

State Injury Profile for District of Columbia

The CDC State Injury Profiles

Gathering and sharing reliable data about the broad range of public health problems is among the many ways the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention protect the safety and health of Americans.

Policy makers and health care workers need access to the best, most current data available so they can make informed decisions about where to allocate limited resources to prevent diseases and injuries. Yet, many people find statistics difficult to understand and interpret. This State Injury Profile offers an easier way to look at statistics. Through maps and graphs, the Profile clearly shows how this state compares with others in the nation and what injury problems are most pressing.

CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control gathers data about a broad range of intentional and unintentional injuries or what many people call 'violence' and 'accidents.' Injuries affect everyone. Injury is the leading cause of death for all Americans ages one to 34, and injury remains one of the leading causes of death, no matter how long someone may live.

Maps and graphs in this State Injury Profile show this state's death rates from in falls, poisoning, drowning, suffocation, fires and burns, suicide, homicide, traumatic brain injury and injuries related to firearms. The graphics show how this state compares with others and with mortality rates in the United States as a whole. You will also find a table showing the Ten Leading Causes of Death for the United States and for this state. **New this year** is a county-by-county map showing locations with higher death rates for each type of injury.

In addition to injury data, you'll also find a list of all CDC-funded injury prevention and research programs in this state for 2001.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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National Center for Injury Prevention and Control

To learn more

After you page through the State Injury Profile, if you want to know more, CDC has made it easy for you to find additional information about any injury and public health. Simply visit www.cdc.gov/ncipc. Or call the CDC National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Legislation at 1-770-488-4936.

These other resources offered or funded by the CDC may also interest you:

General information about injury in America

Customized data reports, www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars

Consumer facts and tip sheets, www.cdc.gov/ncipc/safeusa or call the SafeUSA hotline toll free at 1-800-252-7751.

Intentional Injury

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, 1-800-537-2238

National Sexual Violence Resource Center, www.nsvrc.org, or call 1-877-739-3895

National Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center, www.violenceagainstwomen.org, or call 1-843-792-2945

National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center, www.safeyouth.org, or call 1-866-SAFEYOUTH (723-3968)

Violence Against Women Electronic Network (VAWnet), www.vawnet.org, or call 1-800-537-2238

Unintentional Injury

National Program for Playground Safety, www.uni.edu/playground, or call 1-800-554-PLAY (7529)

National Resource Center on Aging and Injury, www.nrcai.org, or call 1-619-594-0986

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United States

10 Leading Causes of Deaths by Age Group: 1996-1998

Rank	Age Groups										Total
	<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	
1	Congenital Anomalies 18,771	Unintentional Injuries 6,087	Unintentional Injuries 4,666	Unintentional Injuries 5,392	Unintentional Injuries 40,525	Unintentional Injuries 37,468	Malignant Neoplasms 51,170	Malignant Neoplasms 135,803	Malignant Neoplasms 260,166	Heart Disease 1,824,785	Heart Disease 2,185,194
2	Short Gestation 11,928	Congenital Anomalies 1,791	Malignant Neoplasms 1,557	Malignant Neoplasms 1,514	Homicide 18,200	Suicide 16,898	Unintentional Injuries 43,925	Heart Disease 105,367	Heart Disease 198,361	Malignant Neoplasms 1,150,087	Malignant Neoplasms 1,620,642
3	SIDS 8,863	Malignant Neoplasms 1,227	Congenital Anomalies 662	Suicide 918	Suicide 12,679	Homicide 15,068	Heart Disease 40,037	Unintentional Injuries 31,208	Bronchitis Emphysema Asthma 30,317	Cerebro-vascular 419,998	Cerebro-vascular 478,181
4	Respiratory Distress Synd. 3,958	Homicide 1,194	Homicide 523	Homicide 908	Malignant Neoplasms 4,976	HIV 14,953	HIV 26,456	Cerebro-vascular 17,196	Cerebro-vascular 29,005	Bronchitis Emphysema Asthma 283,777	Bronchitis Emphysema Asthma 327,640
5	Maternal Complications 3,836	Heart Disease 643	Heart Disease 413	Congenital Anomalies 613	Heart Disease 3,124	Malignant Neoplasms 13,837	Suicide 20,308	Liver Disease 16,797	Diabetes 25,504	Pneumonia & Influenza 235,529	Unintentional Injuries 288,427
6	Placenta Cord Membranes 2,870	Pneumonia & Influenza 494	Pneumonia & Influenza 218	Heart Disease 560	Congenital Anomalies 1,252	Heart Disease 9,843	Homicide 11,138	Suicide 14,916	Unintentional Injuries 21,316	Diabetes 142,639	Pneumonia & Influenza 262,047
7	Perinatal Infections 2,348	Septicemia 245	HIV 194	Bronchitis Emphysema Asthma 287	HIV 883	Cerebro-vascular 2,068	Liver Disease 10,518	Diabetes 12,979	Liver Disease 15,844	Unintentional Injuries 95,191	Diabetes 189,154
8	Unintentional Injuries 2,323	HIV 233	Bronchitis Emphysema Asthma 159	Pneumonia & Influenza 180	Bronchitis Emphysema Asthma 677	Diabetes 1,903	Cerebro-vascular 8,159	HIV 12,892	Pneumonia & Influenza 11,228	Alzheimer's Disease 65,647	Suicide 92,013
9	Pneumonia & Influenza 1,358	Perinatal Period 210	Benign Neoplasms 134	Cerebro-vascular 140	Pneumonia & Influenza 638	Pneumonia & Influenza 1,633	Diabetes 5,622	Bronchitis Emphysema Asthma 8,467	Suicide 8,834	Nephritis 65,296	Nephritis 75,817
10	Intrauterine Hypoxia 1,341	Benign Neoplasms 188	Cerebro-vascular 102	HIV 139	Cerebro-vascular 533	Liver Disease 1,592	Pneumonia & Influenza 4,255	Pneumonia & Influenza 6,493	Septicemia 5,704	Septicemia 54,428	Liver Disease 75,414

United States Total Number of Injury Deaths

Cause	Deaths	Percent
Unintentional Injury	288,427	65.6%
Intentional	151,102	34.4%
Total (1996-1998)	439,529	100.0%

Average Number of Injury Deaths per Year
In the United States = **146,510**

District of Columbia 10 Leading Causes of Deaths by Age Group: 1996-1998

Rank	Age Groups										
	<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Total
1	Short Gestation 65	HIV 11	Unintentional Injuries 15	Homicide 10	Homicide 362	HIV 223	HIV 471	Malignant Neoplasms 410	Malignant Neoplasms 696	Heart Disease 3,693	Heart Disease 4,897
2	Congenital Anomalies 38	Unintentional Injuries 10	Heart Disease 4	Bronchitis Emphysema Asthma 3	Unintentional Injuries 33	Homicide 213	Malignant Neoplasms 166	Heart Disease 350	Heart Disease 642	Malignant Neoplasms 2,738	Malignant Neoplasms 4,085
3	Respiratory Distress Synd. 24	Homicide 7	Homicide 4	Heart Disease 3	Suicide 21	Unintentional Injuries 62	Heart Disease 150	HIV 259	Cerebrovascular 112	Cerebrovascular 767	HIV 1,062
4	SIDS 22	Congenital Anomalies 5	Bronchitis Emphysema Asthma 3	Unintentional Injuries 3	HIV 18	Malignant Neoplasms 54	Unintentional Injuries 111	Unintentional Injuries 81	Diabetes 90	Pneumonia & Influenza 469	Cerebrovascular 1,018
5	Maternal Complications 16	Bronchitis Emphysema Asthma 4	HIV 3	Malignant Neoplasms 2	Malignant Neoplasms 11	Heart Disease 34	Homicide 106	Cerebrovascular 78	Liver Disease 59	Diabetes 428	Homicide 799
6	Homicide 9	Heart Disease 3	Malignant Neoplasms 3	Anemias 1	Heart Disease 7	Suicide 28	Liver Disease 48	Liver Disease 64	HIV 52	Bronchitis Emphysema Asthma 382	Diabetes 601
7	Placenta Cord Membranes 8	Malignant Neoplasms 3	Appendicitis 1	Benign Neoplasms 1	Bronchitis Emphysema Asthma 5	Cerebrovascular 10	Cerebrovascular 43	Diabetes 59	Septicemia 52	Septicemia 298	Pneumonia & Influenza 594
8	Intestinal Infections 7	Pneumonia & Influenza 3	Benign Neoplasms 1	Meningococcal 1	Cerebrovascular 4	Pneumonia & Influenza 8	Pneumonia & Influenza 26	Homicide 46	Unintentional Injuries 50	Unintentional Injuries 192	Unintentional Injuries 563
9	Perinatal Infections 6	Septicemia 3	Congenital Anomalies 1		Benign Neoplasms 3	4 Tied	Suicide 22	Pneumonia & Influenza 41	Bronchitis Emphysema Asthma 45	Nephritis 185	Bronchitis Emphysema Asthma 481
10	2 Tied	Cerebrovascular 2			Congenital Anomalies 3	4 Tied	Diabetes 16	Septicemia 35	Pneumonia & Influenza 44	Hypertension 130	Septicemia 413

District of Columbia Total Number of Injury Deaths

<u>Cause</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Unintentional Injury	563	38.2%
Intentional Injury	912	61.8%
Total (1996-1998)	1,475	100.0%

**Average Number of Injury Deaths per Year
In District of Columbia = 492**

1996-1998 Leading Causes of Death

Unintentional Injury

United States Unintentional Injury

<u>Cause</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Percent</u>
MV Traffic	127,053	44.1%
Fall	35,745	12.4%
Poisoning	30,474	10.6%
Suffocation	13,325	4.6%
Drowning	12,416	4.3%
Fire/Burn	10,809	3.7%
Other Causes	<u>58,605</u>	<u>20.3%</u>
	288,427	100.0%

District of Columbia Only Unintentional Injury

<u>Cause</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Percent</u>
MV Traffic	167	29.7%
Poisoning	100	17.8%
Fall	87	15.5%
Suffocation	44	7.8%
Fire/Burn	41	7.3%
Other Causes	<u>124</u>	<u>22.0%</u>
	563	100.1%

