

Dear Friends, Parents, Grandparents

Thank you for your interest in Stop School Shootings USA. My passion in working on this subject is in response to the shooting at Annunciation School, Minneapolis, Minnesota on August 27, 2025. Eight members of my family could have died that day. While they all escaped without physical injury, the things they saw will stay with them forever.

Since the end of August, I have been asking “why”. Why are things this way, and what can be done? Why does our country have 85% of global school shootings and why are firearms the leading cause of death for our children? In response to my “why” questions, I discovered a large volume of information already done by others. In addition, I met many people with astute recommendations that deserved to be shared. Thirty-five people, from across the political spectrum, offered their time and talents in developing the initial pilot of recommendations to Stop School Shootings. Now, the opportunity to help solve this problem with a win-win approach is being extended to you.

The Stop School Shootings USA website was developed to share existing and emerging factual information on how to stop school shootings and reduce the gun violence that is killing our children. The website has four major areas:

- 1) The Major Findings Section highlights important national and Minnesota facts that drive these shootings.
- 2) The Current Recommendations Section summarizes votes by people, such as yourself, on actual recommendations that should be considered.
- 3) The Add Your Recommendation / Join Us Section is an interface to Survey Monkey that collects your demographic information and personal voting related to the Current Recommendation Section. This section also assists you in sharing your recommendations with your political representatives.
- 4) The Resources and Research Section includes a long list of organizations and articles on school shootings and the gun violence killing our children. This last section is intended to offer research opportunities for you and your like-minded friends.

Although my focus was initially on reversing the shooting trend in Minnesota, it is impossible to restrict things to one state, and once I decided to include web pages, it obviously had to include more than Minnesota. Some recommendations are state law specific, and efforts would be required to address additional states. While the focus is on Minnesota, many of the recommendations apply to other states. If you are familiar with the issues, the survey takes an average of 17 minutes or less. However, I ask that you read all of the material.

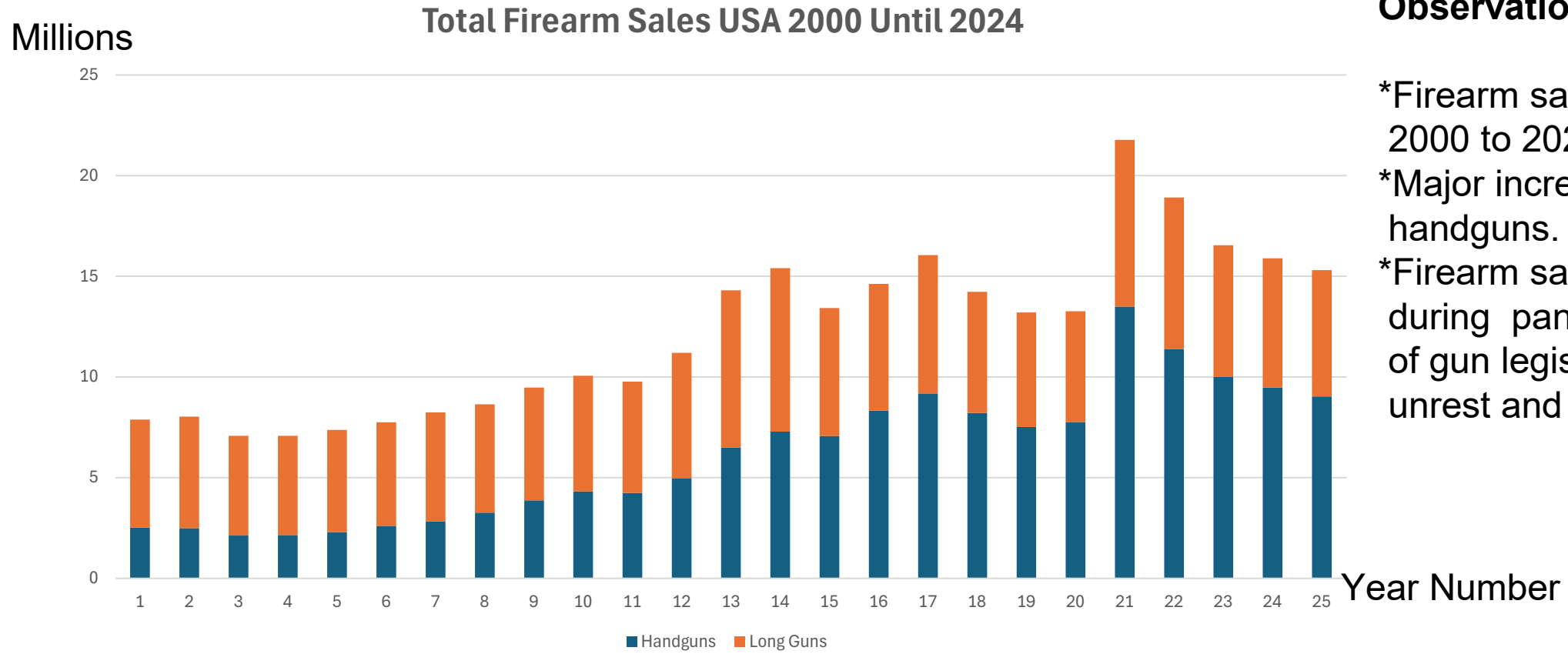
The glass is half full, not half empty. We can do more together, and **WE MUST**. Hopefully, the recommendations will find their way onto agendas such as the next Minnesota Special Session on Gun Violence. As interest in Stop School Shootings USA grows, we will keep you updated about future volunteer opportunities and updated recommendations.

