

<https://www.phillypolice.com/crime-data/crime-statistics/>

1. -This source provides official statistics and trends published by the Philadelphia Police Department, including data on violent crimes, homicides, gun-related offenses, and shooting victims across the city. I selected this source because it is a very good primary source that gives official statistics and data on gun violence in Philly. Which is essential for analyzing local patterns and grounding arguments. I found this source very useful because it shows year-to-date comparisons and changes in violent crime. Allowing insight into over-time trends.
2. 1 in 8 Shot or Killed Before Age 25: The Grim Reality Facing ...

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<https://ldi.upenn.edu › our-work › research-updates › 1...>

-This source provides research and analysis on the very high risk of a gun injury death faced by Black young men in Philadelphia. Reporting that a 14-year old black male has about a 1 in 8 chance of being shot or killed before age 25 under current trends. I chose this source because it uses life analysis and official statistics from local reports to highlight the severity of the impact gun violence has on youth in the city. Which directly supports my topic on gun violence and mental health. I found it useful because it shows both statistical risk and real social consequences of violence. Including trauma and disruption in youth and city development.

3. Father of 24-year-old killed in Philly mass shooting speaks ...

YouTube · FOX 29 Philadelphia

139.3K+ views · 7 months ago

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUbBDZuKzms&utm_source=chatgpt.com

This source is a news video from FOX 29 Philadelphia, which features the father of a 24 year old victim of gun violence from a mass shooting, speaking out about his son's death and calling for a end to gun violence. I selected this source because it offers a personal and emotional perspective directly tied to the human impact of gun violence which is important when discussing both violence and mental health. I found this source useful because it humanizes statistical data by showing the grief and beg for change by someone directly affected from this issue. One limitation about this source is that it is a news report, so it doesn't provide broader analysis it mainly focuses on one family experiencing pain rather than systemic trends.

4. <https://billypenn.com/2025/11/07/gun-violence-survivors-teach-journalists-improve-media-coverage-second-trauma-documentary/>

This source provides a news analysis on how gun violence survivors in Philadelphia are working with journalists to improve media coverage of firearm violence and avoid retraumatizing victims. I chose this source because it really shows survivor-led efforts to help journalists understand trauma and ethical reporting. This connects directly to mental health impacts and community healing. I found it useful because it shows specific programs. And it expands beyond crime statistics. The only possible limitation is that it focuses on advocacy and personal stories, and not broad data and research.

5. <https://www.pcgvr.org/survivor-stories/>
This source provides a collection of personal accounts and multimedia projects created by gun violence survivors and their families. Highlighting individual experiences of surviving shootings, losing loved ones, and coping with trauma. I chose this source and found it useful because it includes videos, documentary projects, and first person perspectives that show grief and community responses in Philly. This will really help out a lot with my project, given that I will be involving the community a lot, and looking for some people to give first-hand information about their own experiences of gun violence and how it disrupts the connection in Philly communities.
6. <https://nihcm.org/publications/gun-violence-the-impact-on-society> The source provides a data-driven infographic and analysis from the National Institute for Health Care Management. Which describes the health, economic and social effects of gun violence across the U.S. Including deaths coming from guns, nonfatal injuries, healthcare costs, and impacts on communities that leave long-term damage. I chose this source because it combines quantitative stats with public health framing. It shows that gun violence is not just a crime but is a public health and societal issue. I found it useful because it highlights mental health connections. Like the strain on survivors and families and their mental health.
7. <https://www.helpguide.org/mental-health/ptsd-trauma/effects-of-gun-violence-on-mental-health> This source provides an informative overview of how exposure to gun violence affects mental health, including symptoms of PTSD, anxiety, depression and stress reactions in survivors in communities. I chose this source to help my capstone because it explains the psychological consequences of gun violence in researched-based clear language. This supports my topic's direct focus outside of the fact that it's focused on Philadelphia youth. But the general base of the project's focus still stands.
8. https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/teenTALK_2.pdf
This source is a government report published by the PA attorney General's Office based on teenTALK roundtable discussions with highschool students about the impact of gun violence on their lives, safety, and mental health. This whole idea is similar to my project. Talking to Philly teens about gun violence and its negative

on them and their communities. The article goes deep into how it affects their feeling, and feeling of security. Leading to diagnoses of anxiety and other mental issues. It captures youth-centured perspectives on mental health, giving them a voice with is what I want my project to model after. That is why I chose this source.

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<https://stoneleighfoundation.org/project/gun-violence-exposure-mental-health-and-suicidality-among-philadelphia-youth/>

This source provides an overview of a research project funded by the Stoneleigh Foundation that examines how direct and indirect exposure to gun violence impacts the mental health and rate of suicide risk among young people in Philadelphia. Which is a big risk to the city's health, in which in impacts people's wellbeing.