



2025 Suicide Fatality Review Report

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Overview

The data that is presented in this report was collected during the Clark County Suicide Fatality Review Committee (SFR). Coroner's actual figures may vary. This was the first year of the SFR in Clark County. Throughout this report there is data that was collected from the SFR committee and data from the DataOhio Platform (DOP). DOP data was used as a way to identify trends prior to the current reporting period since data was not collected in prior SFRs. The SFR is a team of multidisciplinary individuals that reviews each suicide death that occurs in Clark County to reduce gaps within our community. A review consists of examining each decedent's known history relating to suicidal ideation, significant health conditions/events, experiences of trauma, interactions with the criminal justice system, and/or mental health treatment history, and other factors. The reviews provide a deeper understanding of the missed opportunities for prevention and intervention that may have prevented the suicide death.

The Clark County SFR meets quarterly to review suicide fatalities occurred in Clark County. Each meeting in 2025 was held in a hybrid setting over a secure Microsoft Teams link. A list of cases to be reviewed is provided to each committee member prior to the review meeting to allow time for each member to bring any applicable information their organizations might have regarding the decedent. The information is then discussed in the review meeting after the coroner has provided an overview of circumstances surrounding the death. Data that is gathered includes demographic information, suicide location, medical conditions, SUD/mental health treatment history, hospitalization, experiences of trauma, prior suicide attempts, if they have any minor children, Fire and EMS records, and interactions with the criminal justice system. Unidentified data trends and recommendations are then shared with other stakeholders, such as the Clark County Cares Coalition, to facilitate community-wide strategy planning. Recommendations are put in place within this committee to further reduce suicide fatalities.

The committee is made up of the Clark County Coroner, representatives from the Clark County Combined Health District (CCCHD), Mental Health Recovery Board of Clark, Greene, and Madison Counties (MHRB), Mental Health Services, Clark County Sheriff's Office, Springfield Police Department, Springfield Fire and Rescue Division, Springfield LOSS team, Ohio Board of Pharmacy, Project Woman, and local treatment providers, McKinley Hall, Mercy REACH, and Sunrise.

Suicide Fatalities

The total number of suicide fatalities in Clark County peaked in 2018 at 27 deaths. From 2018-2022 suicide deaths remained over 20. From 2023-2025 the number of suicide fatalities remained under 20 (Figure 1).

Suicide fatalities in Clark County have declined since 2018.

Count of suicide deaths in Clark County, 2016-2025

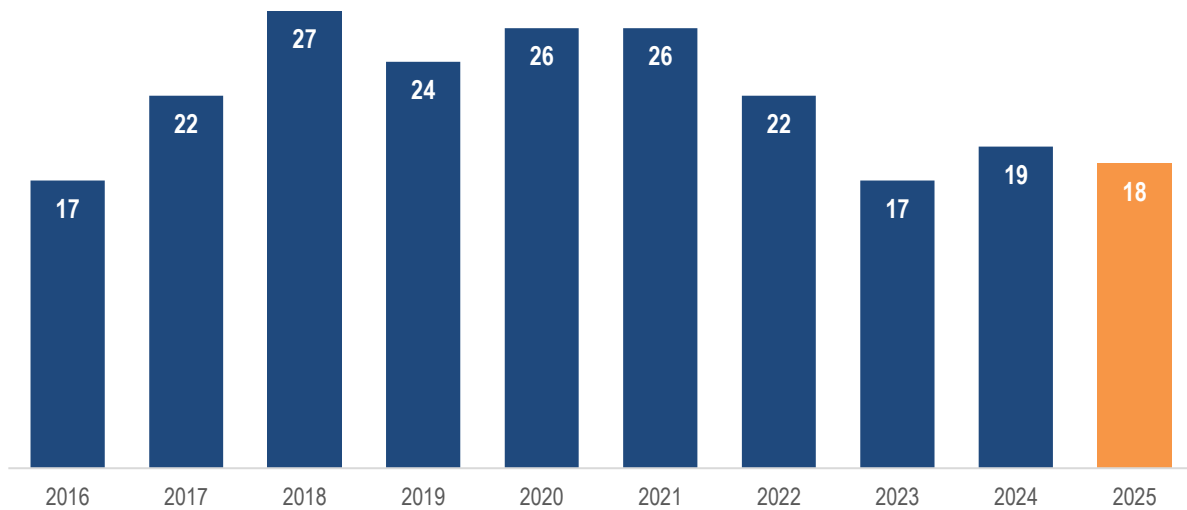


Figure 1: Count of suicide fatalities per year in Clark County, Ohio from 2016-2025. Data collected from DataOhio Platform on 6/30/26.

Age-adjusted death rates for suicide fatalities have been higher than the Ohio age-adjusted death rates from 2020-2024 but have been decreasing. In 2023 and 2024 the age adjusted rate in Clark County has approached Ohio rates. (Figure 2).

Clark County suicide rates have declined, approaching Ohio rates

Age-adjusted rates per 100,000 population for Clark County and Ohio, 2020-2024

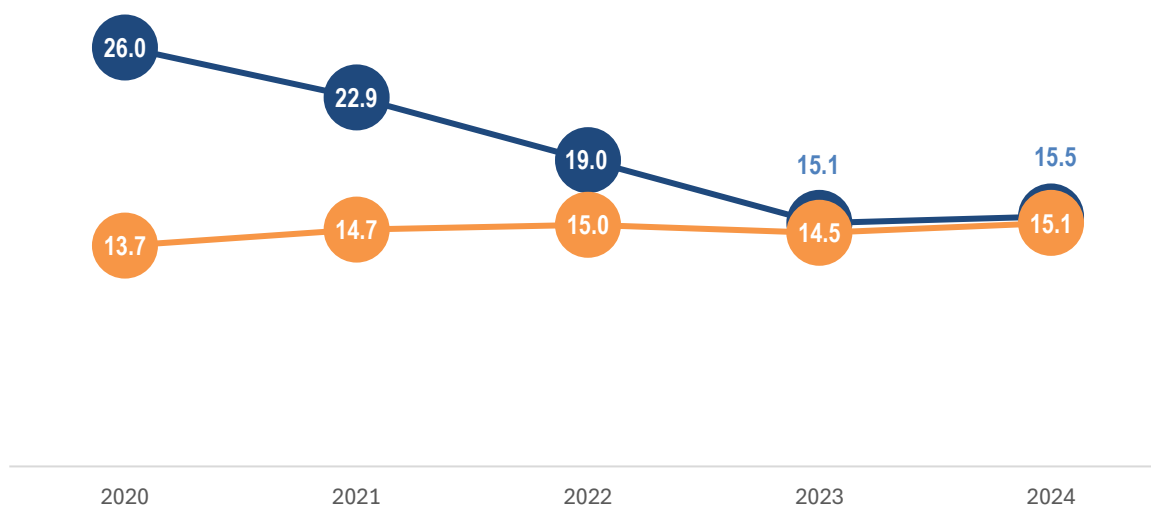


Figure 2: Age-adjusted death rates per 100,000 persons in Ohio and Clark County each year between 2020 and 2024. Data for Clark County was retrieved from the ODH Bureau of Vital Statistics. Data for Ohio was retrieved from Ohio Department of Health's 2024 Ohio Suicide Report.

