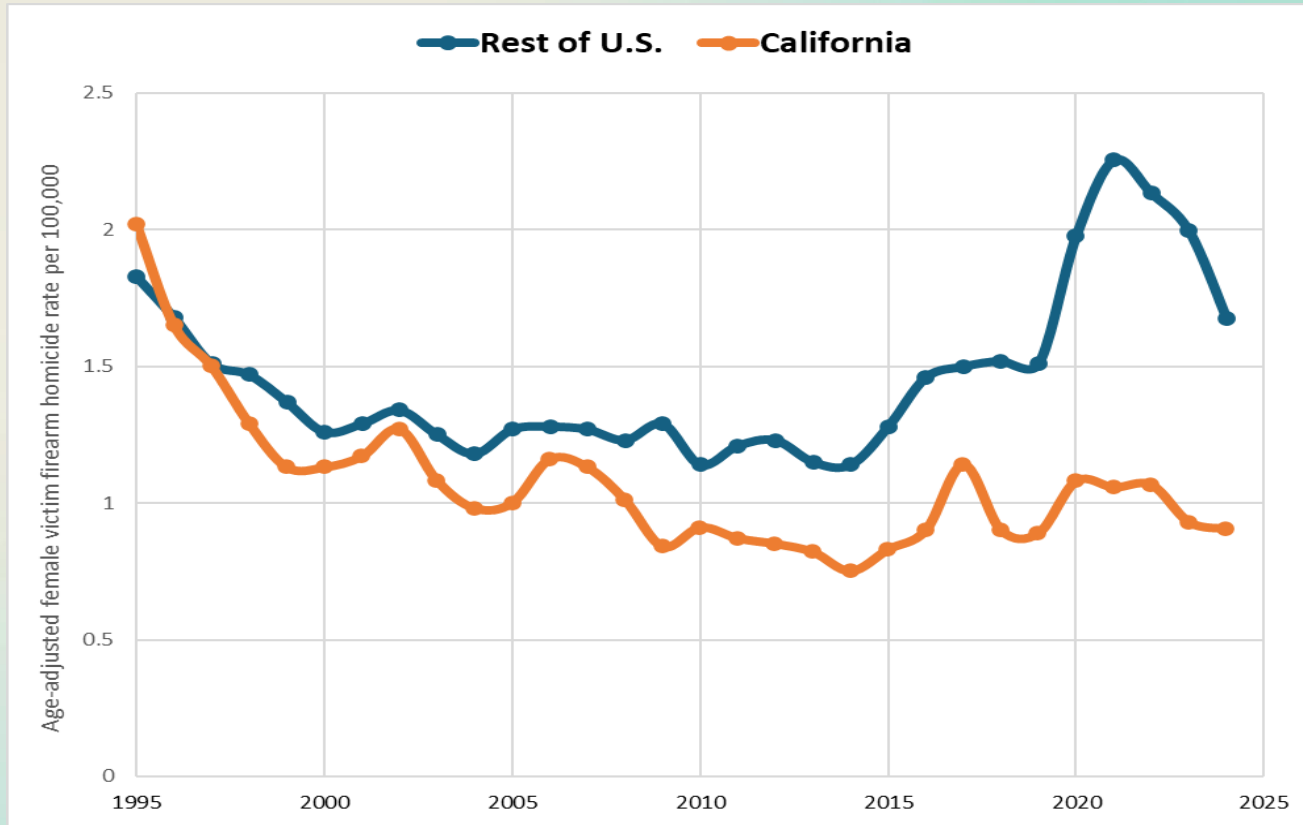
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# Firearm Homicide Rates for Young Men and Boys by Age Group



