

Iowa Violent Death Reporting System – Law Enforcement Data Elements

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Name (Last, first, middle)	Residence State
DOB	Residence Zip
Sex	Education
Height, Weight	Employment Status (employed, retired, unemployed)
Race, Ethnicity	Current Occupation
Marital status, sex of partner	Current Industry
Sexual orientation (if known)	Usual Occupation
Residence City	Usual Industry
Residence County	

INJURY AND DEATH INFORMATION

Injury Date	Death Date
Time of Injury	Death State
Injury City	Place of Death
Injury County	Manner of Death
Injury State	Autopsy Performed (Y/N)
Injury Zip	Cause of Death
Injury Country (if not U.S.)	Immediate, secondary
Location where injured	

AUTOPSY AND TOXICOLOGY INFORMATION

Primary weapon	# of nonfatally shot persons
# of penetrating wounds (firearm/sharp instruments)	Narrative about gun access
# of bullets that hit victim (firearm)	
Wound locations	

Firearm Information:

Gun type, make, model
Caliber, gauge
Gun owner
Gun storage status (loaded, locked, stolen)

Alcohol and Drug Testing:

Toxicology tested (Yes/No)
Date and time specimens collected
Type of substances suspected
For deaths in which a poison is the primary weapon:
 Type of substance
 For whom prescribed

CIRCUMSTANCES

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Related:

Current depression
Current mental health diagnosis/treatment
Current alcohol/substance use problem
Ever treated for mental health/substance abuse

Relationship Problems:

Intimate partner violence
Family relationship problem
Other relationship problem

Previous Exposure to Violence:

Abuse/neglect

Childhood hx of abuse/neglect
Perpetrator of violence
Victim of violence
Physical fights/arguments

Crime and Criminal Activity:

Death precipitated by another crime
Stalking
Gang-related
Prostitution or sex trafficking
Terrorist attack
Walk-by assault

Iowa Violent Death Reporting System – Law Enforcement Data Elements

CIRCUMSTANCES – HOMICIDE & LEGAL

INTERVENTION Deaths only

Justifiable self-defense
Random violence
Victim was:
 Police officer on duty
 Bystander
 Intervener
Mercy killing
Hate crime
Jealousy (lover’s triangle)
Brawl
Drive-by shooting
Drug involvement

CIRCUMSTANCES – SUICIDE & UNDETERMINED

Deaths only

Hx of suicide attempts and/or expressed thoughts/plans
Disclosed thoughts or intent to commit
Left suicide note
Contributing legal/criminal problems
Anniversary of a traumatic event
Contributing physical health problem
Job problem
Financial problem
School problem
Eviction or loss of home
Suicide of friend or family
Disaster exposure
Non-suicide death of friend/family

CIRCUMSTANCES – UNINTENTIONAL/ACCIDENTAL FIREARM DEATHS only:

Context of Injury

Hunting
Target shooting
Self-defense shooting
Celebratory firing
Showing gun to others
Playing with gun
Loading or unloading gun
Cleaning gun
Other

Mechanism of Injury

Thought safety engaged
Thought gun unloaded
Unintentionally pulled trigger
Dropped gun
Bullet ricochet
Gun defect
Fired while holstering/unholstering
Fired while operating safety lock
Gun mistaken for toy
Other

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Primary Suspect

Age
Sex
Race
Hispanic origin
Relationship to victim
Suspect had history of abusing victim
Suspect was a caregiver for victim
Suspect attempted suicide after incident
Suspect is also a victim in the incident
Suspect is mentally ill

Secondary Suspect

Age
Sex
Race
Hispanic origin
Relationship to victim
Suspect had history of abusing victim
Suspect was a caregiver for victim
Suspect attempted suicide after incident
Suspect is also a victim in the incident
Suspect is mentally ill

WEAPON INFORMATION

Type of weapon

Firearm Variables

Type, caliber and/or gauge of firearm
Make or NCIC code
Model

Gun stored loaded/locked
Gun access (if minor did the shooting)
Gun owner
Firearm stolen