Home Zip Code

The highest percentage of suicide fatalities resided in the 45505-zip code followed by the 45503 and 45344 zip codes (Figure 3). The 45503 and 45505 zip codes were the zip codes with the highest number of suicide fatalities between 2016 and 2025. (Figure 4).

The 45505 ZIP code had the highest percentage of suicide fatalities in 2025.

Percentage of suicide fatalities by home zip code in Clark County in 2025

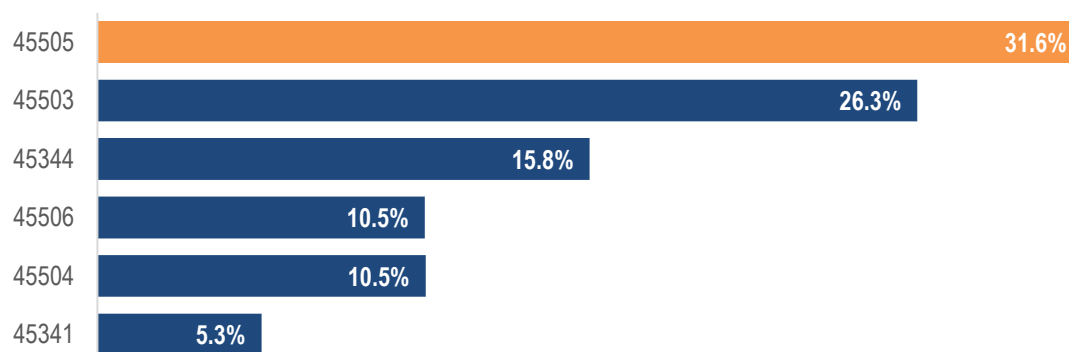


Figure 3: Percentage of suicide fatalities in Clark County, Ohio in 2025 by zip code of home residence. Data collected from Clark County Suicide Fatality Review.

The 45503 ZIP code had the highest percentage of suicide fatalities in Clark County, 2016-2025.

Percentage of the ten home ZIP codes with the most suicide fatalities in Clark County, 2016-2025

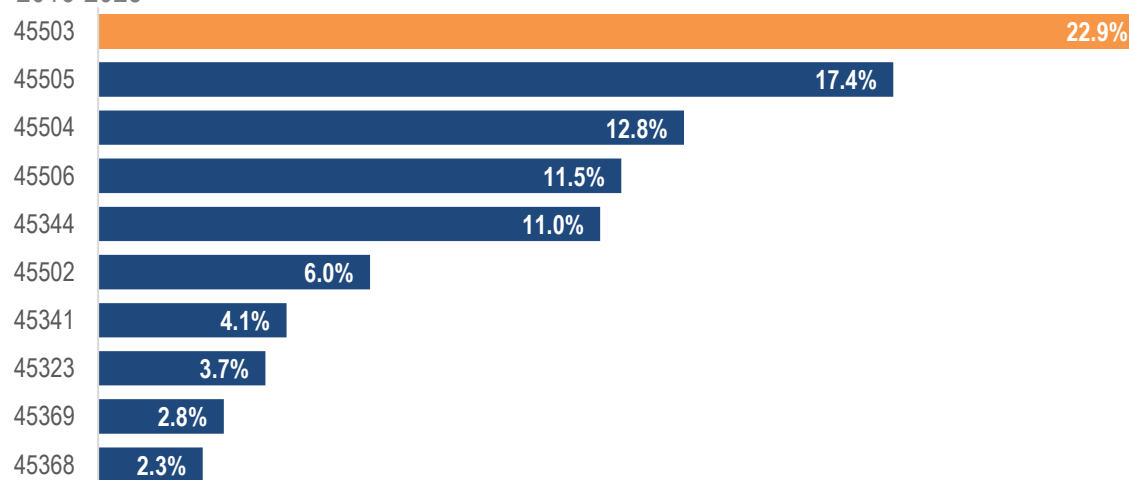


Figure 4: Top home zip codes of Clark County suicide fatalities between 2016 and 2025. Data collected from the DataOhio Platform on 6/30/26.

Monthly Trends

From 2016-2025 the number of suicides per month changes with the highest average number of suicide fatalities occurring in the month of April. The lowest average number of suicide fatalities occurred in June, July, August, and October (Figure 6).

The average number of suicide fatalities was highest in the month of **April** during the past 10 years.

Average count of suicide fatalities by month in Clark County, 2016-2025

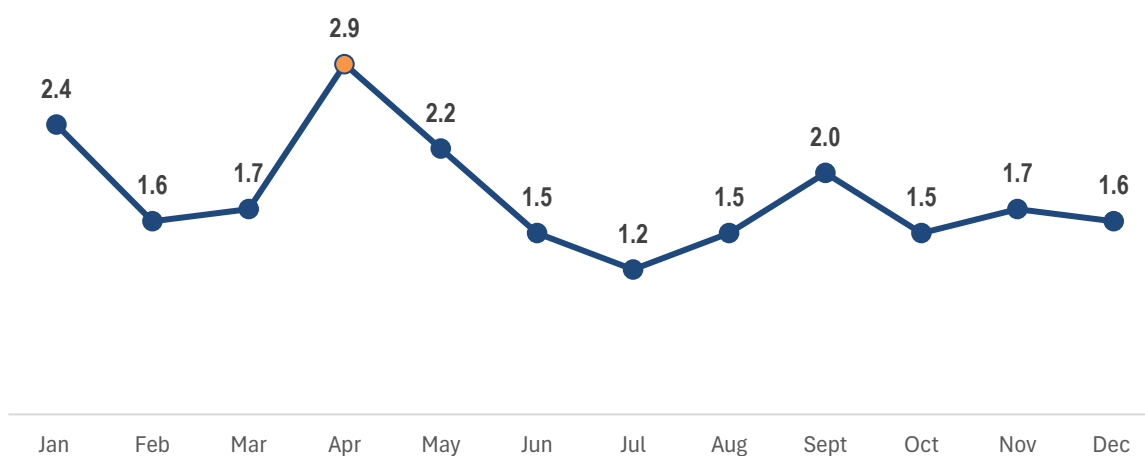


Figure 5: Average count of suicide fatalities each month over the past 10 years (2016-2025). Data collected from the DataOhio Platforms on 6/30/26.