Thank you, Grandpa David
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Pilot Demographics		
I support Stop School Shooting USA and will promote the final citizen recommendations and tell others about it.		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	80.00%	
Agree	15.00%	
Neither agree nor disagree	5.00%	
Disagree	0.00%	
Strongly disagree	0.00%	
Gender		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	75.00%	
Female	25.00%	
Non-Binary	0.00%	
Would you consider yourself to be Pro Gun, Anti Gun, or No Preference		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Pro-Guns	45%	
Anti-Guns	25%	
Indifferent	30%	
Primary Political Affiliation		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Republican	5%	
Democrat	15%	
Independent	75%	
Other	5%	
Highest Level of Education Completed		
Answer Choices	Responses	
High School or GED	0	
Associate Degree or Technical	10.00%	
Bachelor Degree	35.00%	
Master Degree	40.00%	
Doctorate	0.00%	
Juris Doctorate	5.00%	
Medical or Dental Doctorate	10.00%	

Pilot	Participants
Grandparents Larry and Wendy	Grandma Sandra
Grandparents Tim and Sue	Grandma Mary
Grandparents Ralph and Maureen	Grandma Wendy
Grandparents Tom and Wendy	Parents Dick and Melanie
Grandparents Pat and Patti	Parents Don and Sue
Grandparents Marla and Pat	Parents Justin and Catherine
Grandparents Dave and Cathryn	Parent Jennilyn
Grandparents Duane and Barb	Parent Joe
Grandparents Mike and Joan	Parent Tim
Grandparents Arnie and Jean	Uncle Loren and Courtney
Grandparents David and Gigi	