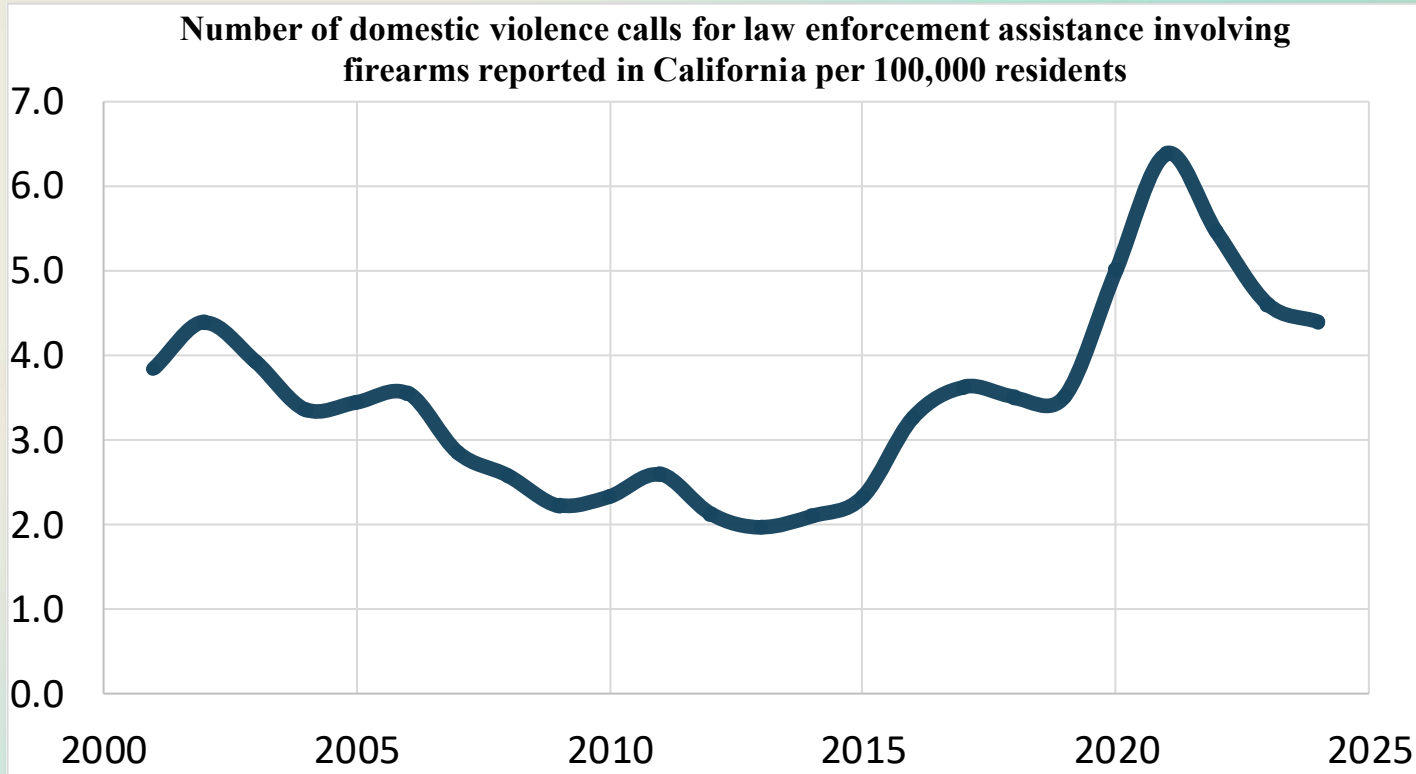
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# Firearm Homicide Rates for Female Victims: California vs. Rest of U.S.



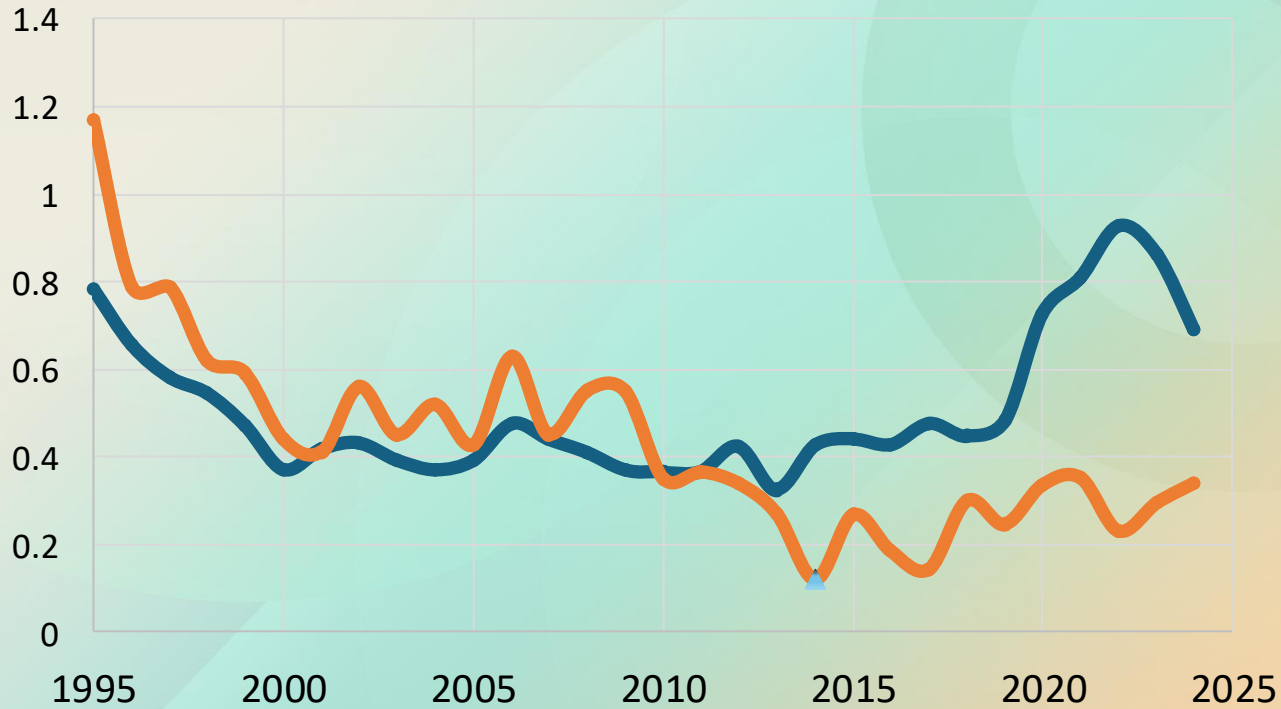
Source: OGVP analysis of data from CDC WONDER for 1995-2024.  
(Age-adjusted firearm homicide rate per 100,000 for female victims).

