

Gun Violence and Suburban Residents

Is gun violence in Illinois a serious problem?

- In 2006, 1,036 people died from firearm-related injuries in Illinois, 625 of which were homicides.¹
- In 2006, 369 children and young people ages 0-25 in Illinois were killed by guns. From 1999 to 2006, 3,369 children and young people have been killed by guns in Illinois.²
- In 2006, guns were used in 372 suicides in Illinois.³
- Having a gun in the home makes a woman seven times more likely to be killed by a spouse, partner, or relative than a woman in a home with no guns.⁴
- In 2005, 33% of gun deaths in Illinois were firearm-related homicides in Chicago, while 20% of gun deaths in Illinois were homicides and suicides with firearms in suburban Cook County and Kane and Peoria counties.⁵
- In 2005, 71% of homicides in Kane, Cook, and Peoria counties were committed with firearms.⁶
- High profile shootings in Marysville, DeKalb (NIU), and Tinley Park show that no community is immune from gun violence.

What do suburban voters think about gun violence prevention?

- Nearly all voters (96%) residing in the suburbs of Chicago support requiring background check for all gun sales.⁷
- In DuPage County, 9 in 10 voters in Senate Districts 23 and 24 support universal background checks.⁷

What is the Illinois Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence?

Illinois Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence (ICPGV), a project of Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence (ICHV), is a research-based public education campaign to promote meaningful gun policy reform in Illinois. Working with a statewide advisory group representing law enforcement, the medical and public health communities, faith-based organizations, local and state policymakers, victims and advocacy groups, ICPGV informs the public and the media on the facts about gun violence and prevention policies.

How can I get involved with ICPGV?

- Call **773-209-1002** or email info@icpgv.org.
- Sign up for email alerts for updates on legislation and facts at www.icpgv.org.
- Contact your legislators and write letters to the editor of your local newspaper. Go to www.icpgv.org to learn how.

¹⁻³ U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS) Injury Mortality Reports, 1999-2005*.

⁴ James E. Bailey et. al., "Risk Factors for Violence Death of Women in the Home," *Archives of Internal Medicine* 157, no. 7, 777-782. (1997).

⁵ Illinois Violent Death Reporting System (IDVRS), *Volume 1, Issue 1 – August 2007*. Children's Memorial Research Center.

⁶⁻⁷ Illinois Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, "2009 Voter Survey on Gun Regulations," March 2009. See www.icpgv.org.