Total USA Firearm Inventory and Annual Sales



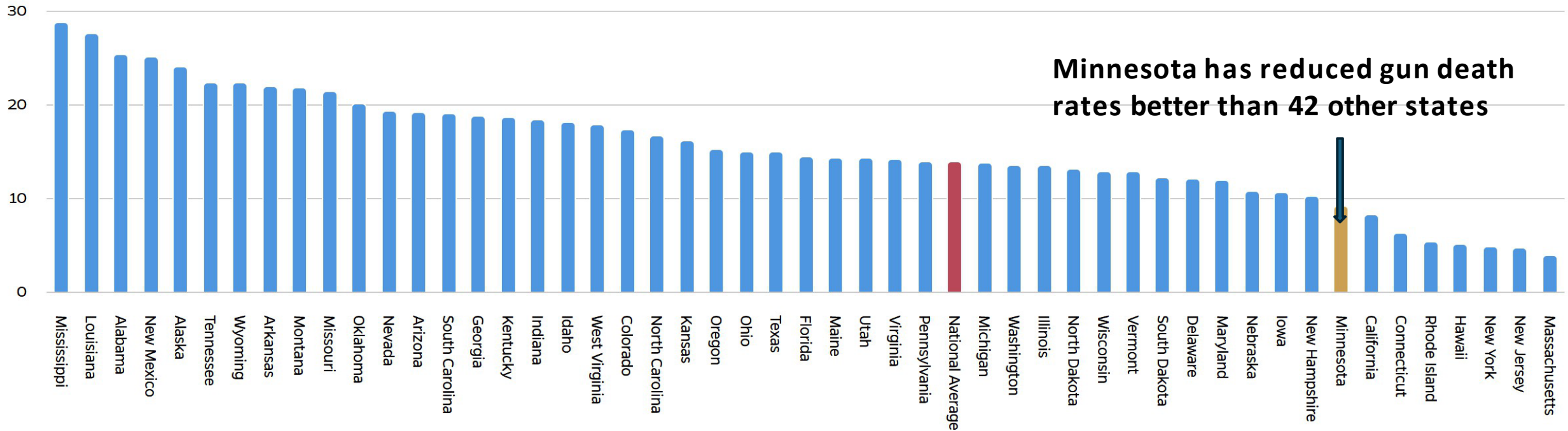
Observations:

- *Firearm sales doubled 2000 to 2024.
- *Major increase is handguns.
- *Firearm sales peaked during pandemic, fear of gun legislation, social unrest and elections.

The Total Inventory of Firearms In The USA Is Currently Between 400 and 500 Million. USA Citizens Own Approximately 46% of Global Firearms. (Source FBI and Trace.) The Stop School Shootings USA Solution Is Not As Simple As Eliminating Assault Weapons. At this growth rate, we could hit 1 Billion Firearms in the next 30 years.

An average of one person killed every seventeen hours.

Gun Death Rate (Per 100,000) by State in 2023



Minnesota has reduced gun death rates better than 42 other states

2025 Everytown for Gun Safety Ranking of Minnesota on 50 Gun Law Possibilities

Minnesota Ranks 14 out of 50 States

Minnesota Has Foundational Laws For	Minnesota Does Not Have Foundational Laws For
Background Check and /or Purchase Permit	Assault Weapons
Concealed Carry Permit Required	Consumer Safety
Red Flag / Extreme Risk Order Law	Dealer License Required
No Shoot First Law	High Capacity Magazines Prohibited
Secure Storage or Child Access Prevention Required	Legal Accountability for Gun Industry
Auto Sears / Glock Switches Prohibited	Microstamping for New Handgun Technology
Bump Stock Prohibited	No Guns Mandate on College Campuses
No Carry After Violent Offense	No Guns Mandate on State Capital or Demonstrations
No Guns in K-12 Schools	No Guns Mandate in Bars
Open Carry Regulated	Emergency Restraining Order Prohibition
Strong Concealed Carry Authority	Gun Removal Program
Felon Prohibiyion	Minimum Age to Purchase Handguns 21 and Rifle Shotguns 18
Fugitive From Justice Prohibited	School Threat Assessment Teams
Hate Crime Prohibition	Funding for Services for Victims of Gun Violence
Mental Health Prohibition	Local Gun Laws Allowed
No Gun Purchase After Violent Offense	No Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights
Prohibition for Domestic Abusers Under Restraining Orders	Office of Violence Prevention
Relinquishment for Domestic Abusers Under Restraining Orders	Police Use of Deadly Force Standard
Stalker Prohibitor	Qualified Immunity Limited
Crime Gun Tracing	Lost or Stolen Reporting
Violence Intervention Program Funding	Sales Record Sent to Law Enforcement
Authority to Deny Gun Purchase for Public Safety	Training Rquired to Purchase Guns
Charleston Loophole Closed or Limited	
Mental Health record Reporting	
Waiting Periods	