## DV calls for assistance involving firearm use/threats



# Firearm Homicide Rates for Children Aged 1-14: California vs. Rest of U.S.

— Rest of U.S. — California



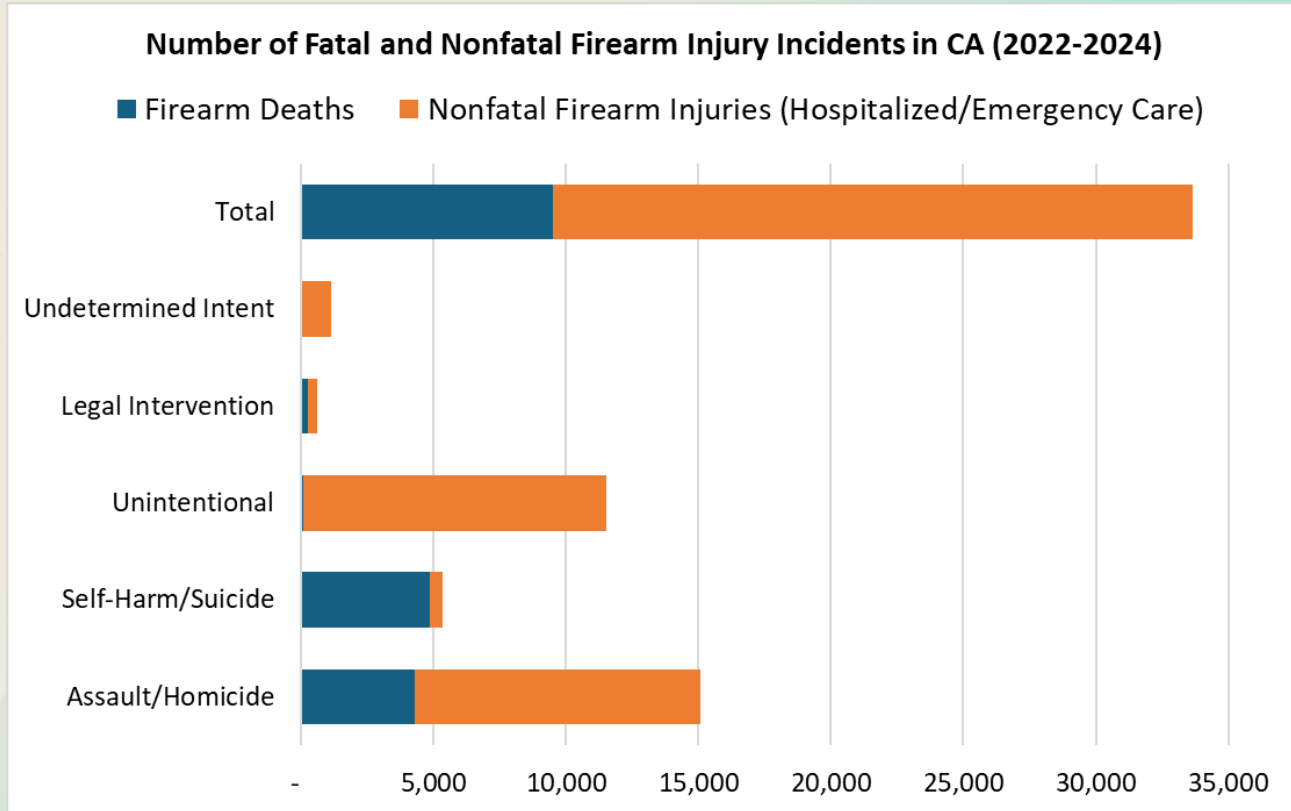
# CA's Framework: Laws and Policies to Prevent Gun Violence