Intentional Injury

United States Suicide

<u>Cause</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Firearm	53,156	57.8%
Suffocation	16,469	17.9%
Poisoning	15,280	16.6%
Other Causes	<u>7,108</u>	<u>7.7%</u>
	92,013	100.0%

District of Columbia Only Suicide

<u>Cause</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Suffocation	37	32.7%
Firearm	32	28.3%
Poisoning	19	16.8%
Other Causes	<u>25</u>	<u>22.1%</u>
	113	99.9%

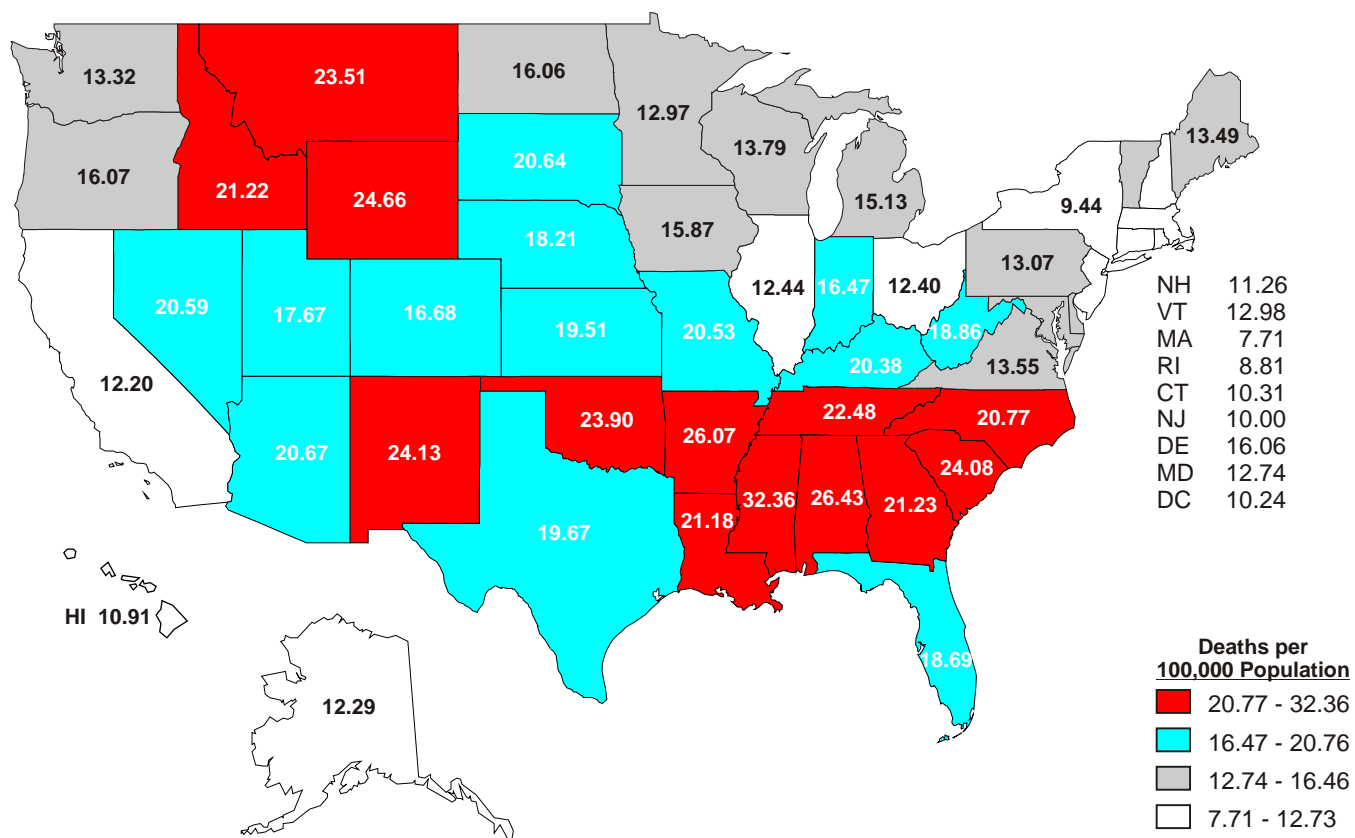
United States Homicide and Legal Intervention

<u>Cause</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Firearm	39,951	67.6%
Cut/Pierce	6,955	11.8%
Suffocation	2,147	3.6%
Other Causes	<u>10,036</u>	<u>17.0%</u>
	59,089	100.0%

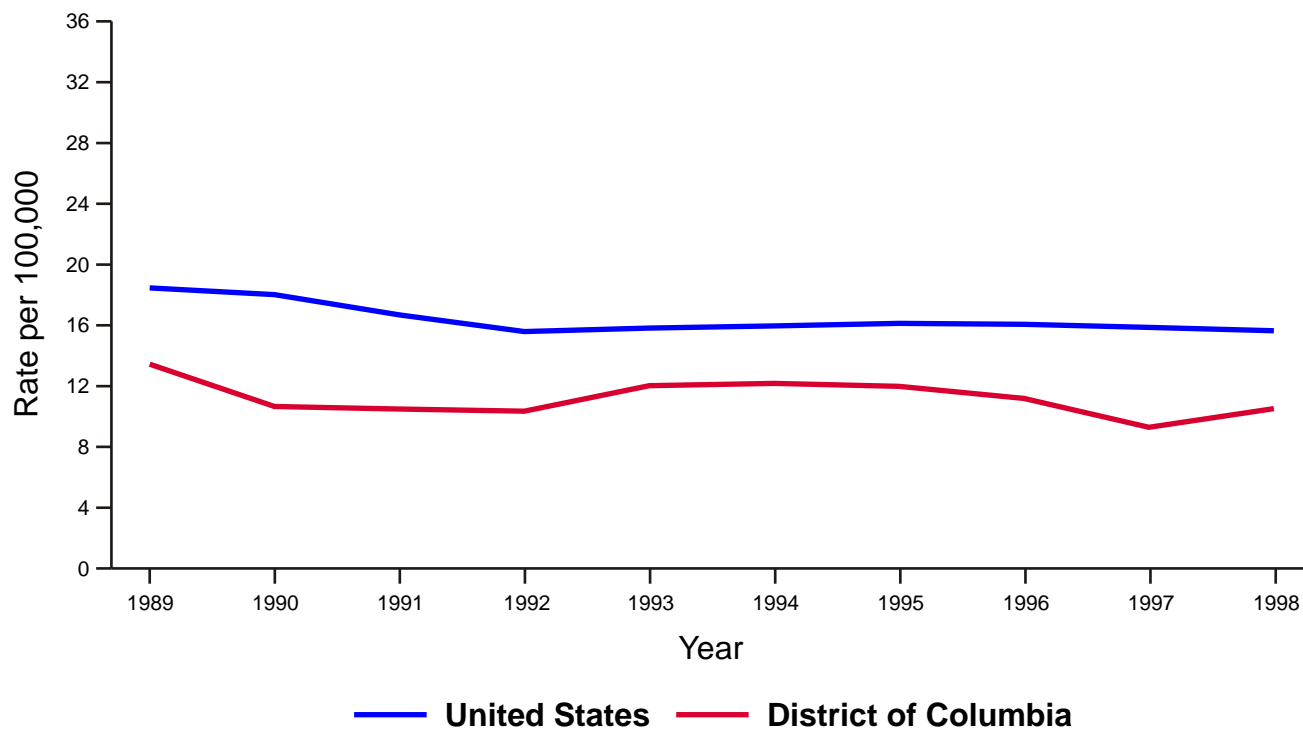
District of Columbia Only Homicide and Legal Intervention

<u>Cause</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Firearm	608	76.1%
Cut/Pierce	88	11.0%
Suffocation	14	1.8%
Other Causes	<u>89</u>	<u>11.1%</u>
	799	100.0%