K-12 School Shooting Database: Incidents by Year 1966-2025

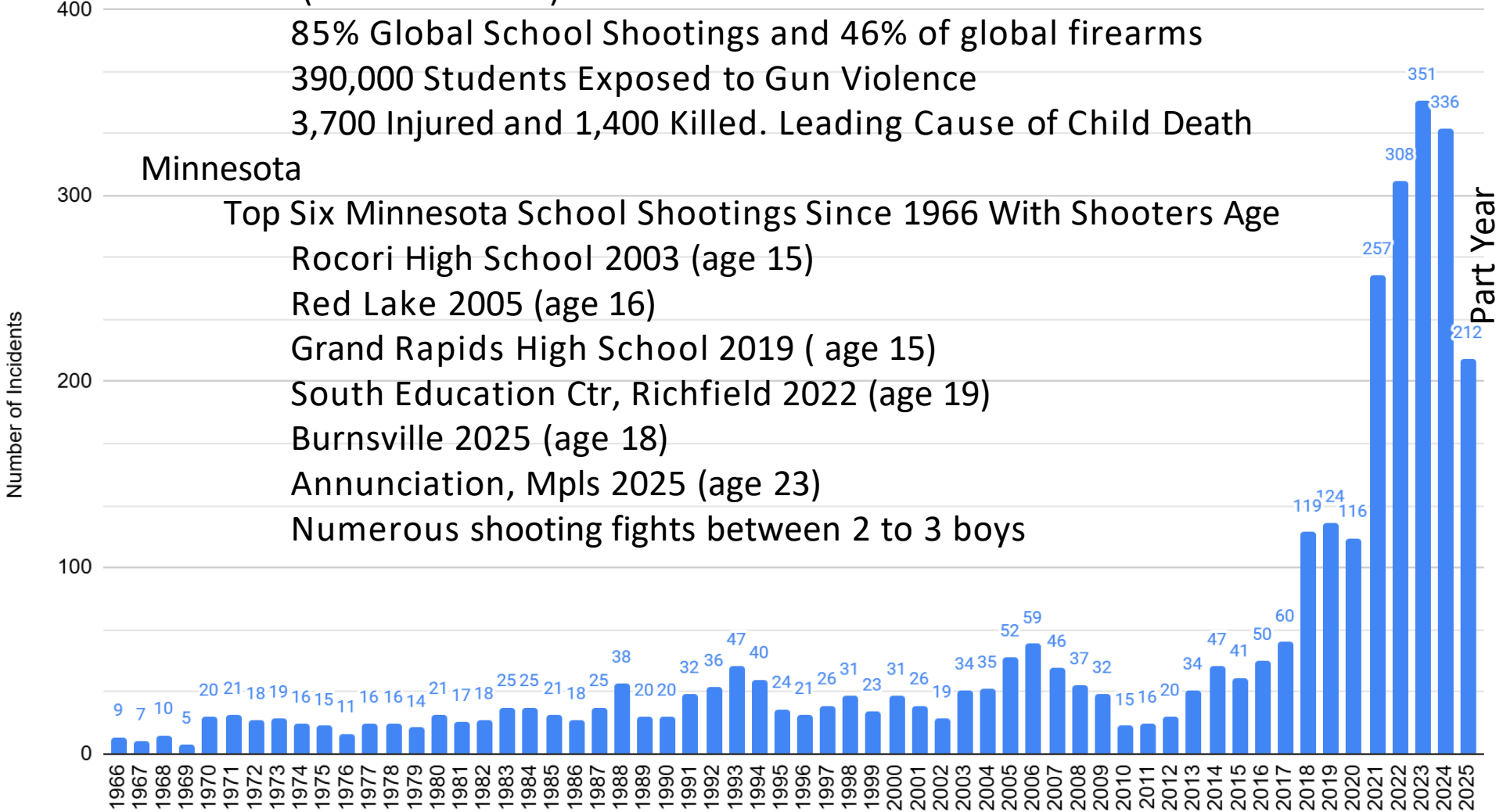
USA Total (Audit Numbers)