Demographics

Sex

Males consistently outnumber females among suicide decedents in Clark County

Percentages of suicide fatalities in Clark County by sex, 2021-2025

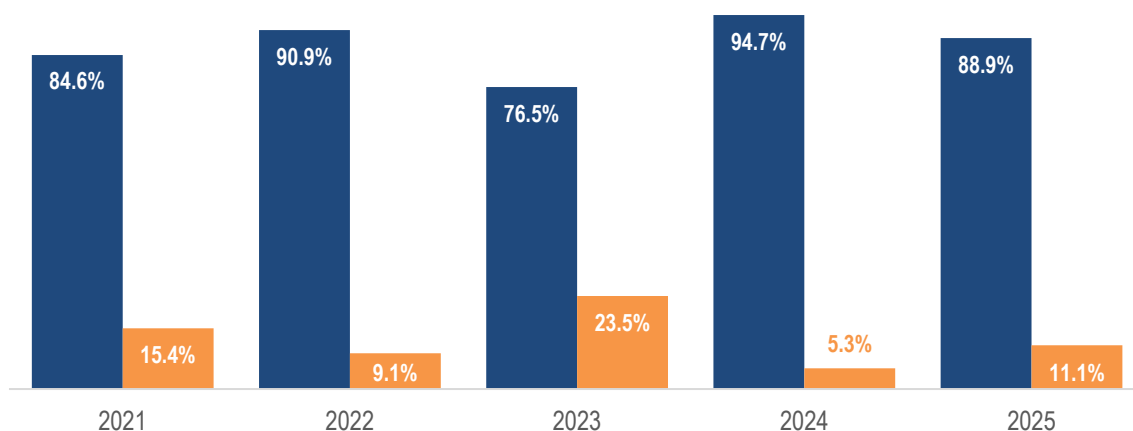


Figure 6: Percentage of suicide fatalities by sex each year from 2021-2025. Data collected from DataOhio Platform on 6/30/26.

Nearly 90% of suicide decedents in 2025 were male

Percentage of suicide deaths by sex in Clark County in 2025

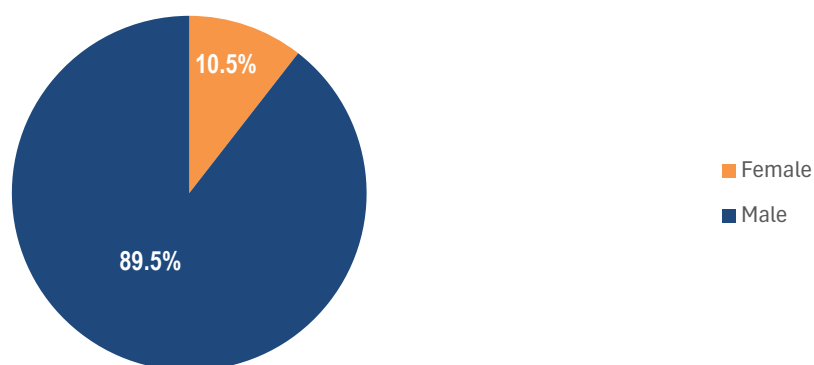


Figure 7: Percentage of suicide fatalities by sex in 2025 in Clark County, Ohio. Data collected from the Clark County Suicide Fatality Review.

Marital Status

The most common marital status for individuals was single/never married (47.4%) or married (31.6%) in 2025 (Figure 8).

In 2025 almost 70% of suicide decedents were not married at the time of death.

Percentage of suicide fatalities in Clark County in 2025 by marital status

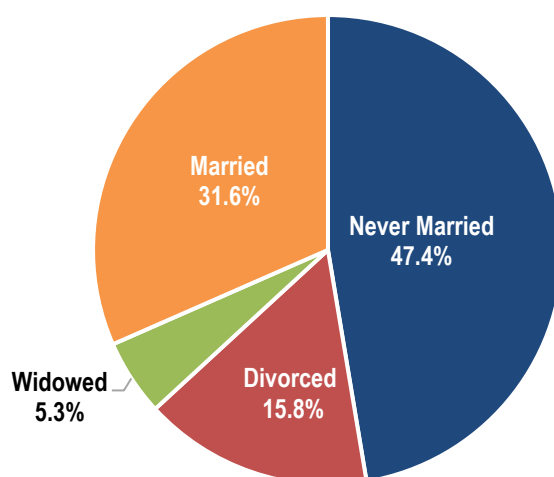


Figure 8: Percentage of suicide fatalities by marital status in Clark County, Ohio in 2025. Data collected from Clark County Suicide Fatality Review.

Age

The most common age group for suicide fatalities in 2025 was 60-74 with 36.8% of suicide fatalities followed by 30–44-year-olds (Figure 9). From 2016-2025 30-44-year-olds was the most common age group for suicide fatalities followed by 60-74-year-olds (Figure 10). Ages 30-44 is the most prevalent age group for both males and females (Figure 11).

Adults 60 and older accounted for about half of all suicide fatalities in Clark County in 2025.

Percentages of suicide fatalities by age group in Clark County, 2025

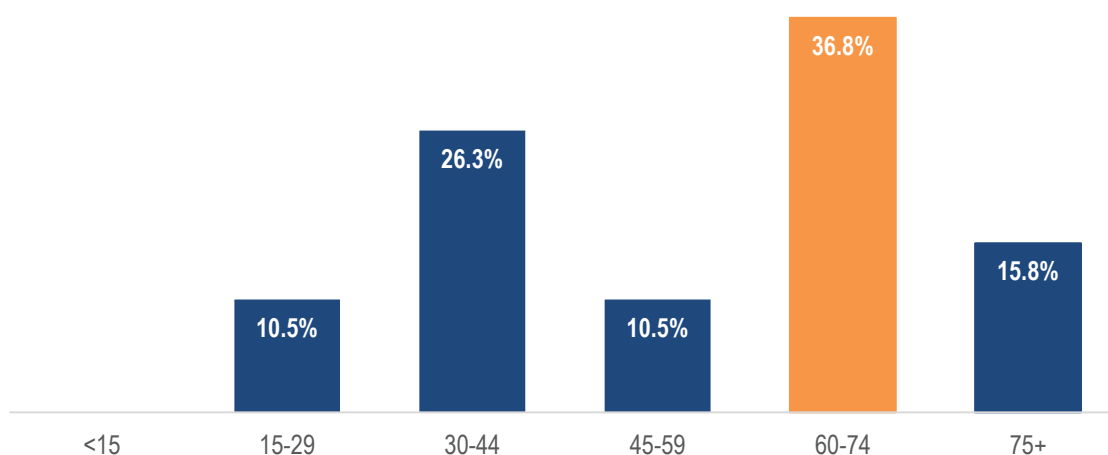


Figure 9: Percentage of suicide fatalities by age group in Clark County, Ohio in 2025. Data collected from Clark County Suicide Fatality Review.