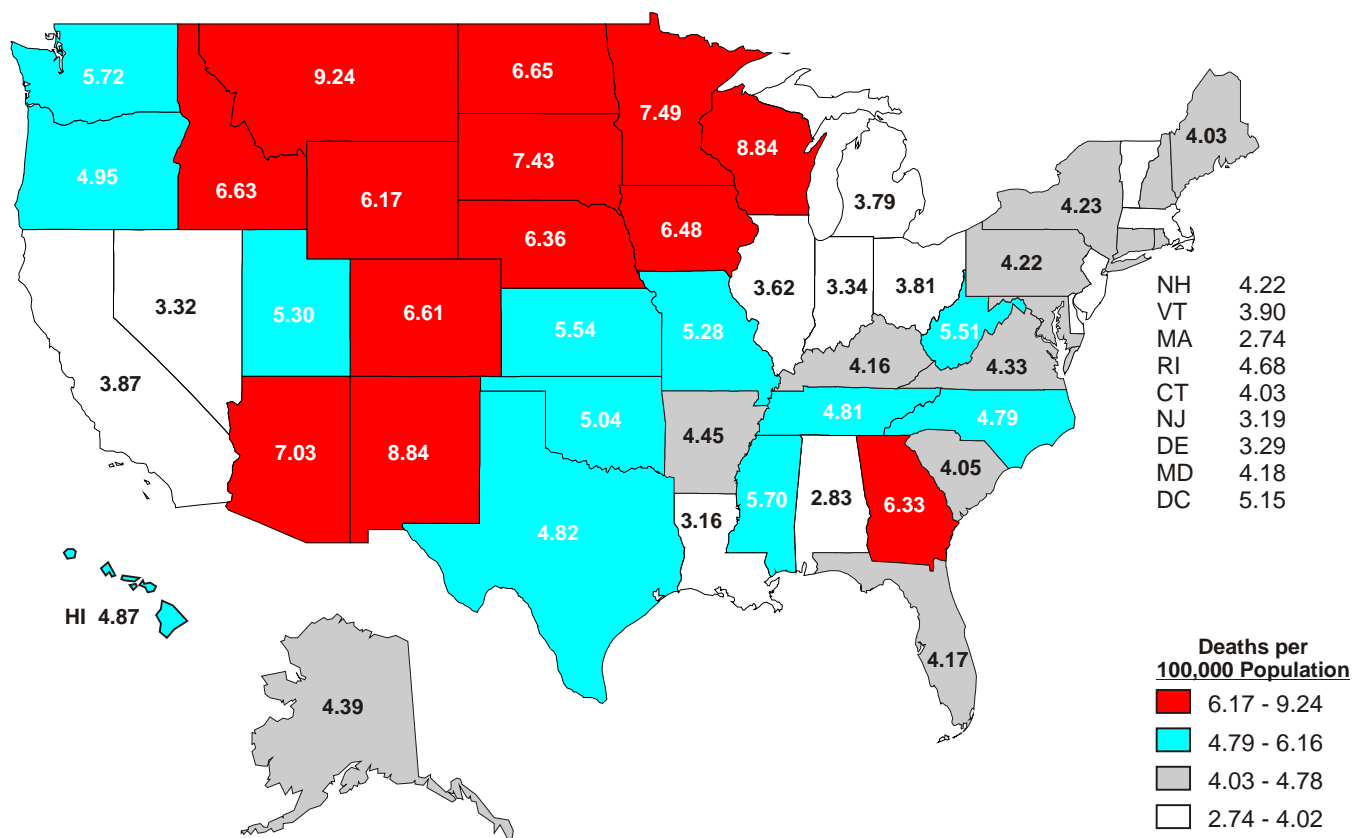
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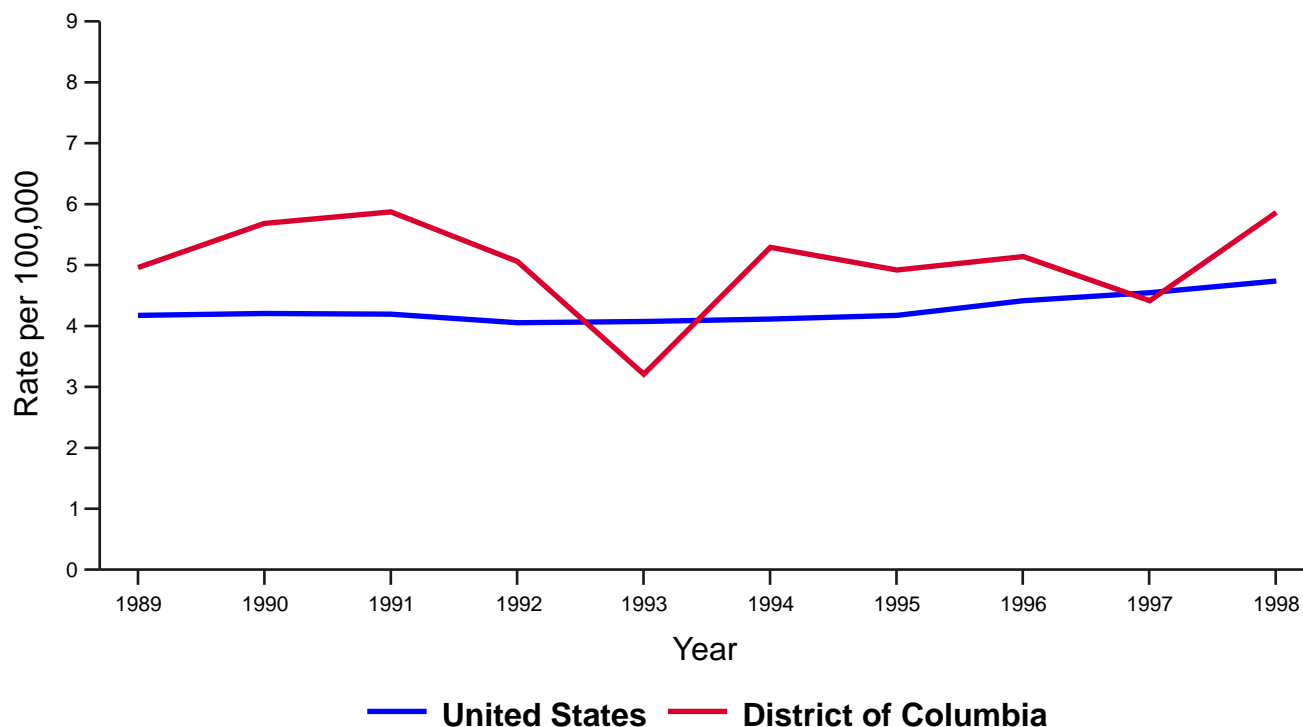
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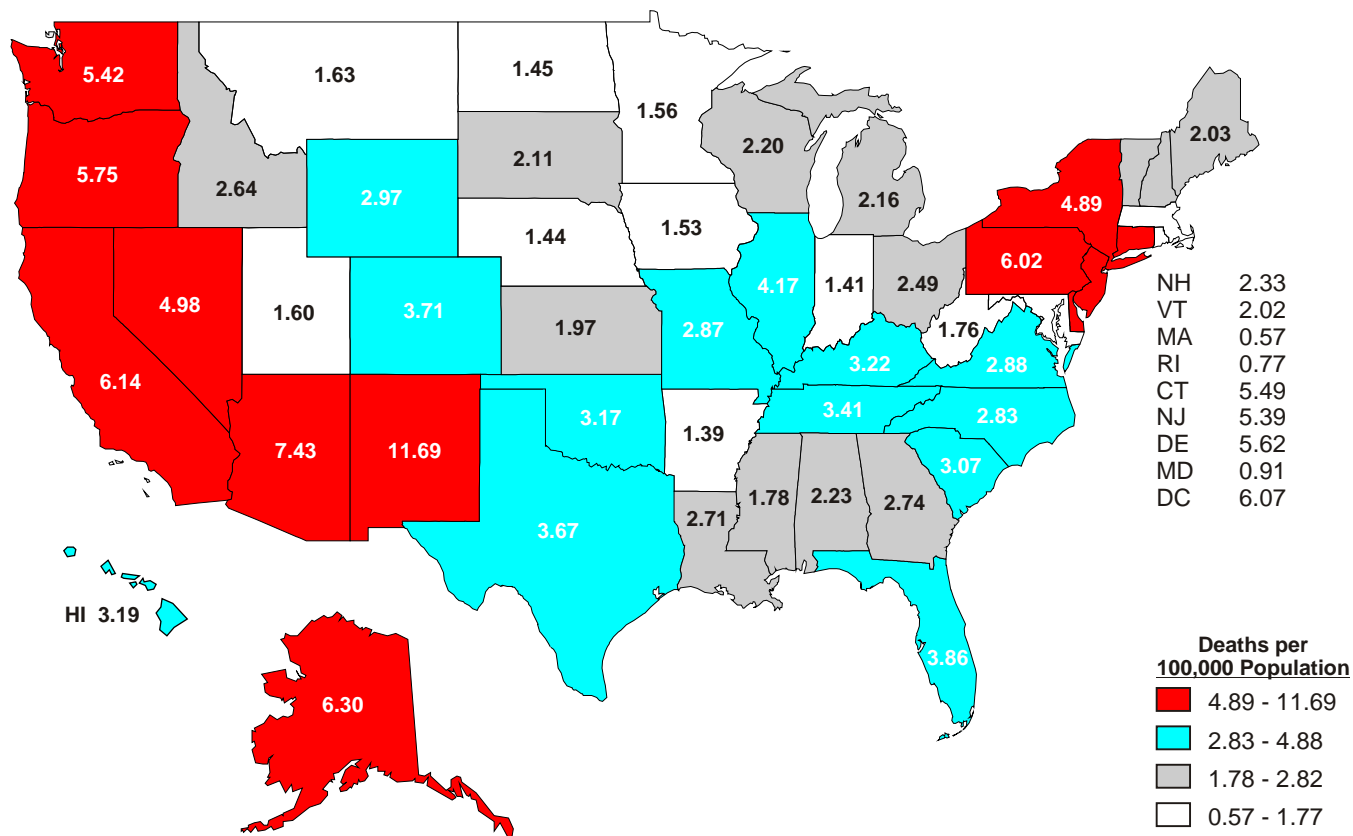
Unintentional Fall Death Rates United States, 1996-1998