1. **Firearm industry subject to oversight, inspections, accountability—including to victims of gun violence.**
2. **Most firearm and ammunition sales/transfers must be conduct through licensed, accountable dealers.**
3. **Those dealers must block the sale of uniquely dangerous weapons.**
4. **Those dealers must conduct background checks to block the sale of firearms and ammunition to people who cannot legally possess them.**
5. **Stronger eligibility standards to ensure individuals with significant histories of violent, abusive, or other dangerous conduct are disqualified from possessing firearms for at least a temporary period.**
6. **Broader array of protection and restraining order processes that include provisions to protect survivors & prevent gun violence and armed abuse.**

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7. Accountability efforts to stop the **skip-the-background-check ghost gun industry** from facilitating the illegal manufacture of firearms.
8. **Gun purchasers demonstrate responsible familiarity** with gun safety laws and standards and receive tested **firearm safety devices** at point of sale.
9. Firearms must be **stored in a safe and secure manner** when not in use.
10. **Stronger licensing, training, and vetting standards** to be eligible to carry firearms in public spaces; **sensitive location** protections.
11. Investments in **research & public safety data and record systems**.
12. Investments in **community violence intervention and domestic violence prevention and victim service programs**.
13. **Firearm relinquishment** policies and investments.

# Fatal + Nonfatal Gunshot Wounds in California:



Injury Intent	% Fatal
Assault	28.5%
Intentional Self-Harm	91%
Unintentional	0.7%
Legal Intervention	42%
Undetermin.	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28%</b>

# Survivors of Shootings in California

## Among CA survivors Hospitalized/treated in Emergency Dept for nonfatal gun assaults from 2022-2024:

Sex: 87% male

Race/Ethnicity: 75% Hispanic or Black.

- 46% Hispanic, 30% Black, 11% White, 2% Multiracial, 2% Asian

Age: 74% between ages of 15-39.

- 2% under 15, 10% under 18.

Length of hospital stay: 52% of those hospitalized for 5 days or more; 16% treated and released within one night of admission.

Insurer: Medi-Cal is expected health insurer for 70%; 86% publicly insured or uninsured.

# Survivors' Risk of Violent Re-injury and Death:

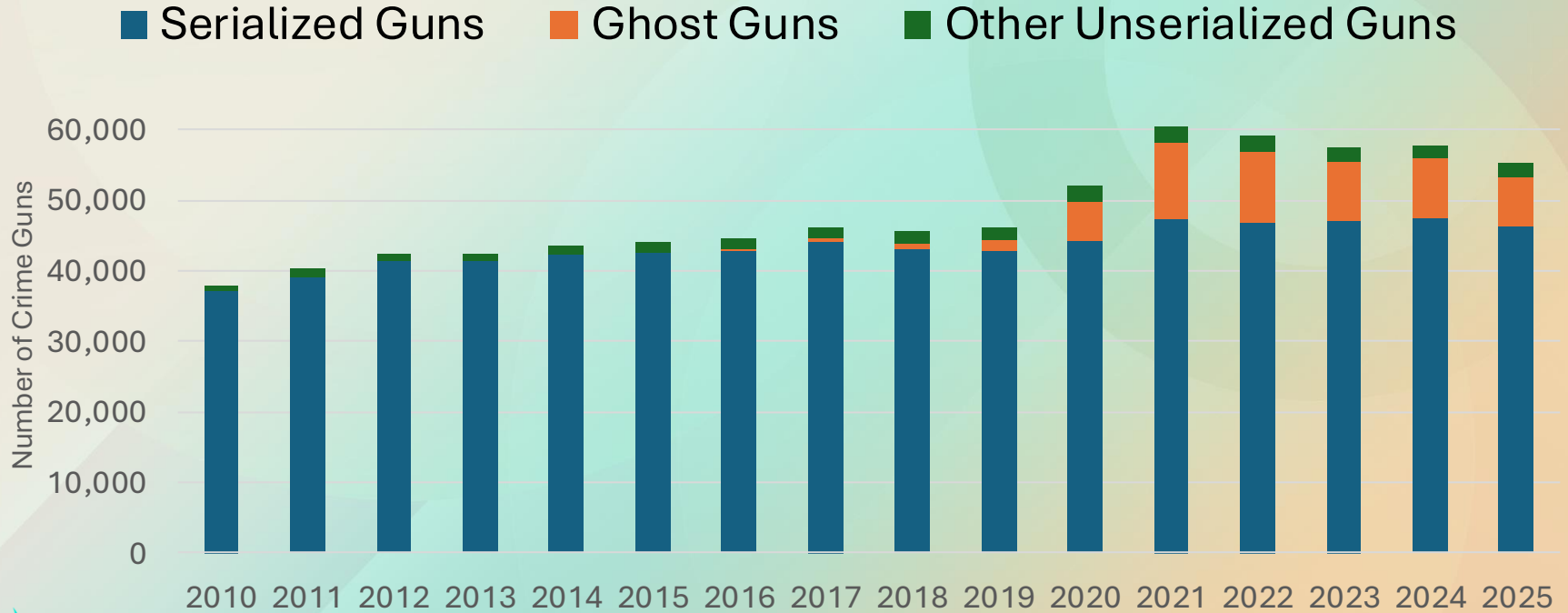
Many gun assault survivors are at extremely elevated risk of being shot again and killed:

- [One statewide study](#) found that, compared to CA's statewide average, the firearm homicide rate in CA was over **60 times higher** for people who had previously survived one nonfatal firearm assault injury, and over **120 times higher** among people who had survived multiple.
- A [study](#) from a trauma center in Oakland, CA found that gun homicide was the cause of death for **79%** of gun assault patients who survived the initial shooting but died within 5 years after being discharged from the hospital.
- Compared to patients treated at the same hospital for *non-gun* assault injuries, gun assault patients were **5-6 times** more likely to die during the first year after leaving the hospital.

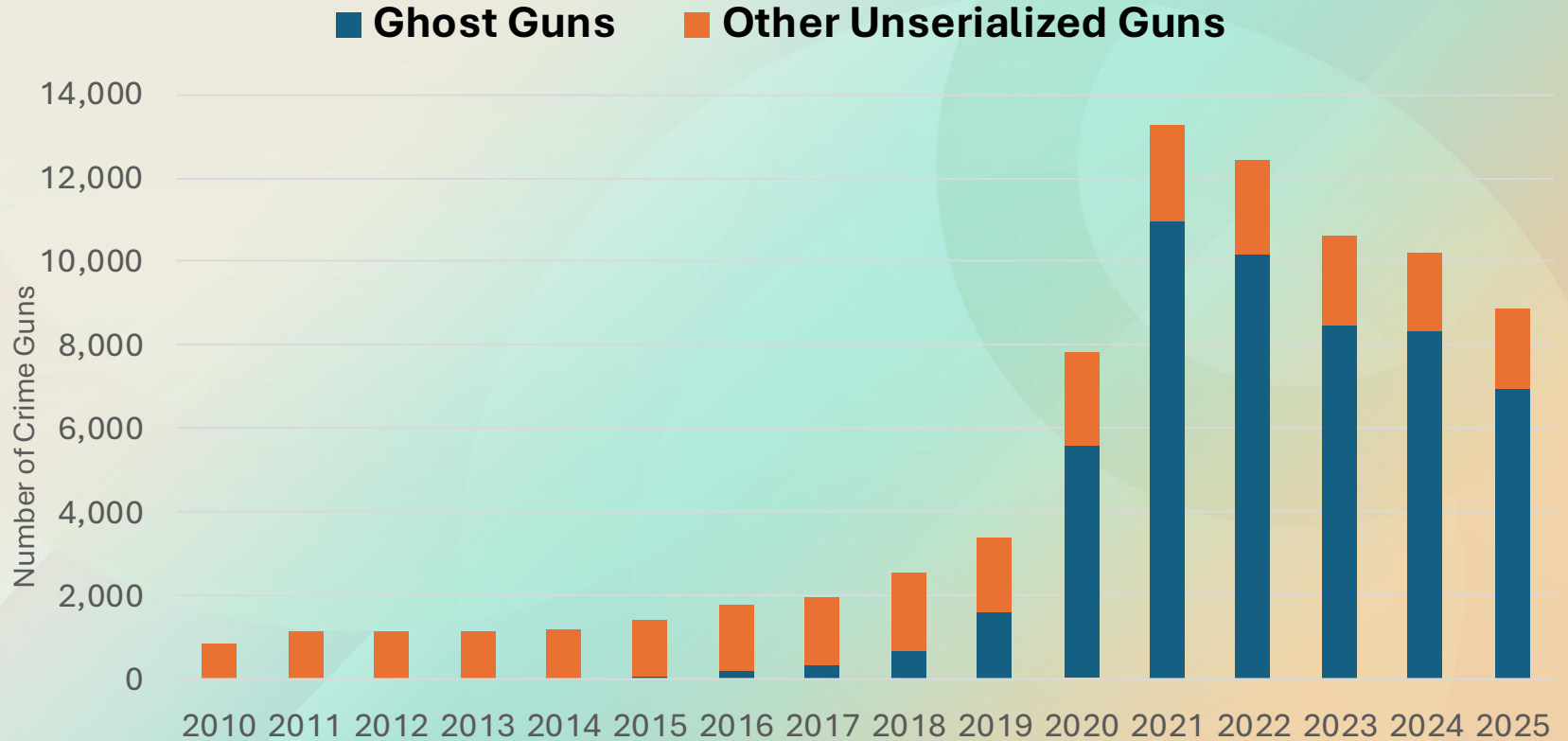
Source: Veronica Pear, et al, "Risk factors for assaultive reinjury and death following a nonfatal firearm assault injury: A population-based retrospective cohort study," *Prev Med.* (Oct. 2020); Jahan Fahimi, et al, "Long-term mortality of patients surviving firearm violence," *Inj Prev.* (Apr. 2016) 22(2):129-34.