Suicide deaths were most common among adults aged 30-44, 2016-2025

Percentage of suicide fatalities in Clark County, 2016-2025

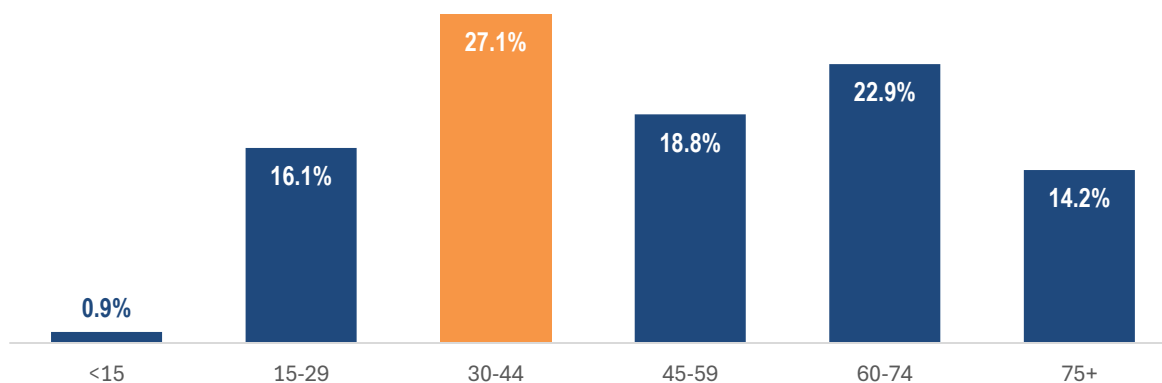


Figure 10: Percentage of suicide fatalities by age group in Clark County, Ohio 2016-2025. Data collected from DataOhio Platform on 6/30/26. Data from 2025 is preliminary and could change slightly.

Ages 30-44 account for the highest proportion of suicide deaths among both sexes.

Percentage of suicide deaths by age and sex in Clark County, 2016-2025

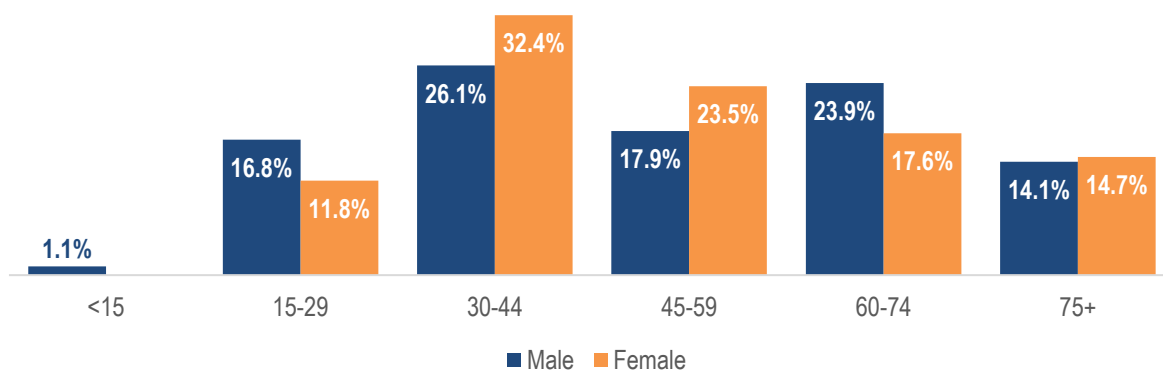


Figure 11: Percentage of suicide fatalities by age group and gender in Clark County, Ohio 2016-2025. Data collected from DataOhio Platform on 6/30/26. Data from 2025 is preliminary and could change slightly.

Race

In 2025 we reviewed 19 suicide fatalities that occurred in Clark County. Of these 19 suicide fatalities 18 or 94.7% of them were White. The one other suicide fatality or 5.3% of cases were identified as Hispanic. (Table 1).

Race	Count
Hispanic	1
White	18

Table 1: Count of suicide fatalities by race/ethnicity in Clark County, Ohio in 2025. Data collected from Clark County Suicide Fatality Review.

Military History

In 2025 about 30% of individuals were veterans with Air Force making up 21.1% (Figure 12). From 2016-2025 21.6% of individuals who died by suicide were veterans. (Figure 13).

In 2025 over 30% of suicide decedents in Clark County were veterans.
Percentage of suicide fatalities by military status and branch in Clark County in 2025

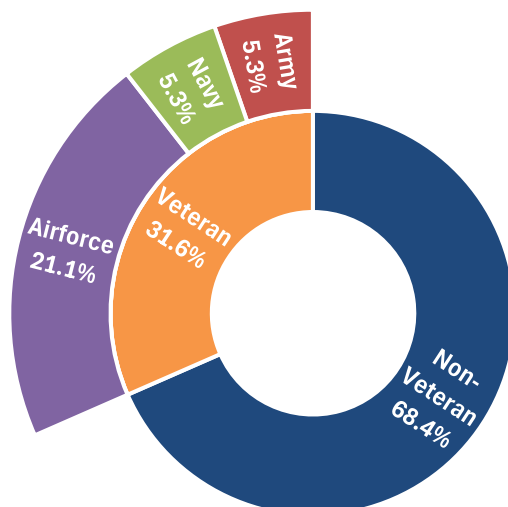


Figure 12: Percentage of suicide fatalities by veteran status in Clark County, Ohio in 2025. Data collected from Clark County Suicide Fatality Review.

Veterans represent approximately 20% of the suicide decedents in Clark County since 2016.