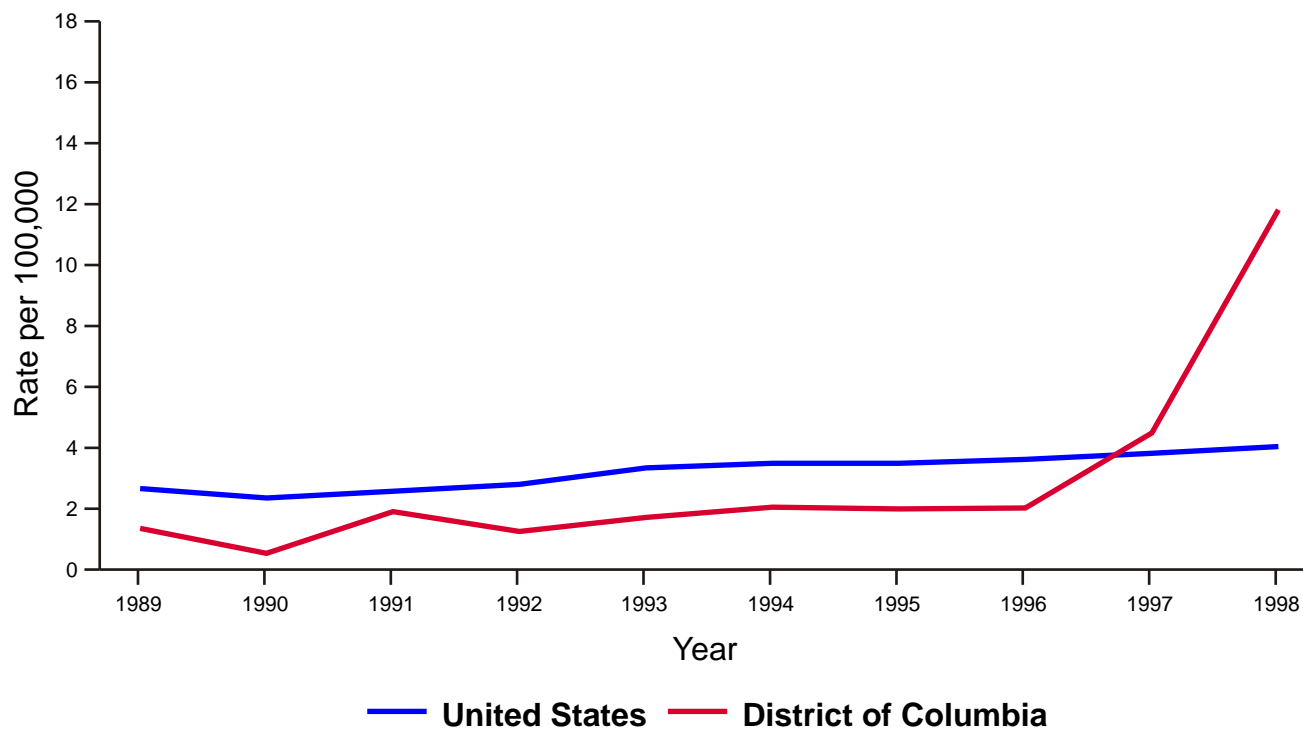
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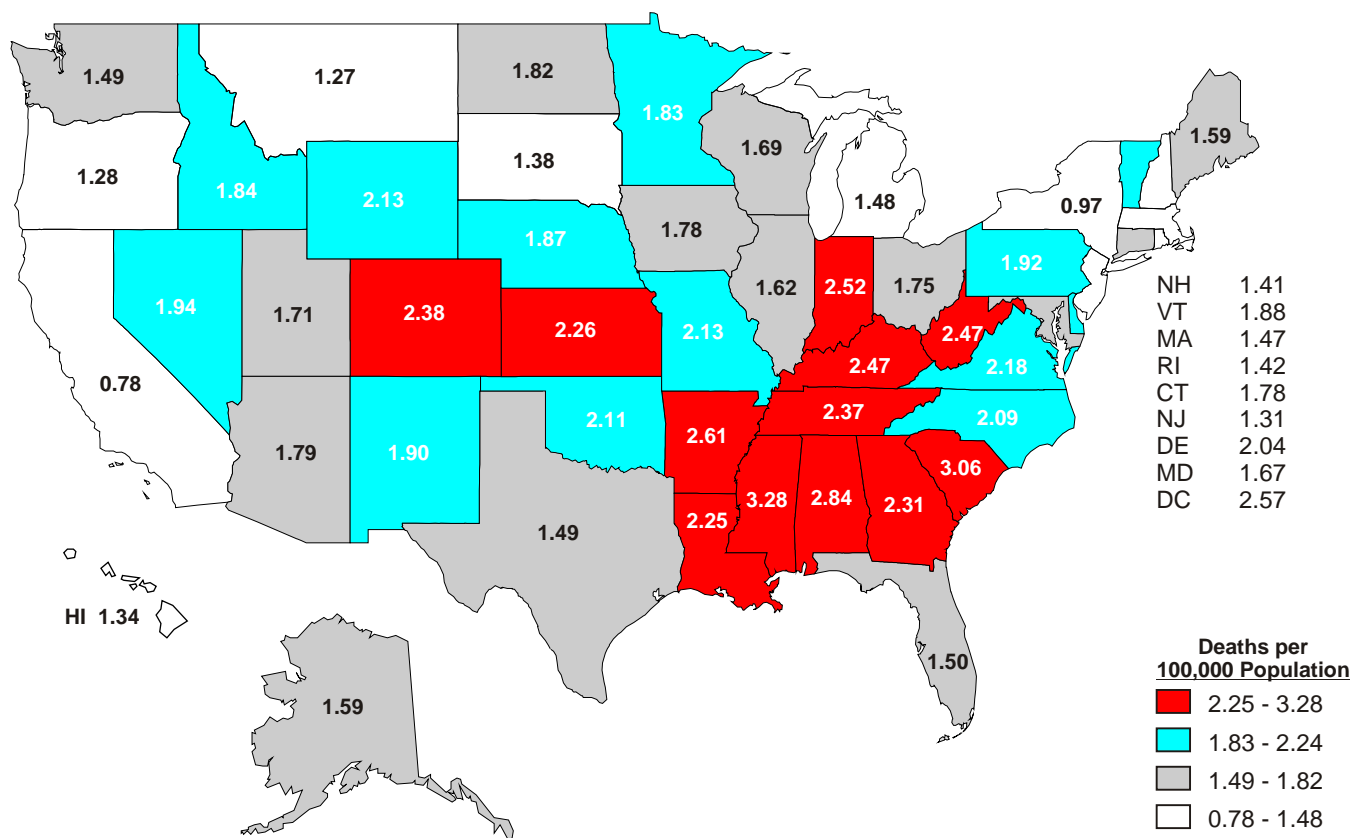
Unintentional Poisoning Death Rates United States, 1996-1998



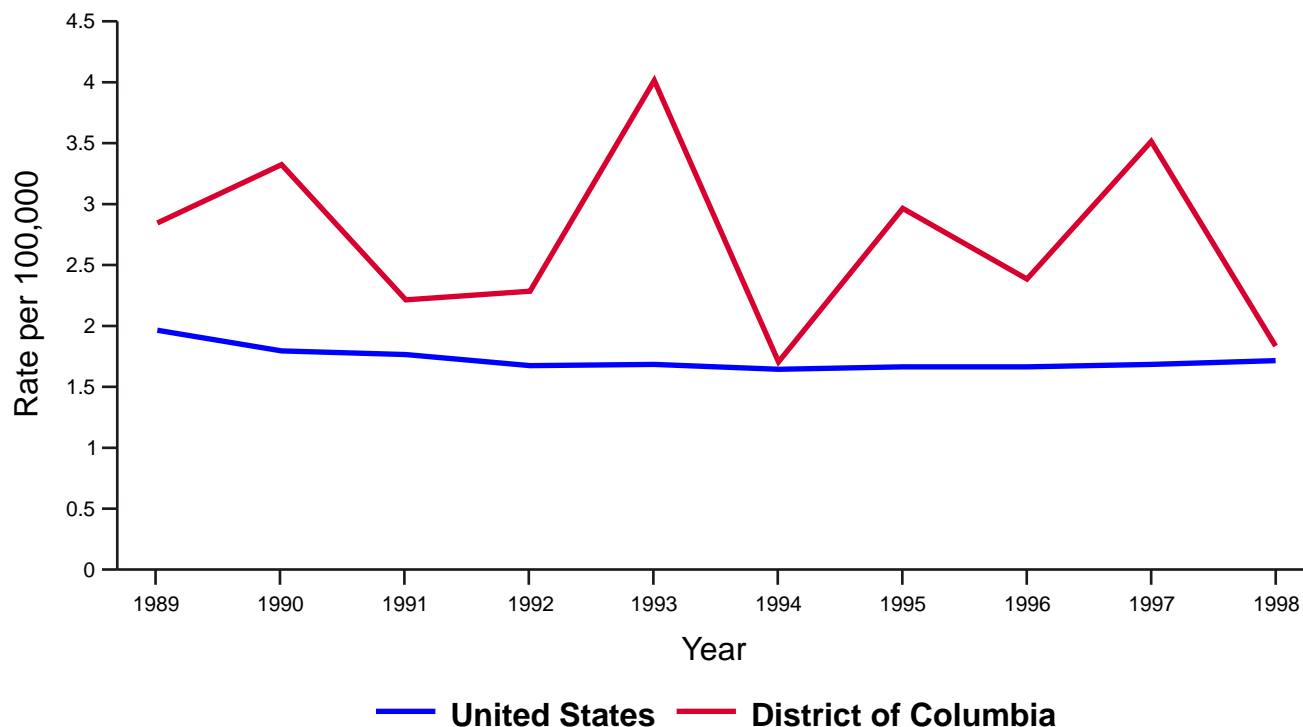
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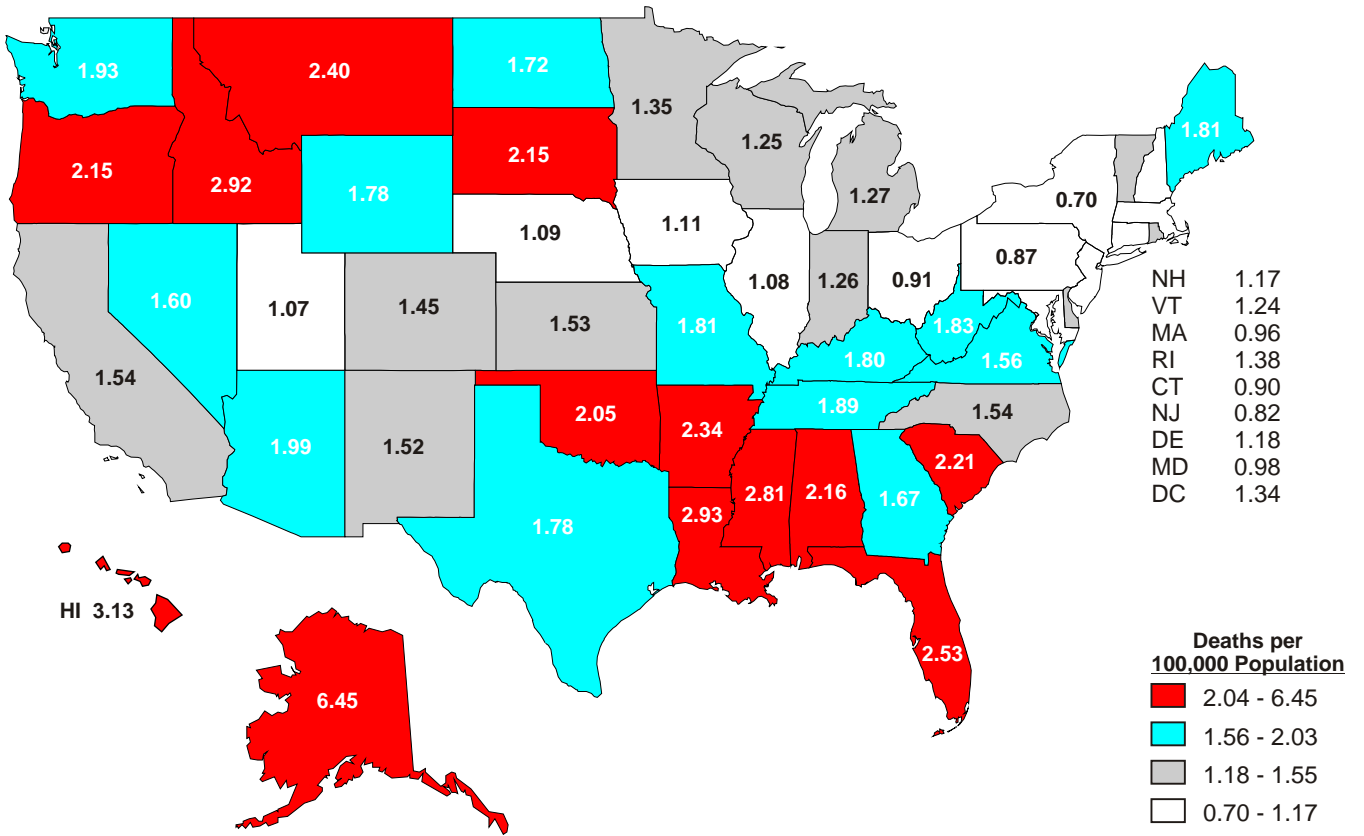
Unintentional Suffocation Death Rates United States, 1996-1998



