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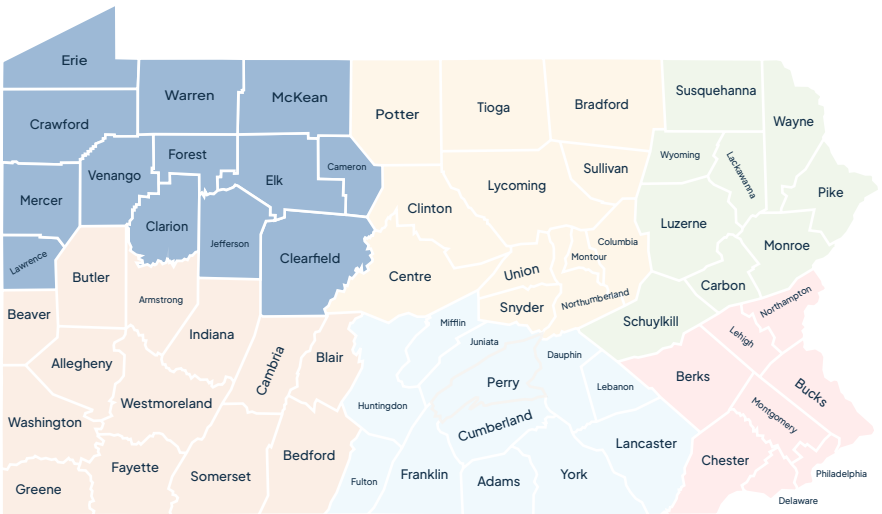
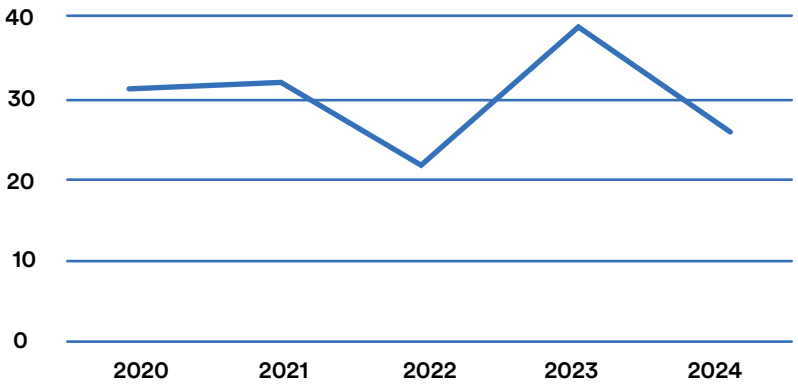
Gun Violence in North Western Pennsylvania



NWPA		
Cameron	Erie	Mercer
Clarion	Forest	Venango
Clearfield	Jefferson	Warren
Crawford	Lawrence	
Elk	McKean	

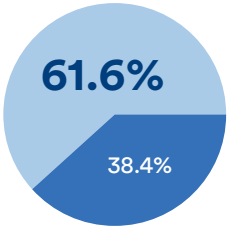
Community Violence

- **25 Homicides Reported in NWPA in 2024**
  a 34% decrease from 38 in 2023. (UCR)
- **2.9 Homicide Rate Per 100K Residents,**
  lower than the statewide rate of 5.3. (UCR)



Domestic Violence

- **12 Domestic Violence Fatalities**
  were reported in NWPA in 2024, up from 9 in 2023. (PCADV)
- **945 Final PFA Orders**
  were issued across the region in 2024. (PSP)
- **427 final PFA's ordering Weapons Relinquished**
  with 263 (61.6%) successfully retrieved. (PSP)



- **9 Counties Utilize LAP**
  The Lethality Assessment Program identified 203 high-danger responses in 2024. (PCADV)

- **17 Initial Hospital Visits**
  for firearm assaults and 30 initial visits for accidental shootings occurred in 2023. (PHC4)**
- **165 Firearm Assaults**
  and 28 firearm-related robberies were reported in 2024. (UCR)
- **The Costs of Gun Violence in 2023 (PHC4)****

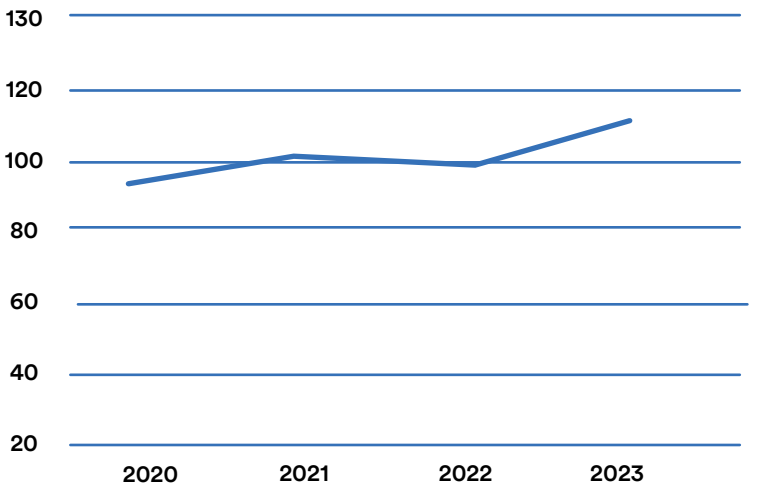
	Initial Assault Visits	Initial Accident Visits
Medical Costs	$651.4K	$916K
Economic Costs	$4.3M	$6.4M