Percentage of suicide fatalities by military status in Clark County, 2016-2025

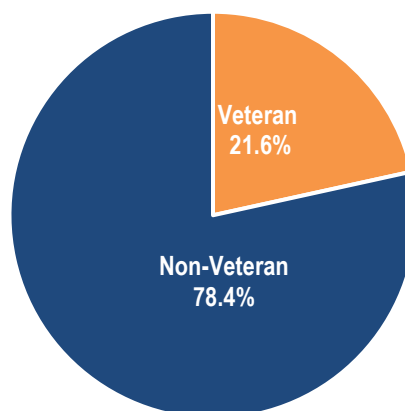


Figure 13: *Percentage of suicide fatalities by veteran status in Clark County, Ohio from 2016-2025. Data collected from DataOhio Platform on 6/30/26.*

Education

About 84% of decedents had a high school diploma or higher. The most common level of educational attainment was a high school diploma or GED (68.4%) (Figure 14). This data does not represent trade schools or apprenticeships; therefore, those education levels are not captured in this data.

Suicide decedents in 2025 most commonly had a high school-level education.

Percentage of Clark County suicide decedents by highest level of education attained, 2025

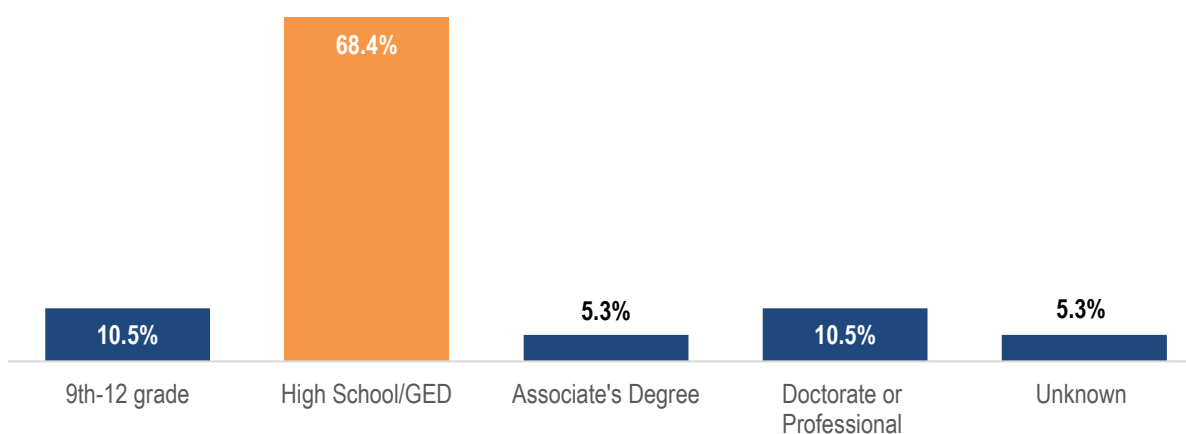


Figure 14: *Percentage of suicide fatalities by highest level of education attainment in Clark County, Ohio in 2025. Data collected from Clark County Suicide Fatality Review.*

Employment

In 2025 more than half of individuals were employed at the time of their deaths (Figure 15). Of those who were employed more than one third of them worked in construction, skilled trades, or manual labor. Professional or administrative work made up 11% followed by retail and military or public safety making up 5% each (Figure 16). From 2021-2025 construction, skilled trades, or manual labor have made up the largest occupational category among individuals who died by suicide (Figure 17).

In 2025 over half of suicide decedents had employment outside of the home.

Percentage of suicide decedents in Clark County by employment status in 2025

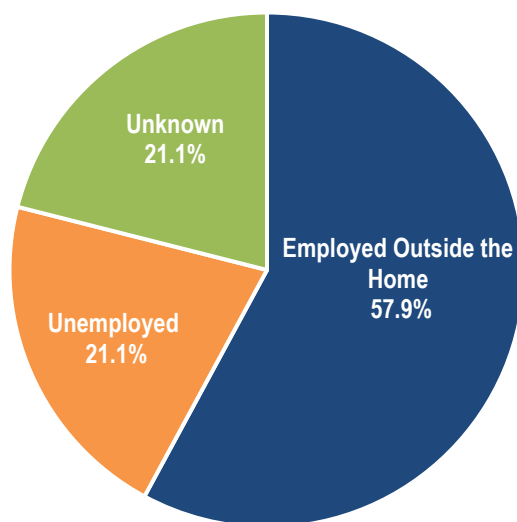


Figure 15: Percentage of suicide fatalities by employment status in Clark County, Ohio in 2025. Data collected from Clark County Suicide Fatality Review.

More than one-third (37%) of suicide decedents worked in construction, skilled trades, or manual labor in 2025.

Percentage of suicide decedents by employment in Clark County, 2025

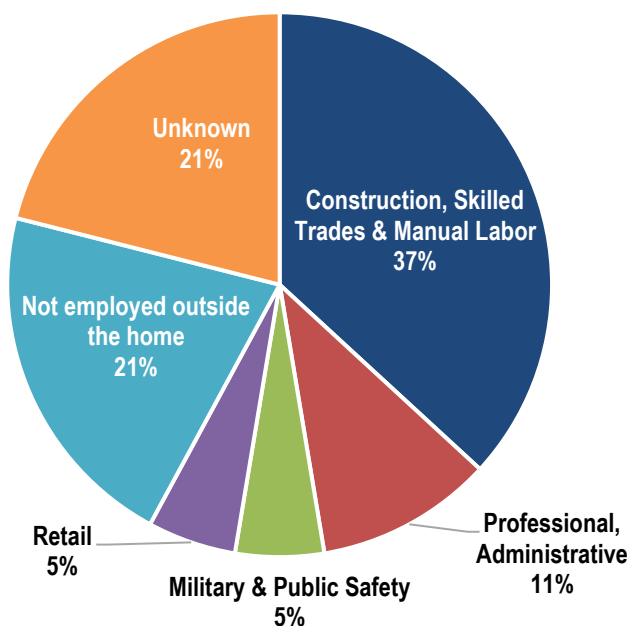


Figure 16: Percentage of suicide fatalities by employment type in Clark County, Ohio in 2025. Data collected from Clark County Suicide Fatality Review.

Construction, skilled trades and labor represented the largest occupational category among suicide decedents, 2021-2025.