# Ghost Guns Drove Pandemic Spike in Crime Gun Recoveries

Number of Illegally Used or Possessed Crime Guns Recovered by California Law Enforcement Agencies by Year and Type



# Ghost Guns Recovered from Crimes in CA by Year



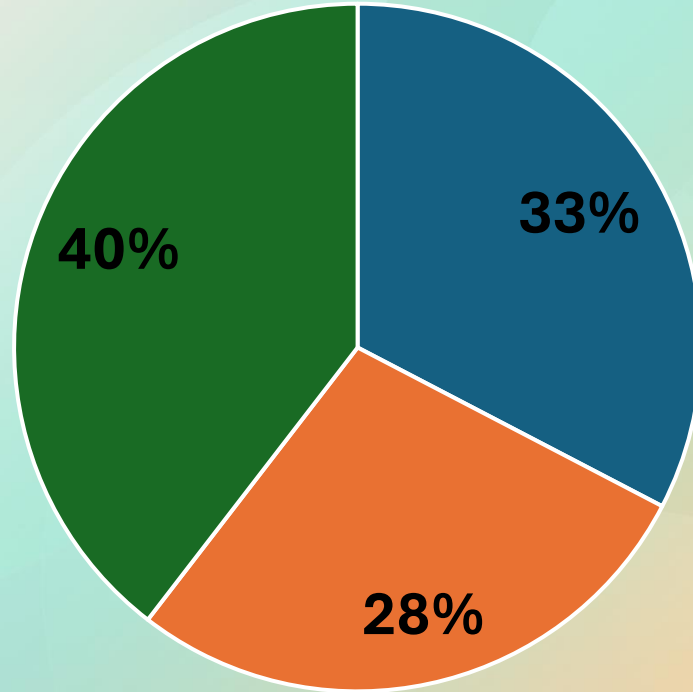
# Sources of Crime Guns Recovered in California in 2023

(ATF National Crime Gun Tracing Data)