Pennsylvania Statewide Totals

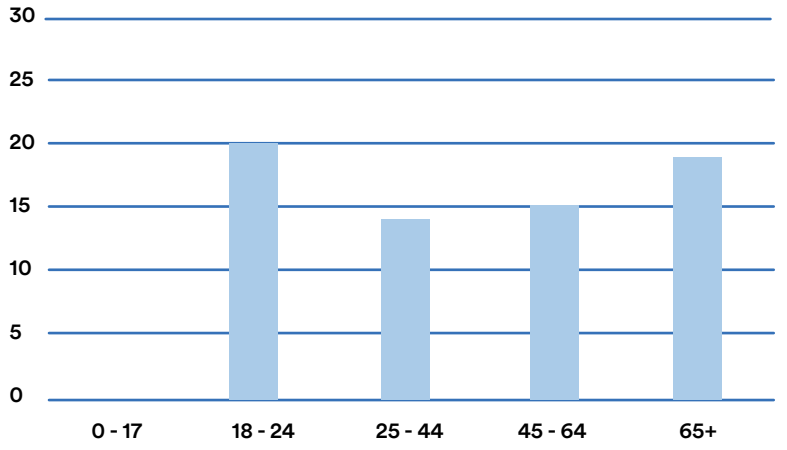
- **2023**
  - 708 Initial hospital visits for firearm assaults
  - 919 Initial hospital visits for firearm accidents
  - 1073 Firearm suicides (Rate of 8.3)
  - 54.6% of suicides included firearms
  - 89 Youth deaths by homicide
  - 11 Youth deaths by firearm suicide
- **2024**
  - 686 Homicides
  - 106 Domestic violence fatalities
  - 13,129 Final PFA Orders
  - 53 Counties utilizing LAP

Firearm Suicide

- **113 Reported Firearm Suicides in NWPA in 2023**
  An increase from 98 in 2022. (DOH)

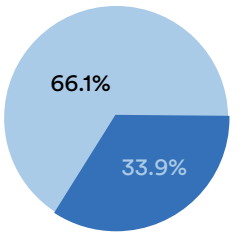


- **13.0 Suicide Rate Per 100K Residents,**
  exceeding the statewide rate of 8.3. (DOH)



Firearm Suicide Rates by Age in NWPA (2023)

- **66.1% of Suicides Involved Firearms**
  Firearms were used in more than half of suicides in NWPA. (DOH)



- **Most Common Circumstances**

The most commonly identified factors in fatal firearm suicides included:

- Current diagnosed mental health problem
- Left suicide note
- History of mental health treatment

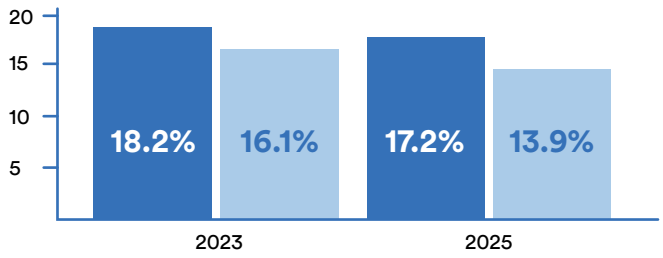
Youth Violence

- **4 Youth Homicides**
  Individuals ages 0–17 who died by homicide in 2023. (UCR)
- **0 Youth Firearm Suicides**
  Reported in NWPA in 2023. (DOH)
- **110 Youth Violent Crime Arrests in 2024**
  Down from 141 in 2023. (UCR) *

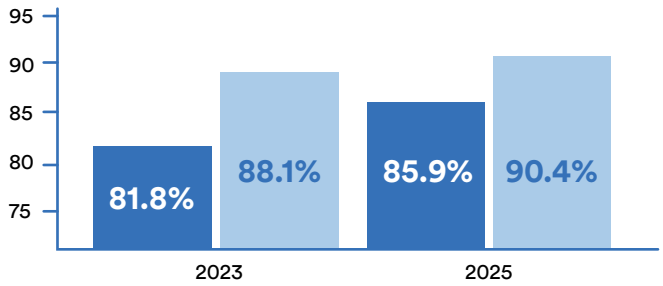
Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) & Well-Being Indicators

NWPA Statewide

- **Seriously Considered Attempting Suicide**



- **Reported It Would Be "Sort of Hard" or "Very Hard" to Obtain a Handgun**



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*Violent crimes include murder and non-negligent homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. The number also indicates the number of arrests, not the specific number of youth.

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