Percentage of suicide decedents by occupation in Clark County, 2021-2025

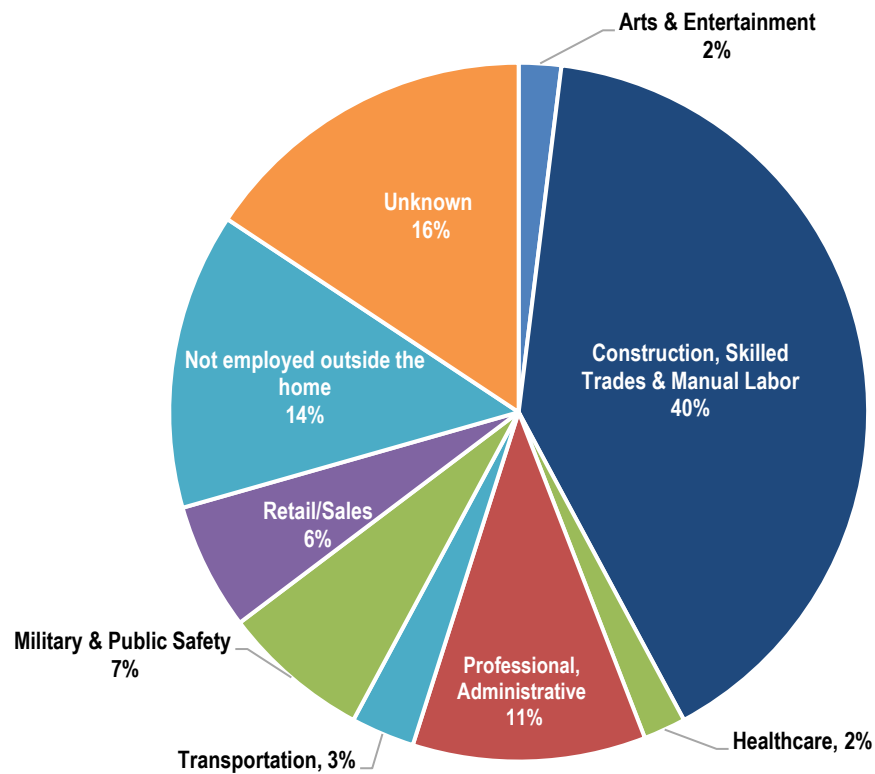


Figure 17: Percentage of suicide fatalities by employment type in Clark County, Ohio from 2021-2025. Data collected from the DataOhio Platform on 6/30/26.

Health

Significant Medical Conditions

A significant medical condition mention means that there was a report of a physical illness for the individual at some point in their lives. Individuals may have multiple significant medical conditions by the time of death, so percentages may sum to more than 100%.

The most common medical condition among suicide decedents in 2025 was cardiovascular disease.

Percentage of suicide fatalities in 2025 that had a known history of each medical condition in Clark County

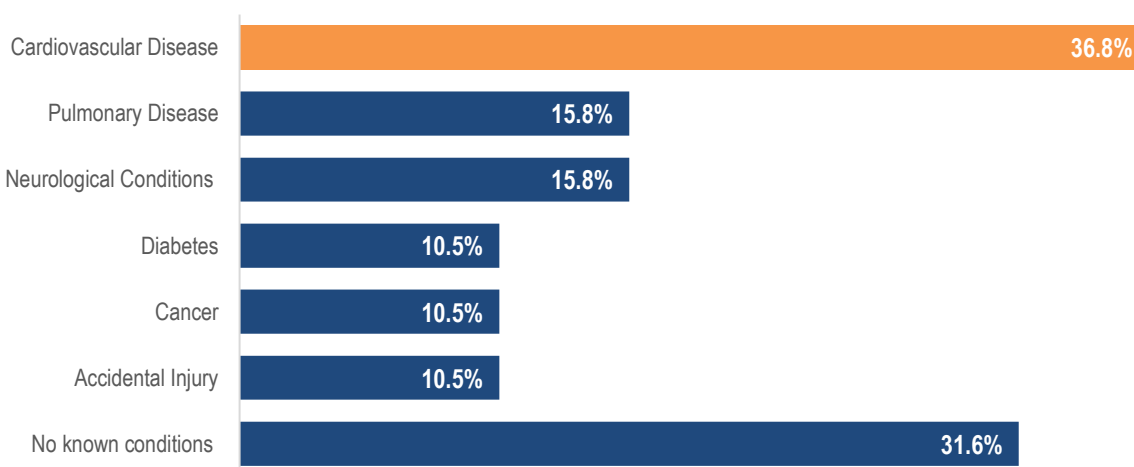


Figure 18: Percentage of suicide fatalities mentioned with each significant medical condition listed in Clark County, Ohio in 2025. Individuals may have multiple significant medical conditions by the time of death, so percentages may sum to more than 100%. Data collected from Clark County Suicide Fatality Review.

Mental Health Diagnoses

A mental health diagnosis mention means that there was a report of a mental health diagnosis for the individual at some point in their lives. Individuals may have multiple mental health diagnoses by the time of the death, so percentages may sum to more than 100%.

Over 20% of suicide decedents had a known history of depression.

Percentage of suicide fatalities by mental health diagnoses in Clark County in 2025

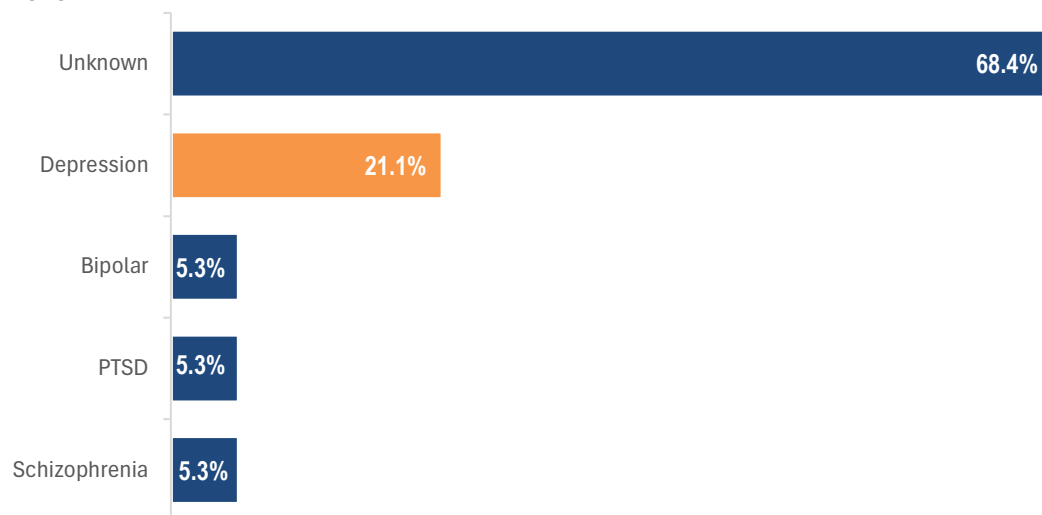


Figure 19: Percentage of suicide fatalities by mental health diagnosis in Clark County, Ohio in 2025. Data collected from Clark County Suicide Fatality Review.

