

## National Violent Death Reporting System

### List of Variables

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#### Incident Information

Date of addition/change  
Version of software  
Case status  
Number of source documents in incident  
Number of persons in incident  
Number of weapons in incident  
Number of victim-suspect relationship records in incident  
Number of person-weapon relationship records in incident  
Date supervisor checked incident  
Date supervisor rechecked incident  
Supervisor note field  
Number of non-fatally shot persons in incident  
Narrative of the incident  
Re-abstraction from data year  
Re-abstraction of incident number

#### Document notes

Document notes field  
Document type  
Source agency requested from  
Source agency's internal record number  
Person who entered record  
Date record requested/expected/sought  
Date record re-requested/re-searched  
Date record received  
Date record abstracted/imported  
Date entered data checked  
Document determined to be unavailable

#### Person Information (Victim and Suspect)

Death type  
Person type  
Last name  
First name  
Middle name  
Person's sex  
Social Security #  
Date of birth  
Age  
Age unit  
Address  
City  
County  
State  
ZIP code  
Country  
White  
Black  
Asian  
Pacific Islander  
American Indian  
Other  
Unspecified  
Hispanic/Latino/Spanish

Country  
US Census tract  
US Census block group

#### Person Information (Victim only)

##### Death Certificate Variables

Death Certificate number  
Birth place  
Country of birth if not listed  
Veteran status  
Marital status  
Place of death  
Place of death if other  
Date pronounced dead  
State of death  
Date of death  
Immediate cause of death text  
Cause leading to immediate cause text  
Next antecedent cause of death text  
Underlying cause of death text  
Underlying cause of death code  
ICD 4th  
ICD 5th  
Date of injury  
Time of injury  
Type of location where injured  
Injured at work  
Street and number of injury site  
Country of birth if not listed  
County of injury  
City of injury FIPS code  
State of injury FIPS code  
US Census block group of injury  
US Census tract of injury  
Survival time no. of units  
Unit of time used in survival time  
Education  
Number year's education  
Usual occupation code  
Usual occupation text  
Kind of business/industry code  
Usual industry text  
Multiple conditions on death certificate 1-20

##### Other Victim Variables (C/ME and Law enforcement)

Victim in custody when injured  
Manner of death  
Person attempted suicide after incident  
ZIP code of injury  
At persons home  
EMS at scene  
Person was pregnant  
Homeless status  
Current occupation  
Autopsy performed

### *Toxicology Variables*

Date specimens were collected  
Time specimens were collected  
Alcohol use suspected  
Blood alcohol concentration results  
Alcohol test results  
Testing for alcohol  
Amphetamine test results  
Testing for amphetamines  
Antidepressant test results  
Testing for antidepressants  
Cocaine test results  
Testing for cocaine  
Marijuana test results  
Testing for marijuana  
Opiate test results  
Testing for opiate(s)  
Other drug test results  
Other substance test results  
Type of other substance

### *Wound location variables*

Number of wounds  
Number of bullets that hit victim  
Wound to the head  
Wound to the face  
Wound to the neck  
Wound to the upper extremity  
Wound to the spine  
Wound to the thorax  
Wound to the abdomen  
Wound to the lower extremity

### *Supplementary Homicide Report*

SHR circumstance  
SHR situation  
SHR homicide type  
SHR justifiable homicide circumstance

### *Emergency Department and Hospital*

Victim seen in ED  
Victim admitted to inpatient care  
First external cause of injury code from hospital  
Second external cause of injury code from hospital

### **Victim-Suspect Relationship**

History of abuse  
Caretaker of victim  
Victim to suspect relationship 1 and 2  
Type of VS violence relationship

### **Circumstance Variables (see next page)**

Suicide Circumstances  
Homicide Circumstances  
Unintentional Firearm Injury Circumstances

### **Weapon Variables**

Weapon type  
Other weapon information

### *Firearm Variables*

Gun recovered  
Bullet recovered  
Casing recovered  
Firearm information known  
Firearm type  
Other firearm type text  
Make or NCIC code  
Other firearm make text  
Firearm model  
Firearm model text  
Cartridge specification  
Firearm caliber  
Firearm gauge  
Firearm serial number  
Firearm stolen  
Firearm trace attempted  
Date of firearm first purchase  
City of firearm first purchase  
State of firearm first purchase  
Firearm importer's name  
Firearm importer's city  
Firearm importer's state  
Gun owner  
Gun stored loaded  
Gun stored locked  
Youth gun access narrative

### *Poison Variables*

Type of poison  
Name of poison if other  
Code for poison  
Patient drug obtained for  
Size of pill (mg)  
Lower bound, number of pills ingested  
Upper bound, number of pills ingested  
Estimated amount of liquid poison ingested (ml)  
Carbon monoxide source, if CO

### **Weapon-Person Table**

(Identifies which weapon killed the victim and which suspect used the weapon)

First purchaser  
Weapon killed this person  
Person used this weapon to kill

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### *Circumstance Variables*

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#### **Suicide Circumstances**