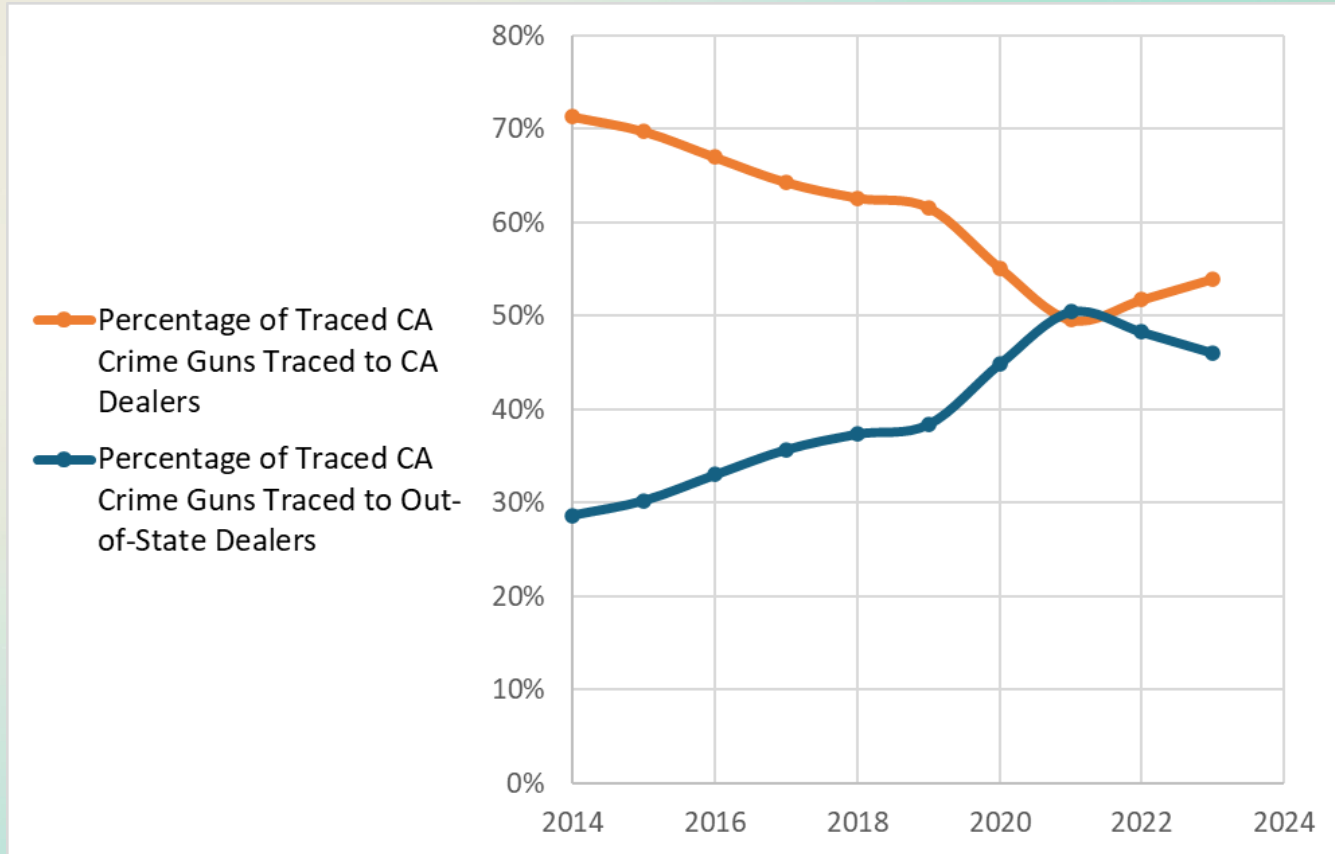
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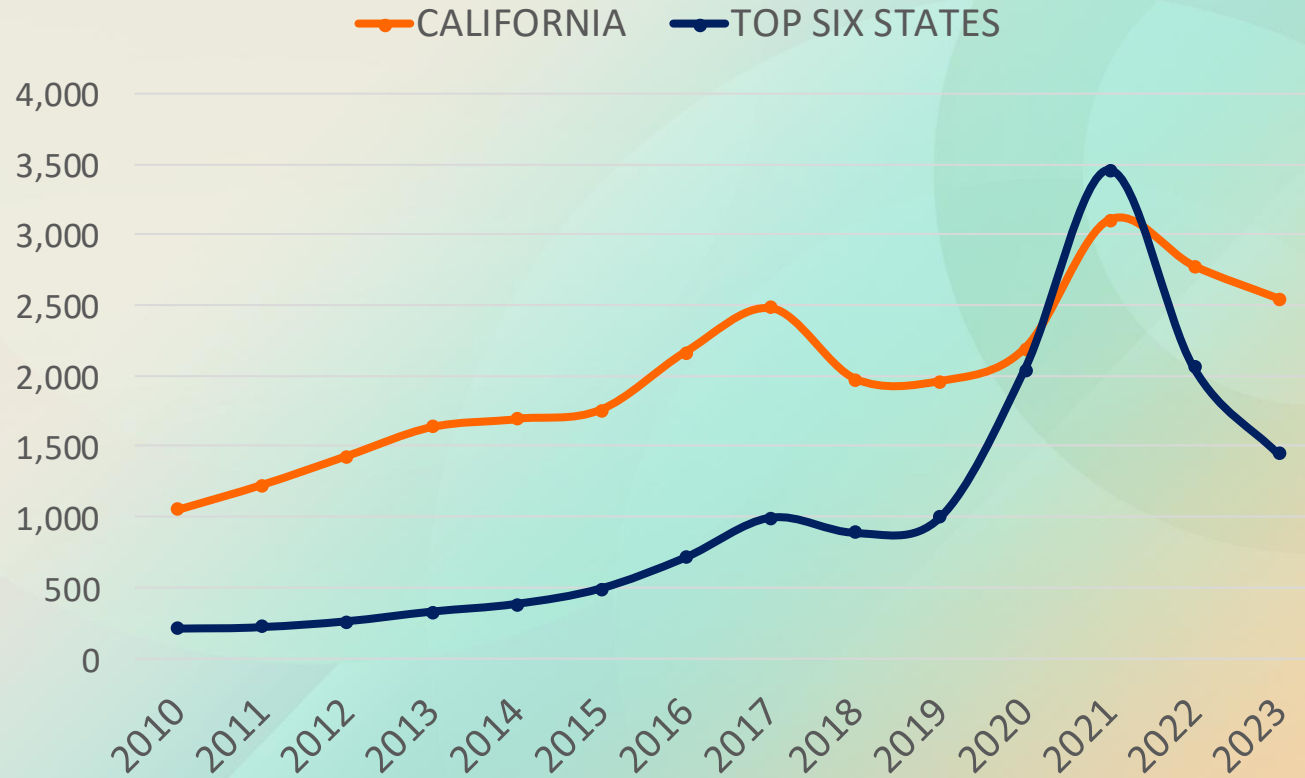
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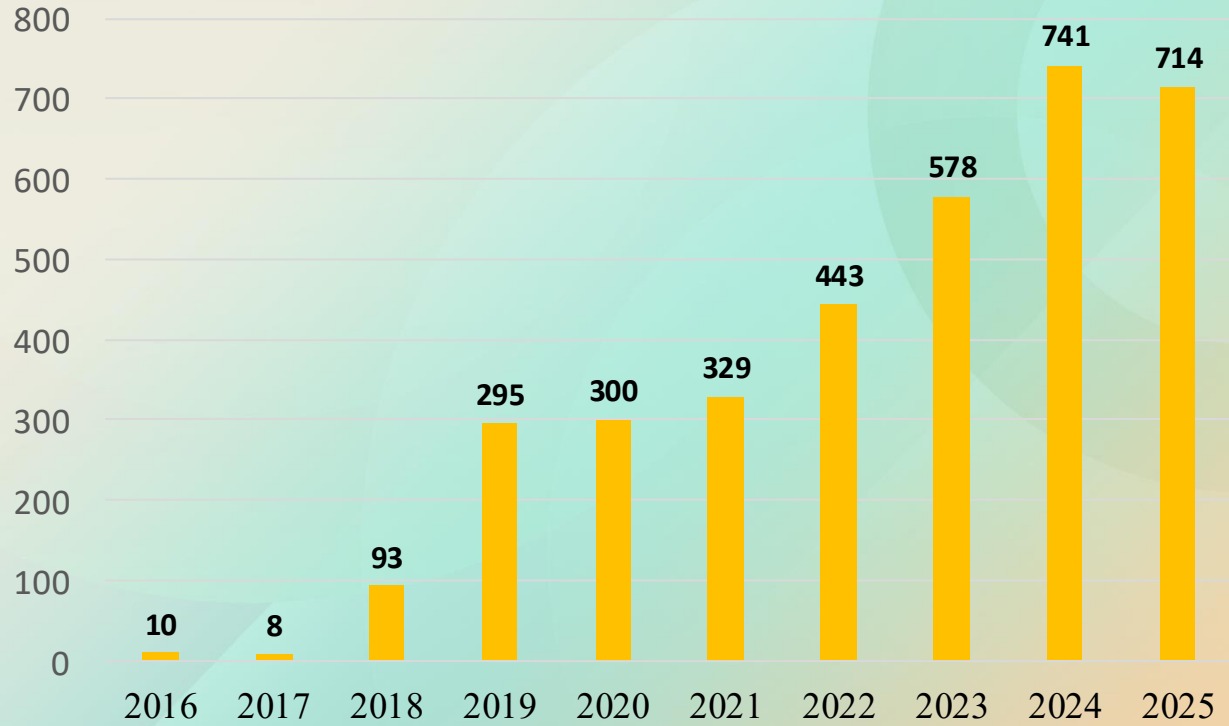
# Percentage of Crime Guns Recovered in California Traced to California Dealers vs Out-of-State Dealers