Mechanism and Circumstances of Death

The method of suicide means that this is what contributed to the individual's death reported by the Clark County Coroner. Firearms continue to be the leading method of suicide in Clark County Ohio. In 2025 78.9% of suicide deaths were from firearms (Figure 20). From 2016-2025 firearms made up over half of all suicide fatalities (Figure 21). The use of firearms is the leading means of suicide for both males and females from 2016-2025 but females make up the largest percentage of poisonings (Figure 22) The majority of individuals (84.2%) who died by suicide were at their residence. Following the most common location, the next most frequent locations where individuals died by suicide were outdoor or wooded areas, a relative's home, and vehicles. (Figure 23).

Firearms were the leading method of suicide in Clark County.
Percentage of the means of death for suicides in Clark County in 2025

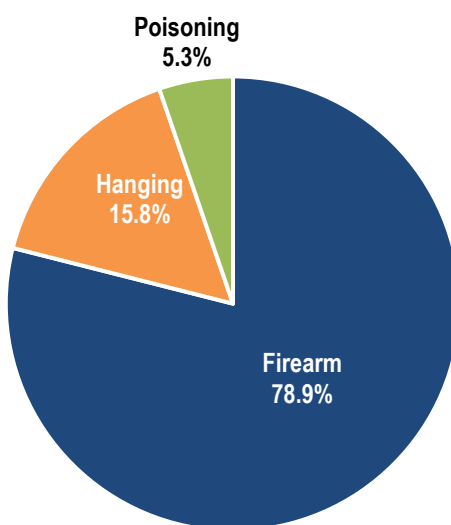


Figure 20: Percentages of suicide fatalities by method in Clark County, Ohio in 2025. Data collected from Clark County Suicide Fatality Review.

Firearms consistently account for the largest share of suicide deaths, 2016-2025.

Percentage of suicide deaths in Clark County by means of death 2016-2025

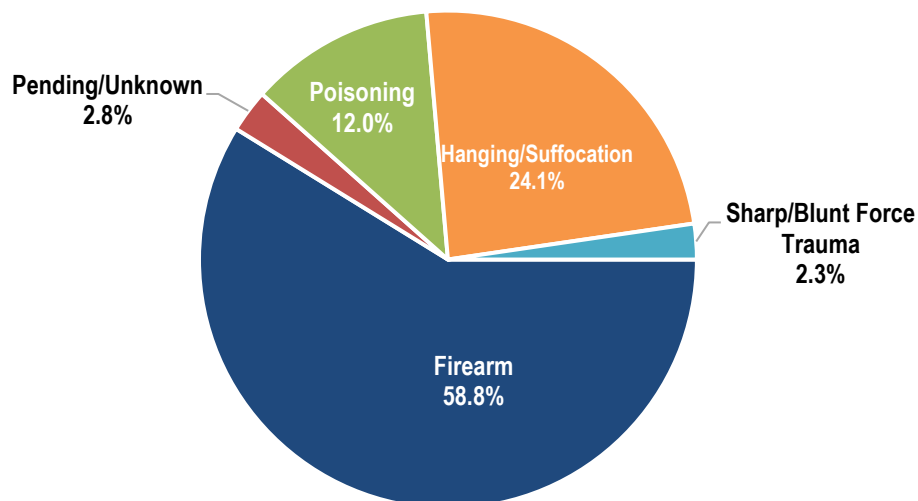


Figure 21: Percentage of suicide fatalities by method in Clark County, Ohio between 2016-2025. Data collected from DataOhio Platform on 6/30/26.

Firearms are the leading means of suicide death for both male and female decedents, 2016-2025.

Percentage of suicide decedents in Clark County by both means of death and sex, 2016-2025

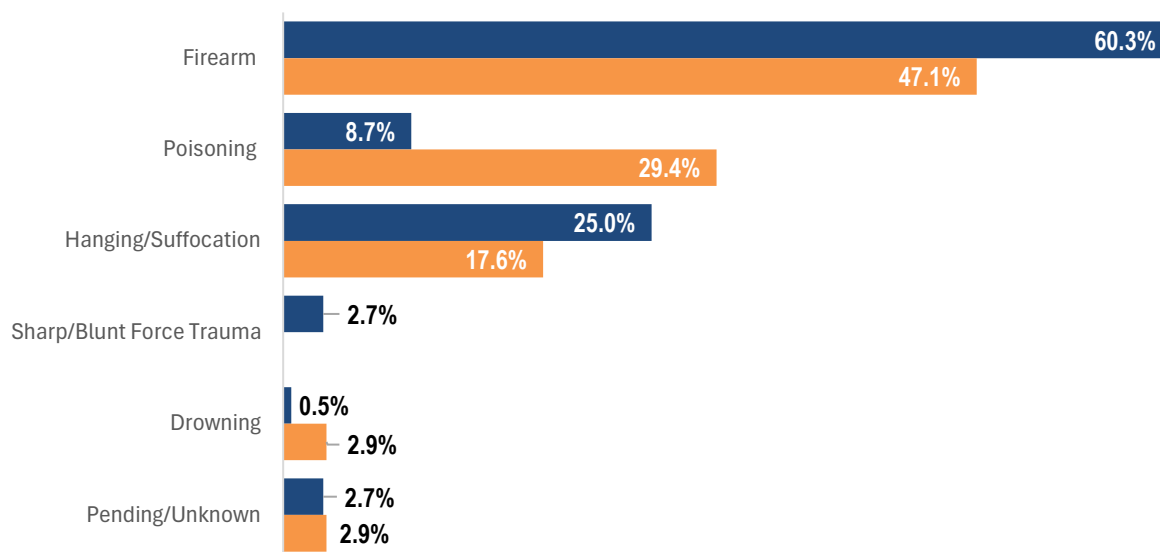


Figure 22: Percentage of suicide fatalities by method and gender in Clark County, Ohio between 2016-2025. Data collected from DataOhio Platform on 6/30/26.

More than 80% of suicides occurred at the decedent's home.