85% Global School Shootings and 46% of global firearms
 390,000 Students Exposed to Gun Violence
 3,700 Injured and 1,400 Killed. Leading Cause of Child Death

Minnesota

Top Six Minnesota School Shootings Since 1966 With Shooters Age

- Rocori High School 2003 (age 15)
- Red Lake 2005 (age 16)
- Grand Rapids High School 2019 (age 15)
- South Education Ctr, Richfield 2022 (age 19)
- Burnsville 2025 (age 18)
- Annunciation, Mpls 2025 (age 23)
- Numerous shooting fights between 2 to 3 boys



K-12 School Shooter's Age June 1970 to June 2020

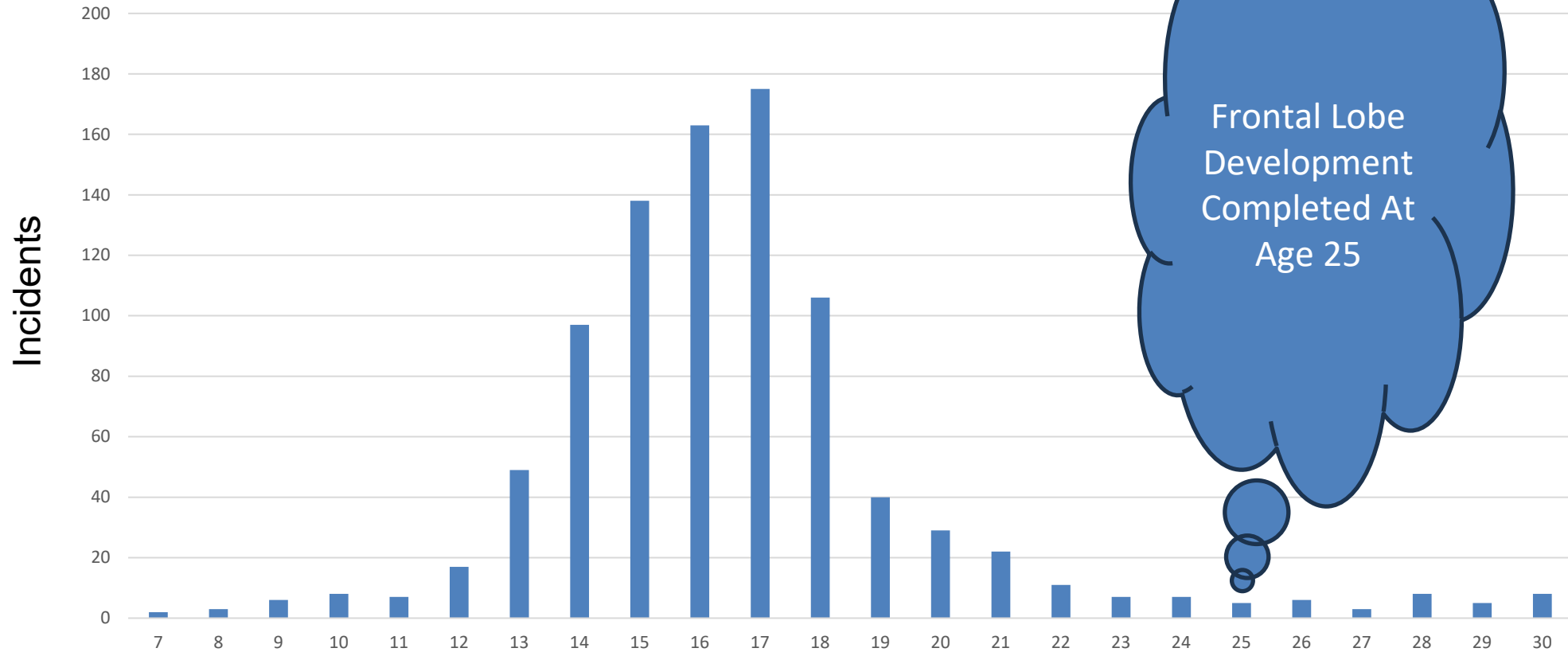


Chart display excludes 135 outlier incidents spread over 30 years that simply do not fit on the chart. This data is however included in calculating the average age of 17 years.

Frontal Lobe and Firearm Homicide Data

An 18-22 year old is not fully able to make adult decisions yet. This is because the brain's frontal lobe, especially the prefrontal cortex, isn't fully mature until around age 25.

FRONTAL LOBE FUNCTIONS:

- Coordinating voluntary movements
- Impulse control (decision making)
- Assessing similarities and differences between two objects
- Forming and retaining long-term memories
- Understanding Language, linguistic memories, and speaking
- Emotional regulation and expression
- Personality development
- Attention regulation

