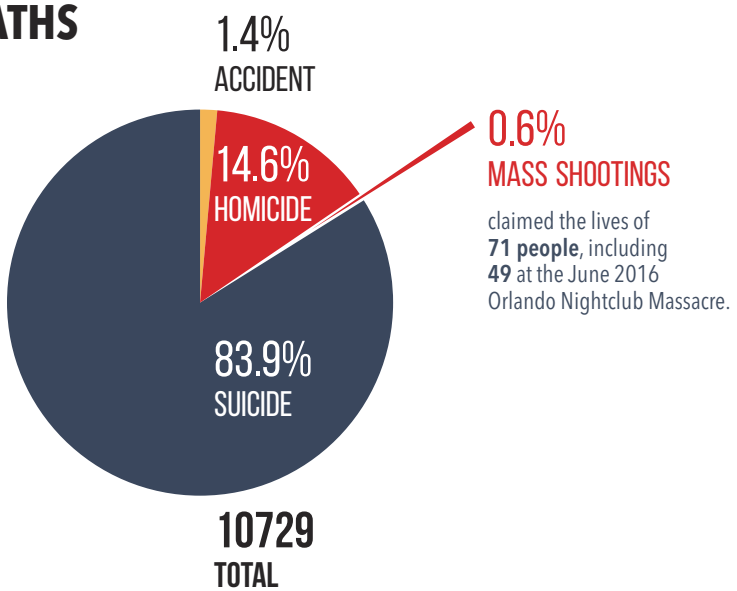


GAINING PERSPECTIVE ON GUN DEATHS IN THE U.S.

According to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the majority (over 83% in 2016) of gun deaths each year are due to suicide, not homicide¹, and a very small fraction of them are fatalities in Mass Shootings.²

GUN DEATHS IN 2016



MORE CONCERNING STATISTICS

In over half of the mass shootings in the past 35 years, the perpetrator had prior signs of mental illness. Which, taken in conjunction with fact that the weapons used by these perpetrators were largely legally obtained, supports the argument for increased gun safety policies and measures rather than greater restrictions on gun ownership in general.³

OF PERPETRATORS OF MASS SHOOTINGS IN THE U.S. 1982-2018

54.1%

HAD PRIOR SIGNS OF MENTAL ILLNESS

71.4%

HAD LEGALLY OBTAINED WEAPONS

TAKING ACTION

A recent survey by *The New England Journal of Medicine* shows support from the majority of gun owners for responsible courses of action include supporting increased gun safety policies and seeking to prohibit certain dangerous persons from having guns.^{4,5}



REQUIRE BACKGROUND CHECKS

for *all* gun sales and improve reporting system, including from mental health care providers



IMPROVE OVERSIGHT

of gun *dealers* and impose harsher consequences for violations



PROHIBIT OWNERSHIP

for those with mental illnesses and violators of domestic-violence restraining orders

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