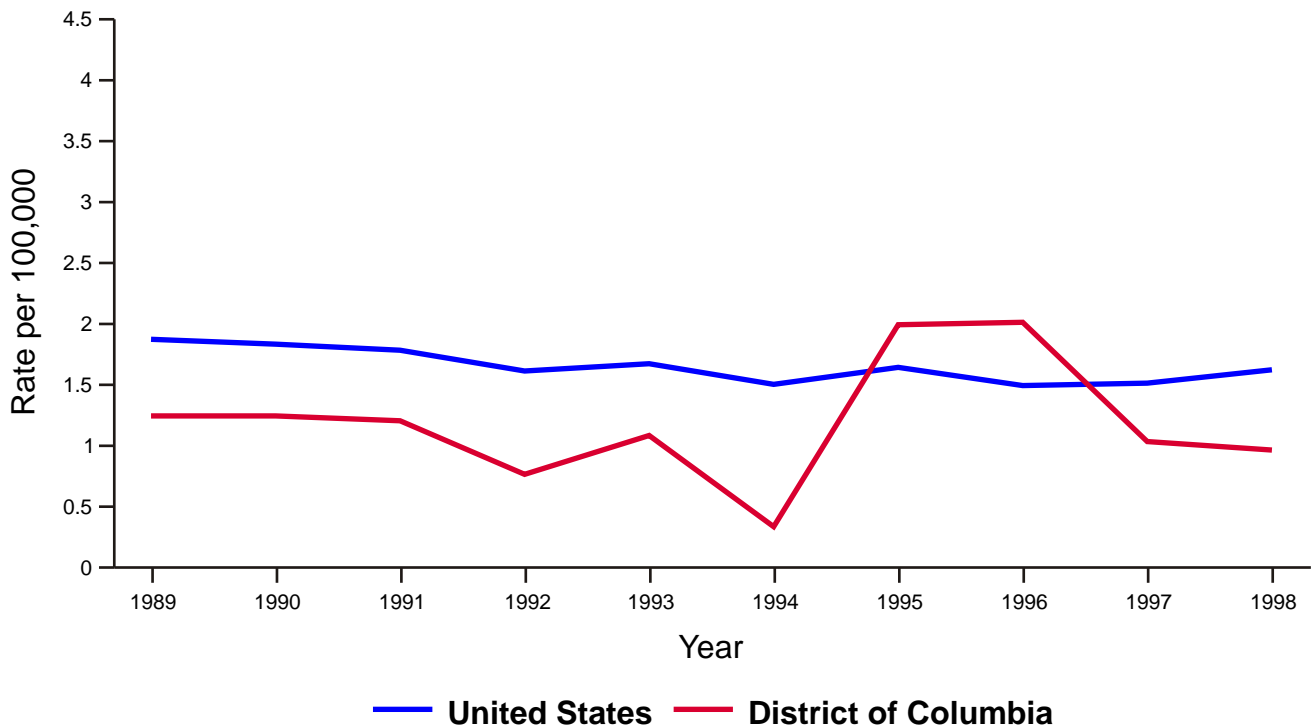
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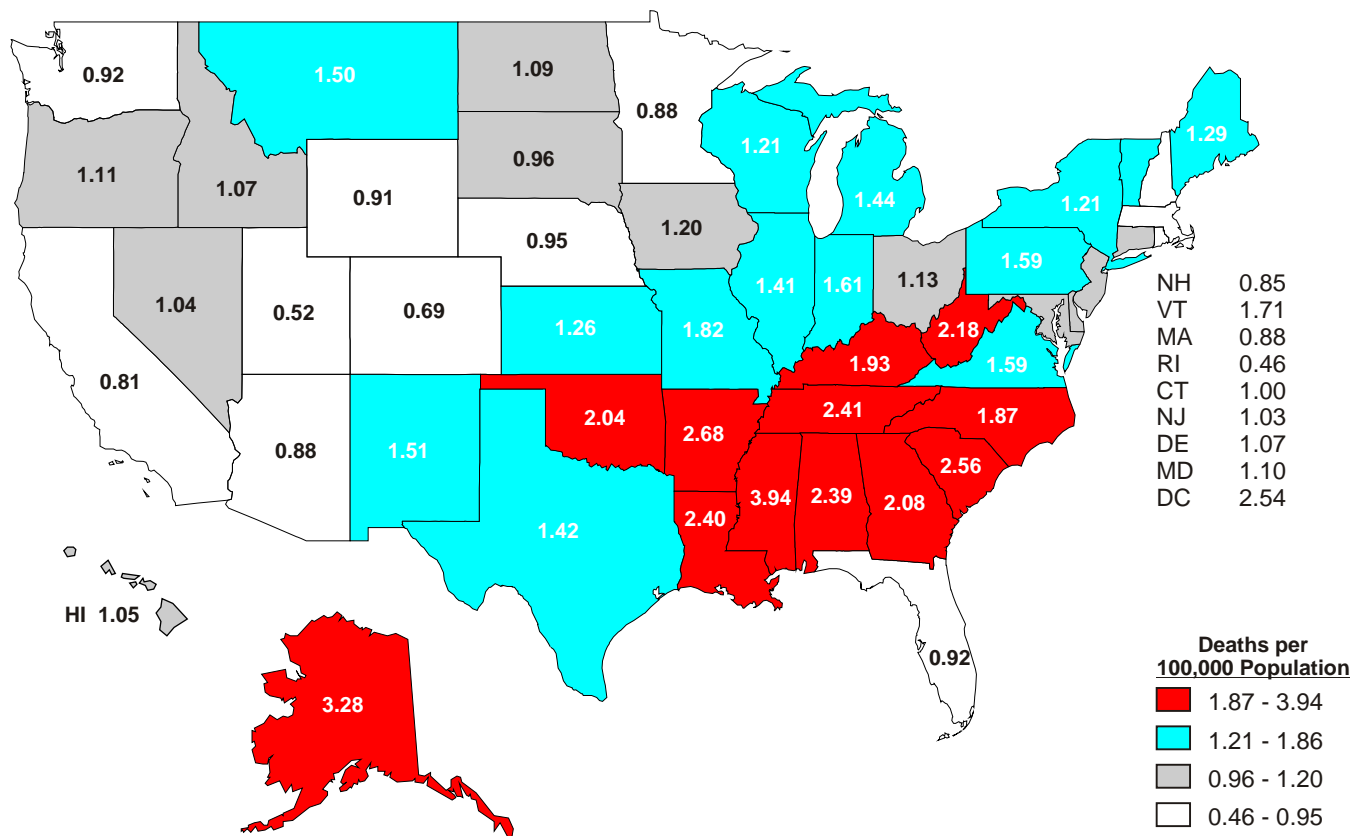
Unintentional Drowning Death Rates United States, 1996-1998