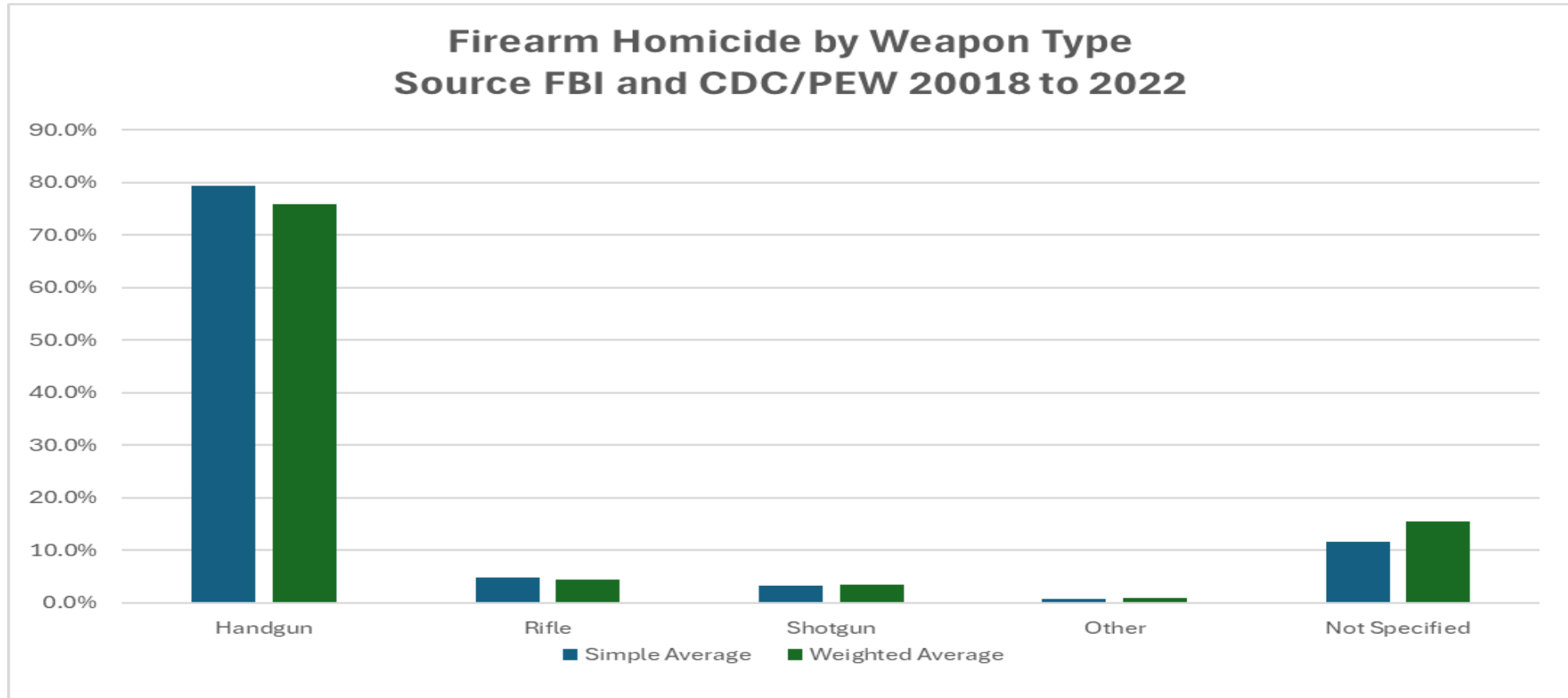


INJURIES TO THE FRONTAL LOBE MAY CAUSE:

- inability to engage in decision-making or poor decision-making skills
- Difficulties with planning, executive functioning, and attention
- Loss of memory
- Sudden or dramatic changes in personality
- Changes in emotions
- Difficulty understanding social cues
- Difficulty with empathy or relating to other's emotions