# Source of Crime Guns Recovered in California Within One Year of Dealer Sale



# Number of Longer-Term (1-5 year) GVROs Issued Each Year in California



# *Relinquishment Progress*

- In the span of just two years, from 2023 to 2025, there was a 35% increase in the number of individuals removed from California DOJ's database of illegal firearm possessors due to compliance and enforcement efforts verifying that they relinquished all known firearms.
- 11 counties receiving state funding through the Firearm Relinquishment Grant Program reported facilitating the relinquishment of over 3,000 firearms from about 900 individuals subject to firearm-prohibiting court orders in one year alone.

# Means Matter

## In homicide prevention:

- Gunshot wounds are about 4 times as likely to result in death as stab wounds.
- Studies comparing males who committed non-fatal IPV to those who committed intimate partner homicide found that abusive partners' direct access to firearms was the leading risk factor for homicide.
  - Having direct access to a firearm increased the likelihood of intimate partner homicide *by more than 11 times.*

## In suicide prevention:

- Firearms were used in 3% of intentional self-harm incidents in CA that resulted in death or required hospitalization/emergency care.
- Of those life-threatening self-injuries, **91% with firearms were fatal, compared to 5% without a firearm.**

## Best Practice Models and Funding Priorities

- Community Violence Intervention & Trauma Recovery
- Domestic Violence Intervention and Victim Services
- Protective Order Implementation & Firearm Relinquishment Compliance
- Gun trafficking investigations

## Community Impact Panel: Funding Landscapes and Needs

**Christian Clegg** *City Manager, City of Bakersfield*

**Fernando Rejón** *Executive Director, Urban Peace Institute*

**Sam Vaughn** *Deputy Director of Community Services, Office of Neighborhood Safety, City of Richmond*

**Krista Colon** *Executive Director, California Partnership to End Domestic Violence*

**Julia Weber** *Gun Violence Prevention Consultant*

*Moderated by Ari Freilich, Director, Office of Gun Violence Prevention*

# Upcoming Events

## Demystifying the Department of Justice: Bureau of Criminal Information and Analysis

Thursday, June 18, 2026

10:00-11:00 AM

Virtual Presentation

You may register at: [DTDOJ: BCIA](#)

For more information on Demystifying the DOJ or other CARE programs, please visit:  
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