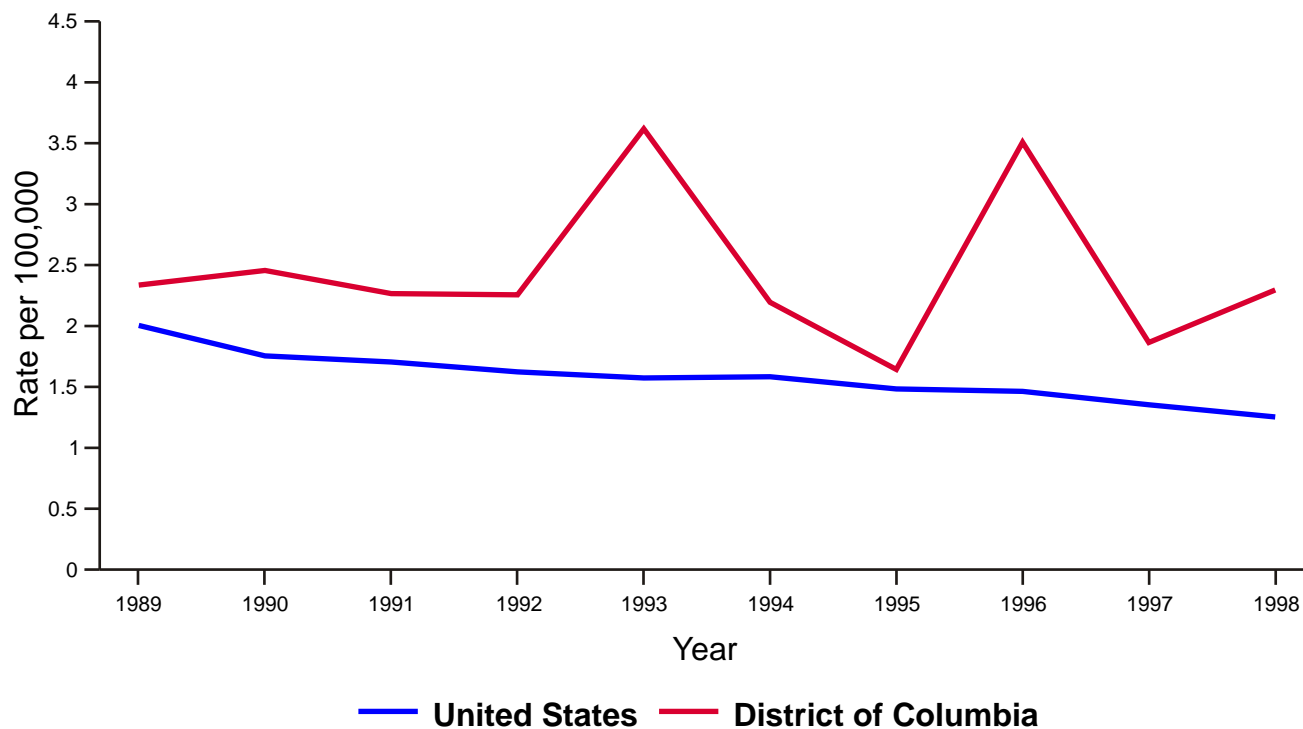
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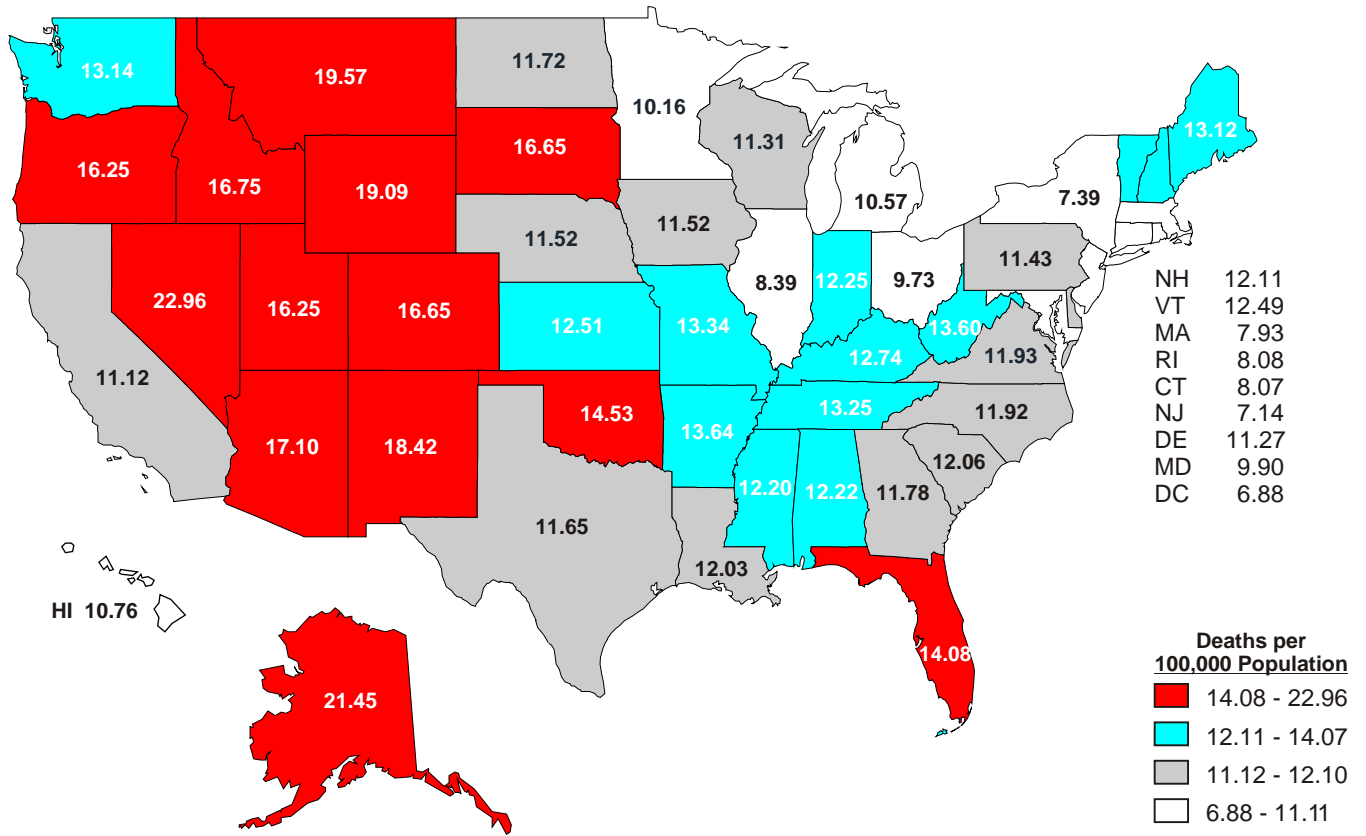
Unintentional Fire and Burn-Related Death Rates United States, 1996-1998



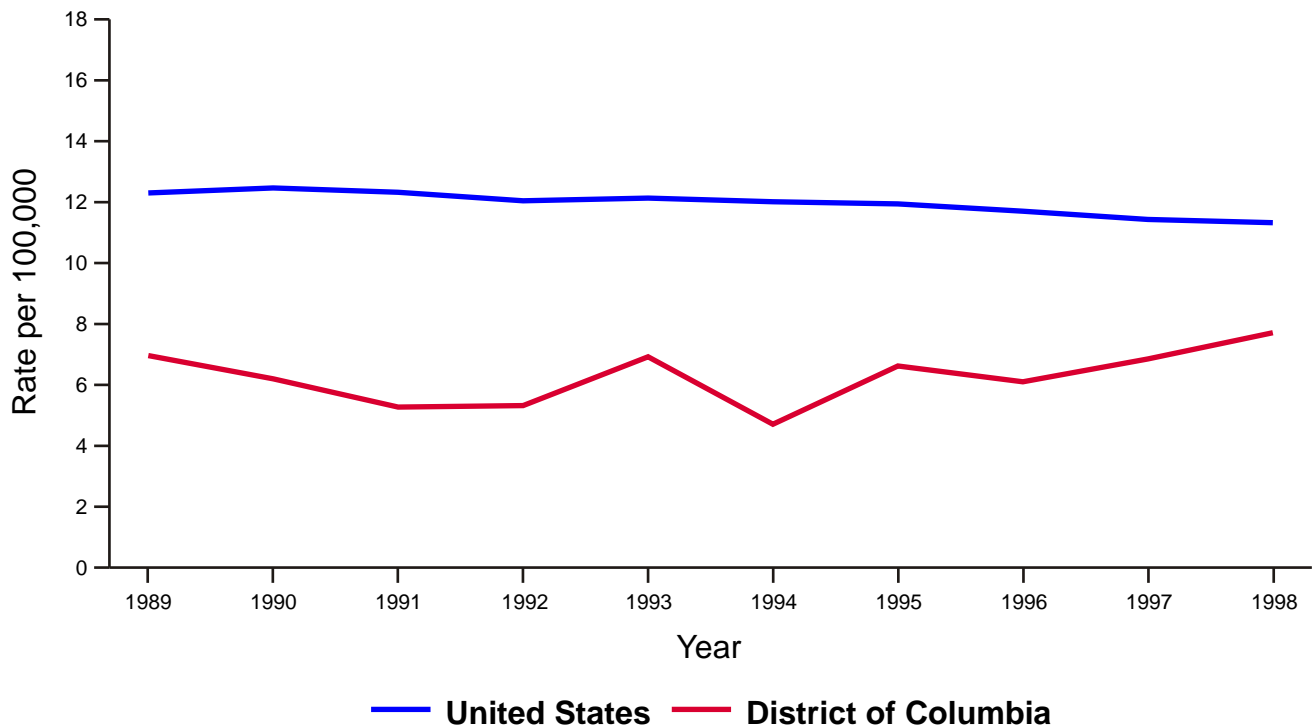
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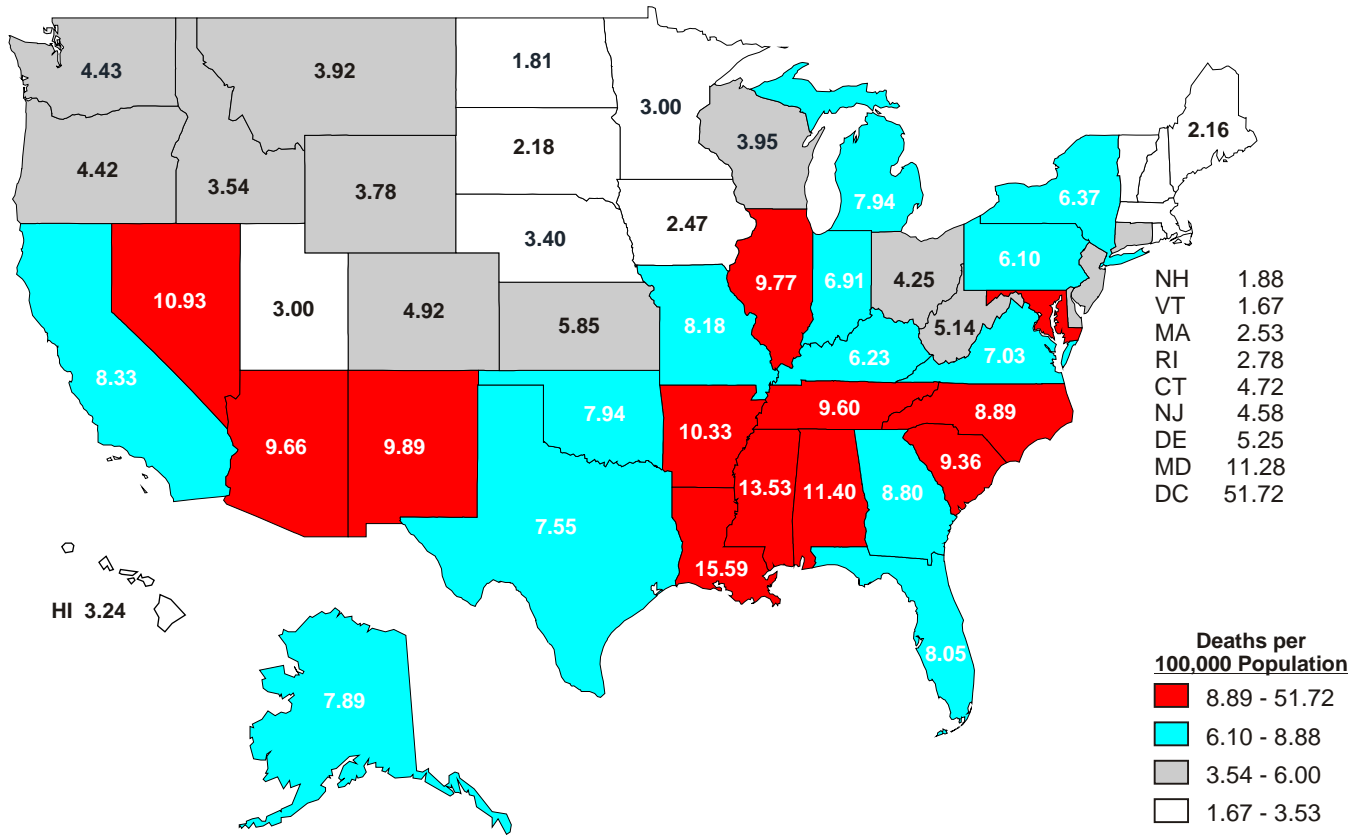
Suicide Death Rates United States, 1996-1998