- Changes in motor skills and spatial reasoning abilities

Because the frontal lobe regulates the ability to control impulses, to reason, and to make socially responsible judgments, damage to the frontal lobe is a significant cause of violent and aggressive behavior.

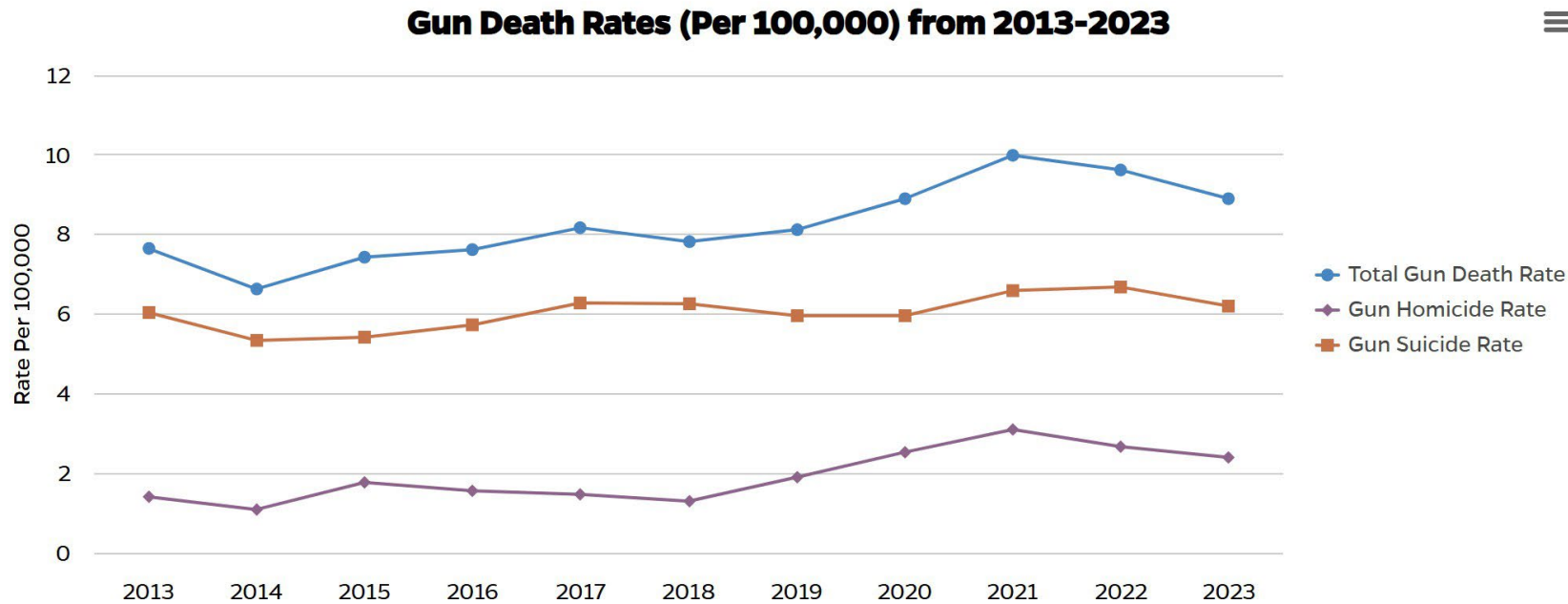
Source: Wikipedia, National Institute Health and Practically Every Major Scientific Organization.



