
Links data from:
- Death Certificates
- Medical Examiner reports (e.g. autopsies, toxicology, etc.)
- Law Enforcement reports (e.g. homicide and death investigations)

**In 2016, nationwide in the U.S.:**
- **45,000** suicides
- **19,000** homicides

**In 2016, in Arizona:**
- **1,335** suicides
- **391** homicides
- **240** Other violent deaths

**AZ-VDRS Abstraction**

AZ-VDRS data abstraction of DC, ME and LE reports and data is achieved through supporting four staff members and six students.

AZ-VDRS collects, manages and reports data in a secure and confidential environment.
- MOU with each partner agency;
- Unredacted reports;
- Secure data transfer protocols;
- Thorough criminal justice background clearances;
- Aggregated & De-Identified data reporting

**Violent Deaths in Arizona**

For more information about AZ-VDRS, see our Center’s webpage, or follow us on social media:
- [https://cvpcs.asu.edu/projects/arizona-violent-death-reporting-system](https://cvpcs.asu.edu/projects/arizona-violent-death-reporting-system)
- [https://www.facebook.com/az.vdrs](https://www.facebook.com/az.vdrs)
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**AZ-VDRS Process & Purpose**

- AZ-VDRS abstractors de-identify and summarize DC, ME & LE reports, and load the data into the NVDRS web-portal data collection tool.
- Using a public health model to address violent deaths (i.e. homicides and suicides), AZ-VDRS data is intended to guide policy-makers, public education, intervention programming and any other activity benefitting from a data-driven understanding of violent deaths in Arizona, and the U.S.