##### *Mental Health Variables*

Current depressed mood  
Current mental health problem  
Type of first mental illness diagnosed  
Type of second mental illness diagnosed  
Other mental health diagnosis  
Current treatment for mental illness  
Ever treated for mental illness  
Alcohol problem  
Other substance problem  
Person left a suicide note  
Disclosed intent to commit suicide  
History of suicide attempts  
Crisis in past 2 wks  
Physical health problem  
Intimate partner problem  
Other relationship problem  
Job problem  
School problem  
Financial problem  
Suicide of friend or family in past 5 yr  
Other death of friend or family  
Recent criminal legal problem  
Other legal problems  
Perpetrator of interpersonal violence past mo.  
Victim of interpersonal violence past mo.  
Other suicide circumstance

#### **Homicide Circumstances**

Argument over money/property  
Jealousy (lovers` triangle)  
Intimate partner violence related  
Other argument, abuse, conflict  
Drug involvement  
Gang related  
Precipitated by another crime  
Nature of first other crime  
First other crime in progress  
Nature of second other crime  
Hate crime  
Brawl (mutual physical fight)  
Terrorist attack  
Victim was a bystander  
Victim was a police officer on duty  
Justifiable self defense/law enforcement  
Victim used weapon  
Victim was intervener assisting crime victim  
Mercy killing  
Other homicide circumstance (specify)

#### **Unintentional Circumstance (Firearm death)**

##### *Context*

Hunting  
Target shooting  
Self-defensive shooting  
Celebratory firing  
Loading/unloading gun  
Cleaning gun  
Showing gun to others  
Playing with gun  
Other context of injury  
Thought safety was engaged  
Thought unloaded magazine disengaged  
Thought gun was unloaded, other  
Unintentionally pulled trigger  
Bullet ricochet  
Gun defect or malfunction  
Fired while holstering/un-holstering  
Dropped gun  
Fired while operating safety/lock  
Gun mistaken for toy  
Other mechanism of injury

## National Violent Death Reporting System Child Fatality Review Module

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### Incident Variables

Scene investigation by the C/ME  
Scene investigation by law enforcement  
Witness (es) to fatal incident  
If yes, child witness

### Victim Variables

CFR records available on victim

### Household Information

Type of residence in which victim lived  
Length of time in residence  
Unrelated adult living in household  
Other children <18 yrs in household  
Marital relationship of victim's biological parents

### Domestic Violence and Substance abuse

Intimate partner violence in victims household  
Substance abuse in victims household  
Intimate partner violence in victim's foster home  
Substance abuse in victim's foster home

### Supervision at the Time of Incident

Perpetrator was supervisor  
Supervisor's relationship to victim  
Supervisor's age  
Supervisor's sex  
Quality of supervision a factor  
No supervision  
Supervisor drug/alcohol impaired  
Supervisor distracted or asleep  
Other supervisory factor

### Primary Caregivers (Information collected on up to two parents or caregivers)

Primary caregiver a victim or suspect in the incident  
If yes, caregivers ID in the incident  
Relationship to victim  
Age at time of incident  
Sex  
Had legal custody of victim at time of death  
Had documented history of maltreating  
Had a previous child die in his/her care

### Victim Health Information

#### Physical illness or disability

Victim had a physical illness at time of injury  
If yes, specify diagnosis  
Victim had disability at time of injury  
If yes, disability was physical  
If yes, disability was developmental  
If yes, disability was sensory

### Prenatal history

Infants: Prenatal care prior to 3rd trimester  
Infants: maternal recreational drug use  
Infants: maternal alcohol use  
Infants: maternal tobacco use  
Infants: victim born prematurely

### CPS Contacts

Prior CPS report on the victim's household  
If yes, CPS report filed on whom  
If yes, report substantiated  
Physical abuse substantiated  
Sexual abuse substantiated  
Neglect substantiated  
CPS case opened on other kids due to this death

### Other Prior System Contacts by Victim

Victim contact with police  
Households contact with police  
Victim contact with juvenile justice system  
Victim contact with the health care system  
Victim contact with mental health services  
Victim/ primary caregiver contact with social services  
Primary caregiver on welfare/financial assistance  
Victim/primary caregiver contact with WIC  
Victim/primary caregiver contact with Medicaid

### Data Sources Used by CFR

C/ME records  
SS/CPS records  
Police/Law Enforcement records  
School records  
EMS records  
Health Provider/Hospital records  
Public Health Department records  
Mental Health Records  
Juvenile Justice Records  
Death certificate  
Other records  
Specify (what other records)

### CFR Committee Decisions

CFR conclusion matches death certificate  
If no, manner the CFR designated  
Text to specify other manner  
Action taken to change the official manner  
Result of action  
CFR determination of preventability

### CFR Suicide Circumstances

History of inpatient psychiatric treatment  
Taking psychiatric med. at time of death

Barriers to accessing mental health care

*Suspect Information*

Specific person suspected

Suspect arrested as perp in this death

Suspect charged as perp in this death

Suspect prosecuted

Suspect convicted

Convicted of original charge

CPS report or referral ever filed on the suspect

Suspect ever charged with a prior homicide