Note: Since different data sources can have different data definitions, FBI data for 2008-2017 and Center for Disease Control and PEW Research Center data for 2018-2022 were consolidated. National data definitions are not always the same i.e., CDC does not have “weapon type specified data” and several FBI data source do not always have Firearm type specified. However, the differences are not material for this analysis comparing handguns and rifles. Some rifle data includes assault rifles.

Gun violence cost Minnesotans \$6 billion annually.

This amounts to \$1,042 per person.



Note: While homicide and suicide incidents overlap, the targeted solution groups are different and not part of this analysis. Suicides are almost 2X gun homicide rates.

Source: Minnesota Dept Public Safety: DPS/MVDRS

Business Model Problem Solving Methods Applied to School Shootings (Don't Start with Perceived Solutions)

- **Situation**

- USA accounts for 85% of global school shootings. It is not just problematic, it is an epidemic. Average shooter's age is 17.
- Almost all school shooters die by suicide, either self-inflicted or by police. School shooters are Mentally Ill Violent People (MIVP).
- In 4 out of 5 school shootings, at least one other person had knowledge of a shooter's plan but failed to report it.
- National school shooting data definitions can vary and include boys fighting with guns in the school parking lot as well as a school mass shooting.
- Military weapons, with large scale magazines, are the weapon of choice and have increased over time, from 19% in 1990 to 60% in 2020.
- 70% of general shootings amongst children < 25 are with handguns and account for approximately 3,000 deaths/year. Number of handguns have doubled in last 25 years.
- School shooting solutions will help reduce general shooting incidents amongst those <25. USA citizens account for 46% of global firearm ownership.
- Many proposed solutions to gun violence stay locked in emotional political arguments and misinformation.
- Guns are the leading cause of death among USA children and teens. In the USA, 390,000 students have experienced gun violence since 1999. In the USA, 1,400 children and teens (0 to 17) have died by guns, and 3,700 have been injured. Many school shooting improvements = broader gun violence improvements.
- The total Minnesota societal cost of gun violence is \$6.2 billion /yr. Unlike most industries, where societal type of costs are paid by consumers, retailers and/or manufacturers, the total societal costs from gun violence are primarily paid out of the Minnesota general fund and victims.

- **Constraints and Arguments Against Special Session on Gun Violence**

- Proposed solutions to gun violence, in this survey, must not violate the Second Amendment.
- Proposed solutions should be cost effective, easy to implement, and reduce total societal and taxpayer costs per year..
- The final solutions must bypass the current bipartisan battles, respect hunting traditions, and result in win win outcomes.

- **Problem Statement**

- The USA is failing to keep the 500 million firearms we have away from school shooters and young males with a propensity for violence. The school shooters weapon of choice are assault type weapons, but not the most frequently used weapon. Young violently prone males, under age 25, generally, use handguns. Adults on both sides of the debate have failed to agree on how to protect our children because they are embroiled in the broader argument of gun control vs gun rights. The cost of gun violence is absorbed by the victims and your average taxpayer. Civic emotions that demand action start decreasing after month two.