



Safe Tennessee Project

Working together to end gun violence in Tennessee

Black Homicide Victimization in Tennessee: 2006 - 2016

Black Homicide Victimization is an annual report prepared by the Violence Policy Center representing an analysis of the unpublished Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR) data for black homicide victimization submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The data below is from the years 2006 - 2016, the last year for which data was available.

Although not every homicide was committed with a firearm, in any given year, between 70 and 90 percent of these homicides were shot and killed with guns.

Nationally, in homicides of Black victims with an identified weapon, a gun was used 87 percent of the time. Of those guns, 66 percent were handguns.

The devastating and disproportionate impact homicide, almost always involving a gun, has on Black men, boys, women, and girls in America is a national shame.

These deaths devastate families, traumatize communities, and should provoke an outcry for change.

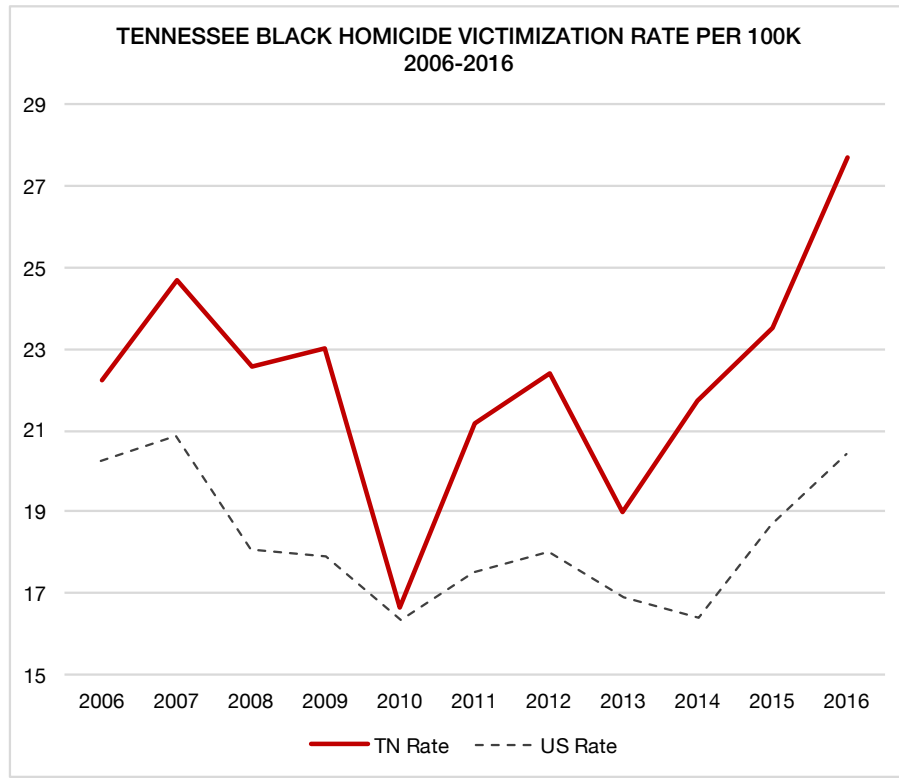
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TENNESSEE BLACK HOMICIDE VICTIMIZATION: 2006 - 2016					
Year	Rank	Fatalities	TN Rate per 100k	US Rate per 100k	Difference between TN rate & US Rate
<u>2016</u>	8	323	27.72	20.44	7.28
<u>2015</u>	12	265	23.50	18.68	4.82
<u>2014</u>	11	243	21.71	16.38	5.33
<u>2013</u>	12	210	18.97	16.91	2.06
<u>2012</u>	10	246	22.40	18.03	4.37
<u>2011</u>	14	229	21.15	17.51	3.64
<u>2010</u>	18	186	16.65	16.32	0.33
<u>2009</u>	7	244	23.01	17.90	5.11
<u>2008</u>	5	244	22.59	18.07	4.52
<u>2007</u>	11	255	24.71	20.86	3.85
<u>2006</u>	17	228	22.22	20.27	1.95

In 2016, **75 percent** of the Tennessee homicides reviewed for the *Black Homicide Victimization* report were the result of an argument and **not related to other felonies.**

The difference between the Tennessee rate and U.S. rate has increased over the last three years, with the largest difference occurring in 2016, the most recent year data was available.

Memphis broke a two decade homicide record in 2016. Nashville broke an 11-year record in 2016.



Based on this data, Safe Tennessee urges lawmakers to consider the following policies:

- Expand background checks for all gun sales
- Implement extreme risk protection orders
Strengthen firearm dispossession laws for convicted domestic abusers
- Implement safe storage laws requiring guns to be secured in locked vehicles to prevent gun theft
- Provide funding for community groups and violence interrupters working in communities most impacted by gun violence
- Provide funding for "safe storage" PSAs to encourage gun owners to secure guns left in vehicles to prevent gun thefts
- Provide funding for research to study key drivers of gun violence in Tennessee

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

- Margaret Meade