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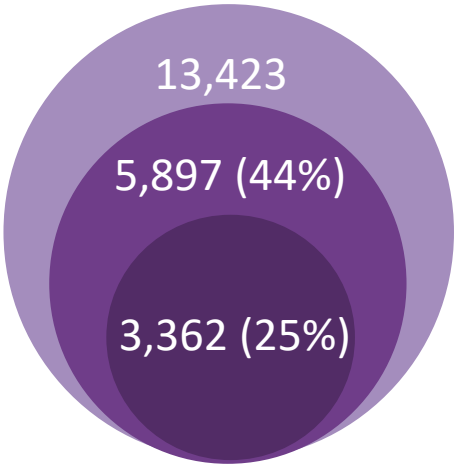
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Firearms & Domestic Violence Risk - 2025

OFS Firearms Risk Assessment & Flagging

The Metro Nashville Office of Family Safety (OFS) flagged a total **13,423** Order of Protection and DV Criminal Defendants in 2023 for high-risk indicators. **44%** had evidence of firearms and **25%** had evidence of both firearms and strangulation.

OFS reviewed all **5,897 cases** flagged for firearms and found **176** offenders out of compliance with firearms dispossession and notified partner agencies. Additionally, **356 OFS clients** said their abuser used or threatened them with a gun and **603** said their abuser had access to a gun.

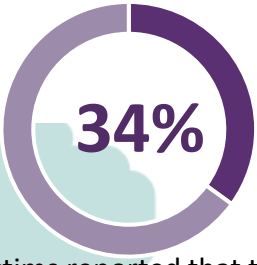


MNPD LAP & Firearms Risk Identification

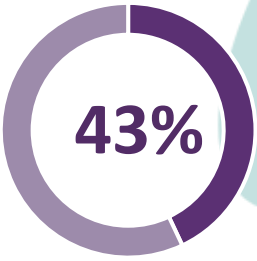
The Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPD) uses the **Lethality Assessment or LAP** to screen intimate partner violence victims for their risk of being murdered. The LAP is recognized by the US Dept. of Justice as a "promising practice" in intimate partner homicide prevention and has been implemented throughout the country.



LAP victims reported their abuser **had or could easily get a firearm.**



LAP victims reported that their abuser **had used or had threatened them with a weapon** previously



LAP victims reported that they **thought their abuser might try to kill them**.



Of the 1,213 cases reviewed on Nashville's High-Risk Intervention Panel in 2025, **80% involved firearms.**

In 2025 MNPD administered 7,697 LAPs and 4,156, or 54%, screened in as high-risk.

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2025 Firearms & Domestic Violence Homicides

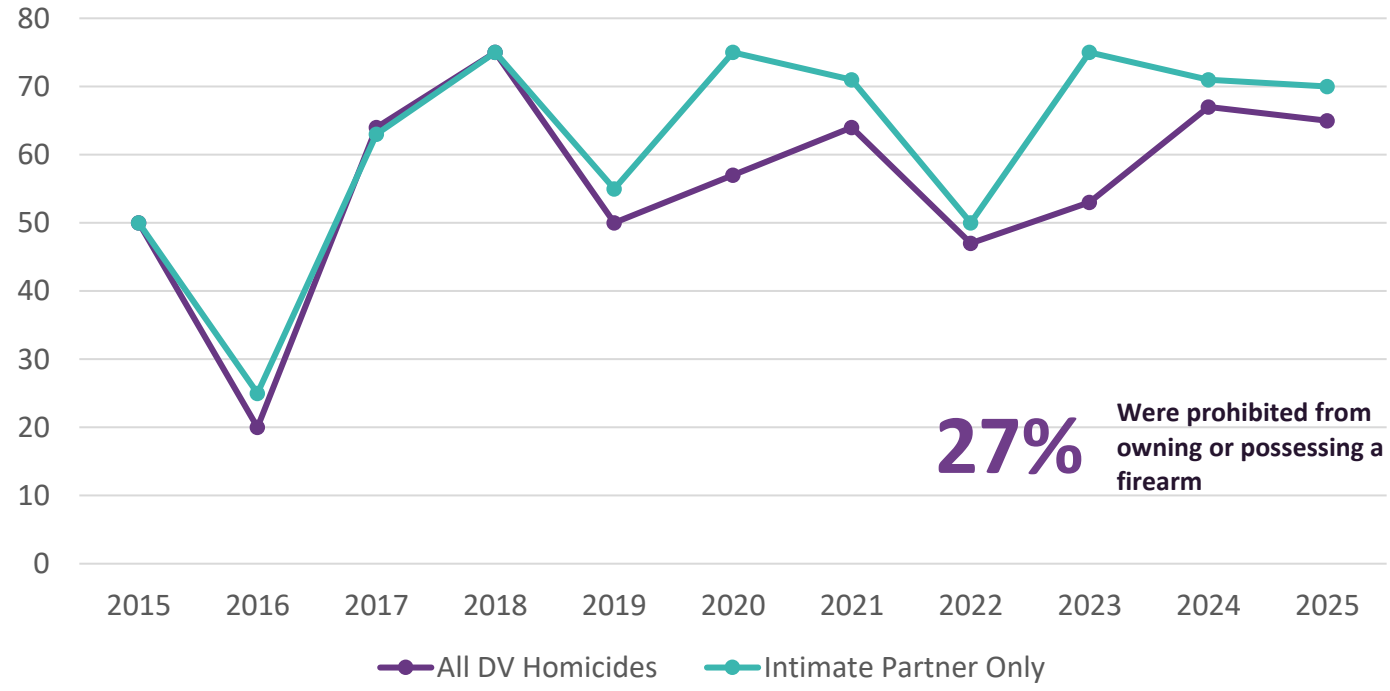
- **Abusers with firearms inflict the most severe abuse.**
- **TN ranks 11th in the nation for the rate that men murder women.**
- **TN ranks 10th in the nation for firearm injury death rate.**
- **Abusers' likelihood of murder increases 5x with access to a gun & 20x if they threaten or abuse with a gun.**
- **TN is the only state in the country that does not require DV offenders to disclose who they dispossess guns to.**

Firearm Use in IPV Homicides



60% **60%** of IPV homicides in Nashville **since 2015** were committed **with firearms**. In 2025 this **jumped to 70%.**

Percentage of Firearm Use in Nashville's DV Homicides



27% **Were prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm**