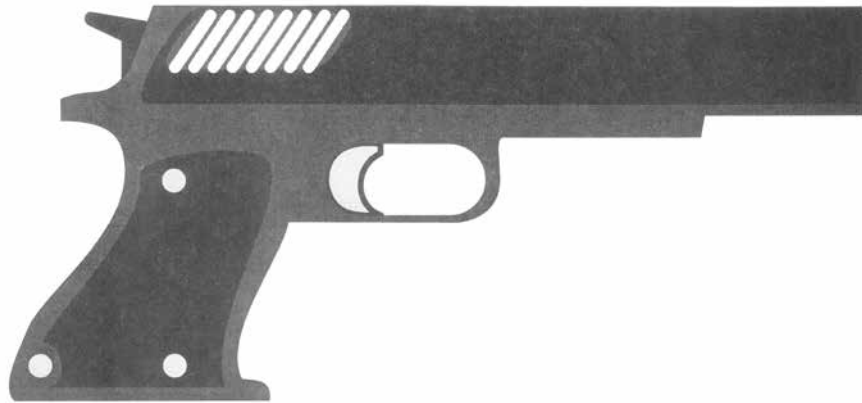


A Thousand Years Later

“Homicides are most often committed with guns, especially handguns.”*



In 2020 a total of 45,222 people in the U.S. died because of injuries from guns. This was a 14% increase from 2019, 25% from five years previous, and 43% from 10 years earlier.

In 2020, 79% of murders and 53% of suicides involved a gun.

In 2019, homicide was not among the 10 leading causes of death for the total U.S. population. However, it was the third leading cause of death for 15- to 19-year-olds, the first for African American males, second for Hispanic males, and third for White, non-Hispanic males in that age group.**

*Note: The quotation is from Bureau of Justice Statistics, November 2002, *Homicide Trends in the U.S.: Weapons Used, 1976-2000*.

**Sources: CDC—National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System WONDER online database 2021; Pew Research Center: Numbers, Facts and Trends Sharing Your World, February 2022.