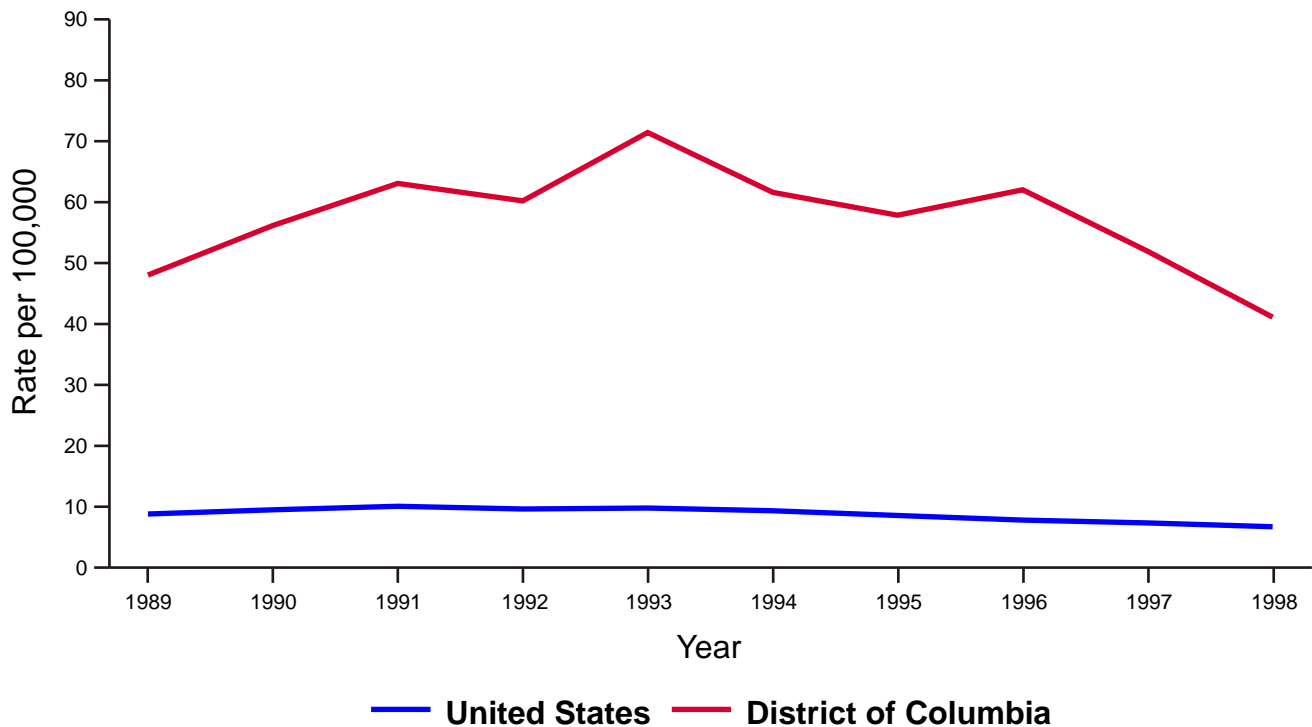
United States and District of Columbia 1989-1998



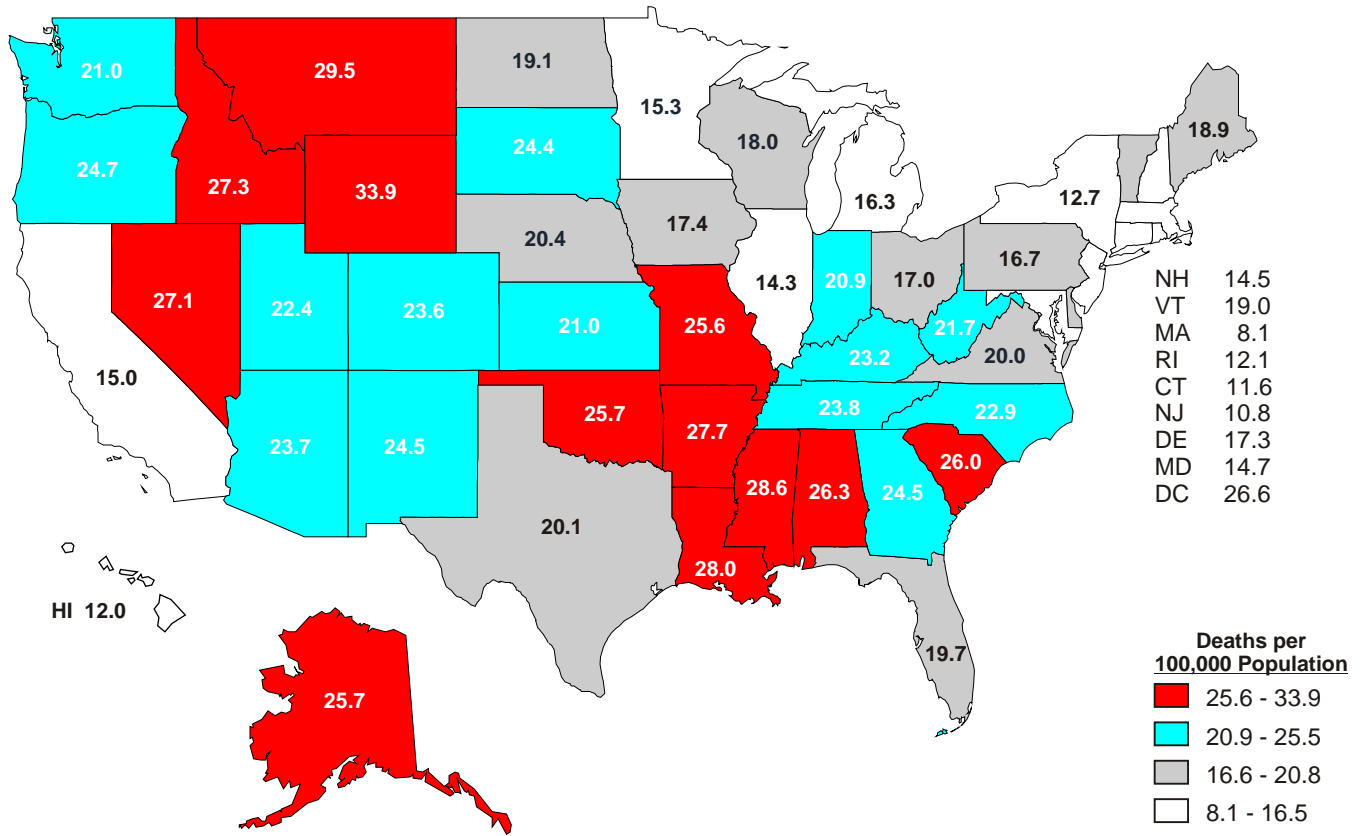
Homicide Death Rates United States, 1996-1998



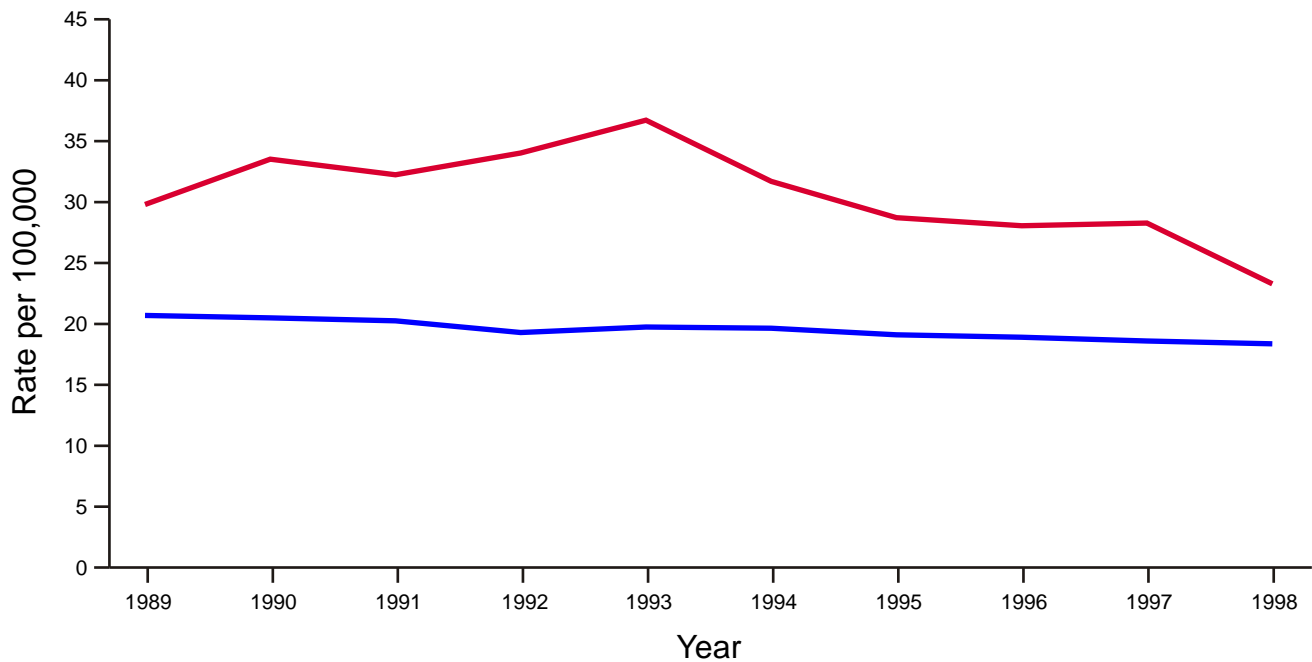
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Traumatic Brain Injury-Related Death Rates* United States, 1996-1998



