National Violent Death Reporting System

NVDRS

Began in 2003 with six states, expanding to all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia by 2019.
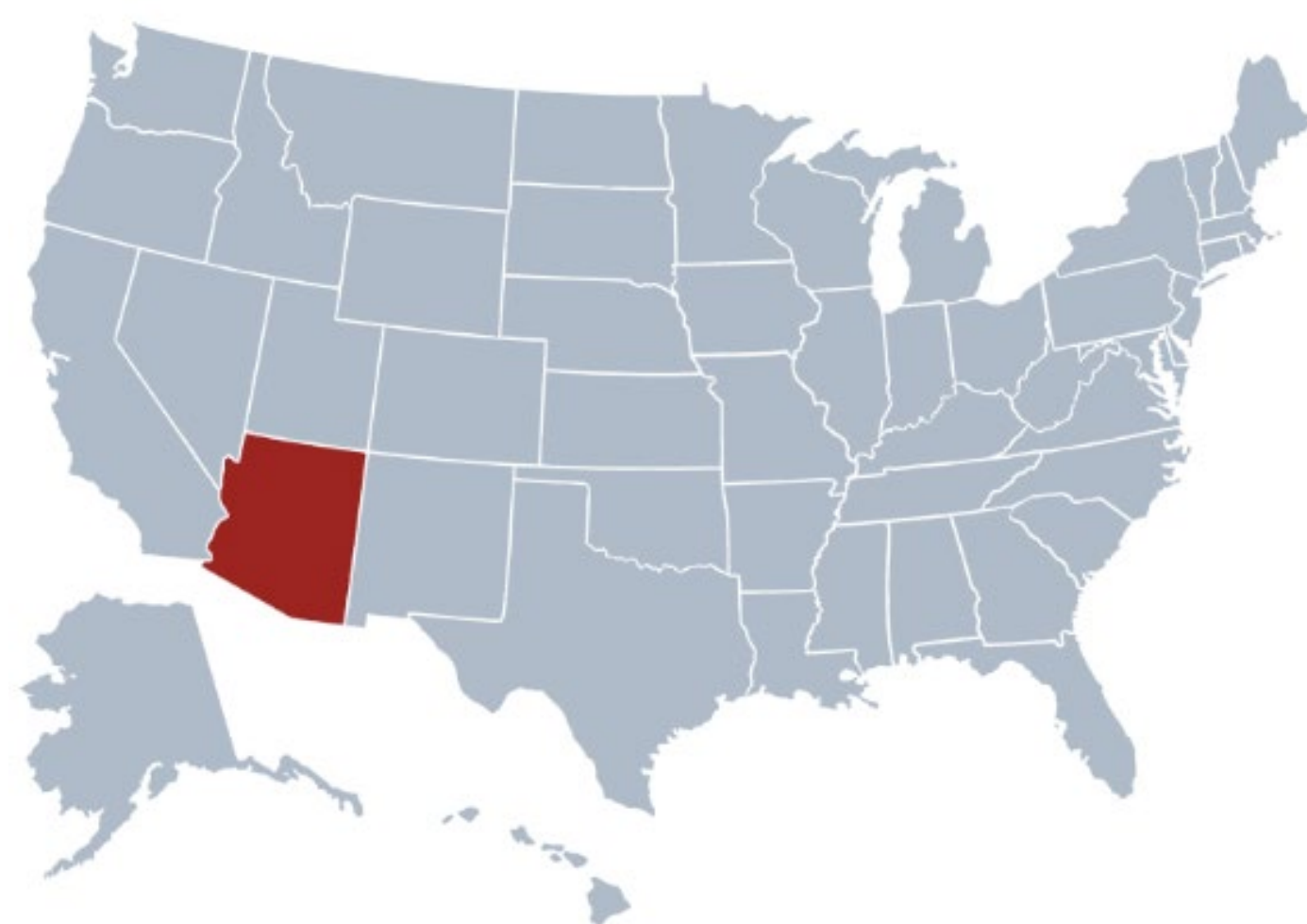
Arizona among 14 states added in 2015.

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

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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

For more information about AZ-VDRS, see our Center's webpage, or follow us on social media:
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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.

Violent Deaths in Arizona

Violent Deaths in Arizona bar chart (Homicide / Suicide rates per county):

County	Homicide	Suicide
La Paz (26.2)	24.5	
Navajo (16.4)	13.0	3.4
Apache (14.8)	10.2	4.6
Coconino (14.8)	11.4	3.4
Gila (13.2)	11.3	1.9
Yavapai (13)	12.4	0.6
Mohave (12.9)	12.1	0.8
Cochise (10.1)	9.6	0.5
Pima (9.3)	7.2	2.1
ARIZONA (8.4)	6.5	1.9
Pinal (7.6)	5.9	1.8
Maricopa (7.4)	5.4	2.0
Greenlee (7.2)	7.2	0.0
Graham (6.2)	4.4	1.8
Yuma (4.1)	3.4	0.7
Santa Cruz (2.1)	2.1	0.0

■ Homicide ■ Suicide