Location of death by percentage for suicide fatalities in Clark County, 2025

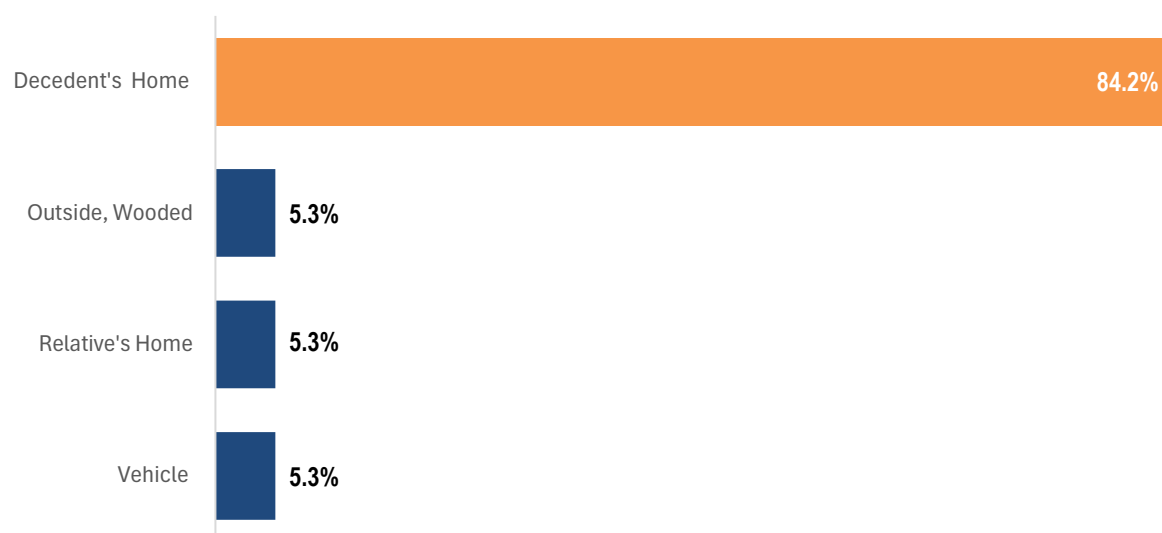


Figure 23: Percentage of suicide fatalities by place where death occurred in Clark County, Ohio in 2025. Data from Clark County Suicide Fatality Review.

Emergency Department Data – Suicide Attempts

Data was retrieved from the Ohio syndromic surveillance system, Epicenter, of admissions to the emergency room or urgent care for individuals with suicide attempts. When interpreting data to identify trends, caution should be used since the number of participating facilities may change over time and facility data entry, classifiers, and codes may change over time. From 2022-2024 the number of attempts continued to decrease but we saw an increase from 2024-2025.

Count of ER and Urgent Care admissions per year for suicide attempts in Clark County, 2021-2025.

Epicenter syndromic surveillance data 2021-2025 in Clark County, by home residence

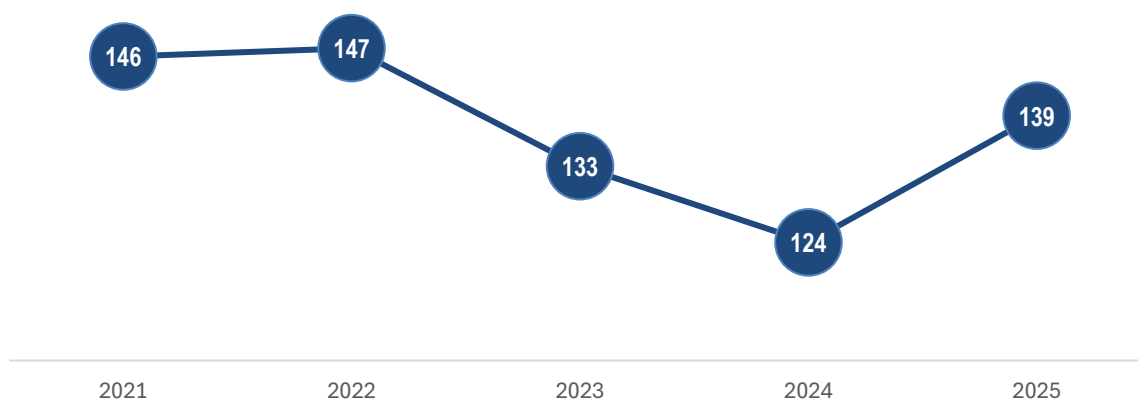


Figure 25: Count of suicide attempts per year in Clark County, Ohio from Epicenter syndromic surveillance system of emergency department and urgent care encounters for suicide attempts by home address from 2021-2025.

SFR Recommendations

With the suicide fatality review being new this year, some of the recommendations are basic and include expanding as we have more experience convening to review suicide fatalities. Based on the identified trends, the Clark County SFR committee developed a set of recommendations to address the missed opportunities for prevention and intervention.

One recommendation that came from the suicide fatality review committee is to increase awareness on firearm safety. Many suicides that were reviewed in Clark County included the use of a firearm. Many of these cases were also males so we recognize that there is a need to address firearm safety among males. Working with the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF) as well as the Clark County Cares Coalition we are looking to work to promote Life Side Ohio in Clark County. This campaign focuses on firearm safety and working with firearm retailers to promote safe storage and use of firearms. This recommendation will hopefully help reduce suicides and attempted suicides by firearms.

Another recommendation that has been developed by the SFR committee is to raise awareness around talking with people who show signs of being suicidal or have prior thoughts of suicide. This campaign will focus on being able to know the signs as well as knowing where to turn to and help people who have these thoughts. When reviewing cases there were times when decedents had expressed to a loved one that they were suicidal, but they did not know where to turn. When hearing these stories, we decided that it would be best to create a campaign to help people understand these signs and refer them where needed. This also includes the expansion of Question Persuade Refer (QPR) training in Clark County. We have a certified QPR trainer who is willing to continue to train people in QPR so that they have the resources needed to help friends or family members.

The final recommendation the committee has developed is to continue to promote suicide prevention in the community. Through working with the Clark County Cares Coalition, we know that there is a need to continue to raise awareness surrounding suicide. One way we are planning on doing this is to continue to promote awareness at local health fairs and other community events. The Clark County Cares Coalition has developed some materials but are still figuring out the best way to distribute these materials. As the SFR committee, we felt as if we could help with the distribution of these materials and reach a larger audience in the county. The goal is to work with each member of the SFR committee to help distribute these materials in the community and reach a wide range of people. This recommendation will continue to grow as we continue to recruit more individuals into the SFR committee.



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