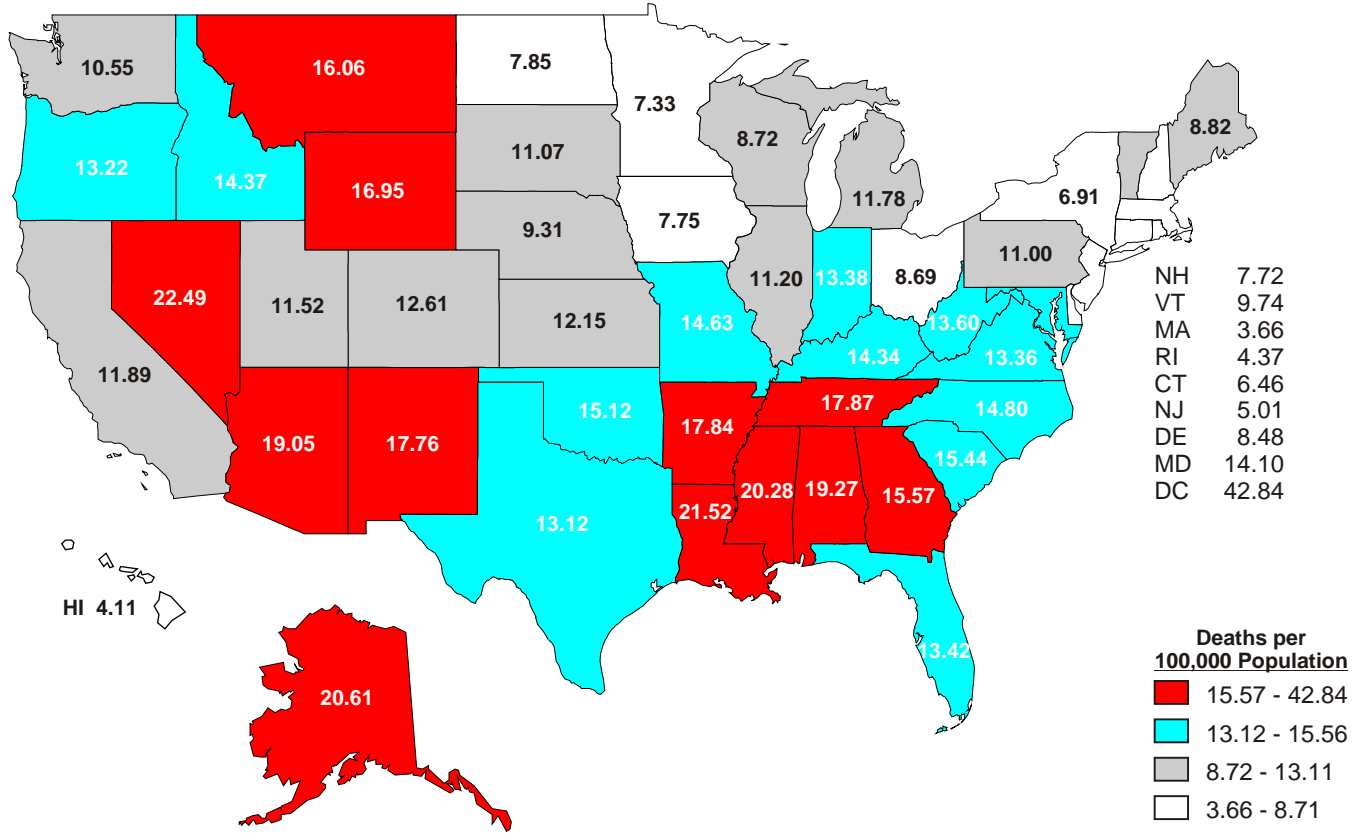
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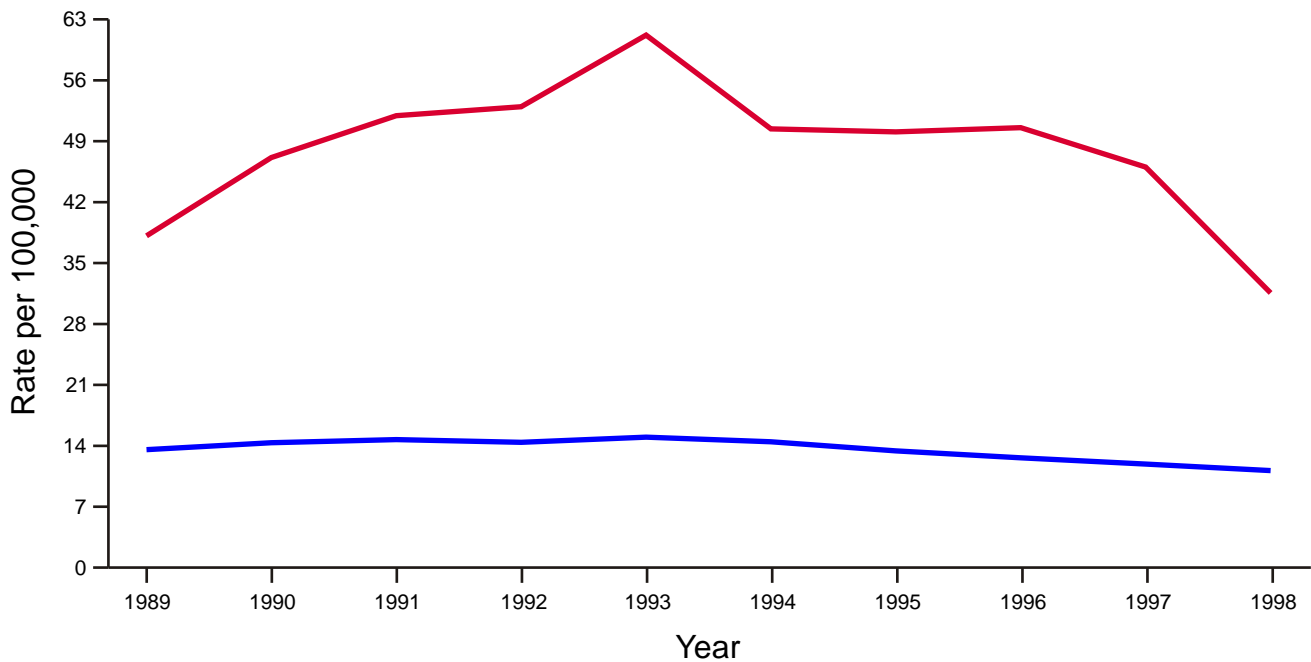
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* Includes unintentional and intentional deaths from motor vehicles, firearms, falls, and other causes (of determined and undetermined intent).

Firearm-Related Death Rates United States, 1996-1998



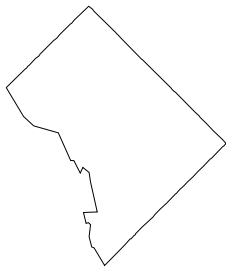
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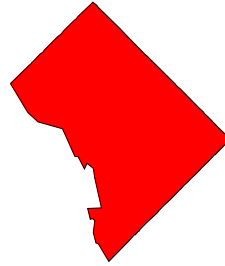
* Includes deaths from firearm suicide, firearm homicide, unintentional firearm-related deaths, and firearm-related deaths of undetermined intent.

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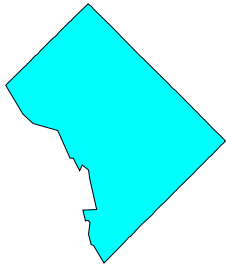
Motor Vehicle

65 Deaths/Year
U.S. 16.4
DC 11.1



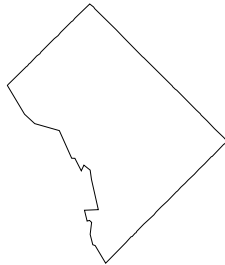
Homicides

342 Deaths/Year
U.S. 8.7
DC 55.8
Excess Deaths/Year **269**



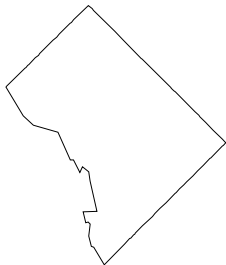
Falls

28 Deaths/Year
U.S. 4.3
DC 5.0
Excess Deaths/Year **4**



Suicides

38 Deaths/Year
U.S. 12.0
DC 6.1



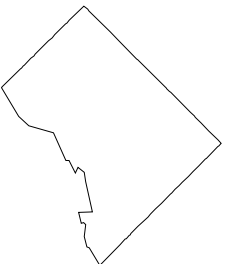
Fires/Burns

14 Deaths/Year
U.S. 1.6
DC 2.5
Excess Deaths/Year **5**



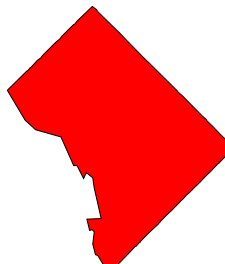
Firearms

285 Deaths/Year
U.S. 13.7
DC 46.3
Excess Deaths/Year **187**



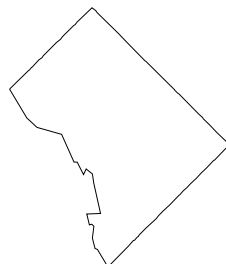
Drownings

7 Deaths/Year
U.S. 1.7
DC 1.17



Traumatic Brain Injury

181 Deaths/Year
U.S. 18.5
DC 30.3
Excess Deaths/Year **68**



Poisonings

16 Deaths/Year
U.S. 3.2
DC 2.8

Legend



At or above the 90th NATIONAL percentile



At or above the 75th but less than the 90th NATIONAL percentile

CDC-Funded Injury Control Projects

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CDC-Funded Injury Control Projects in the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control funds one project in the District of Columbia to improve the district's capacity to keep its citizens safe.

Intentional Injury

Rape Prevention and Education

A nationwide grant program providing resources to states for rape prevention and education programs conducted by rape crisis centers, State sexual assault coalitions, and other public and private nonprofit entities for:

- 1) educational seminars;
- 2) operation of hotlines;
- 3) training programs for professionals;
- 4) preparation of informational material;
- 5) education and training programs for students and campus personnel designed to reduce the incidence of sexual assault at colleges and universities;
- 6) education and training to increase awareness about drugs to facilitate rapes or sexual assaults; and
- 7) other efforts to increase awareness about, or to help prevent, sexual assault, including efforts to increase awareness in underserved communities and awareness among individuals with disabilities.

(State Block Grant)

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