



KSVDRS

KANSAS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

A program of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Violence is a Major Public Health Problem



In Kansas, on average, **two people die** by a violent death **each day**.



In 2020 alone, **527 suicides** and **194 homicides** were captured within KSVDRS.



Violent deaths are costly. All violent-related deaths cost Kansas over an estimated **\$8 billion** in 2020.



THE TRUE TOLL of Violent Deaths

Burden on the criminal justice system, erosion of entire communities, and the long-term physical, psychological and emotional consequences on victims and their families is **IMMEASURABLE**.

Preventing Violent Deaths Starts with Understanding the Facts

KSVDRS is a state-based reporting system that links information from multiple sources in a usable, anonymous database.

KSVDRS Collects Detailed Information from...



Death Certificate



Law Enforcement Report



Coroner Report



Toxicology

KSVDRS brings together data on...



...of violent deaths to help us better understand...



What KIND of Data Does KSVDRS Collect?



Location of injury



Characteristics of victim



Relationship of victim to suspect



Weapons used



Toxicology reports



Alcohol or substance abuse



Mental health problems and treatment



Intimate partner violence



Physical health problems



Relationship problems



Problems with job or finances

How can KSVDRS Data be Used to Prevent Violent Deaths?

Kansas Specific Examples:

- Inform the State Suicide Prevention Plan.
- Inform Suicide Prevention Coalitions.
- Educate communities on the impact of violent deaths including manners, circumstances and mechanisms.
- Provide data for local and state funding opportunities for prevention.

Inform Decision Makers

about the magnitude, trends and characteristics of violent deaths

Educate Communities

about circumstances that contribute to violence

Help Decision Makers and Program Planners

Develop and enhance comprehensive violence prevention efforts to maximize benefits

Currency year and time horizon: Costs are 2020 USD. Medical costs for injury deaths refer to medical care associated with the fatal event. Medical, work loss, and quality of life loss costs for nonfatal injuries refer to the 1 year following the ED injury visit.

To learn more about KSVDRS, contact the Program Coordinator at 785-296-0351 or visit kdhe.ks.gov/1234. Information on the National Violent Death Reporting System is available at cdc.gov/violenceprevention/datasources/nvdrs/index.html.