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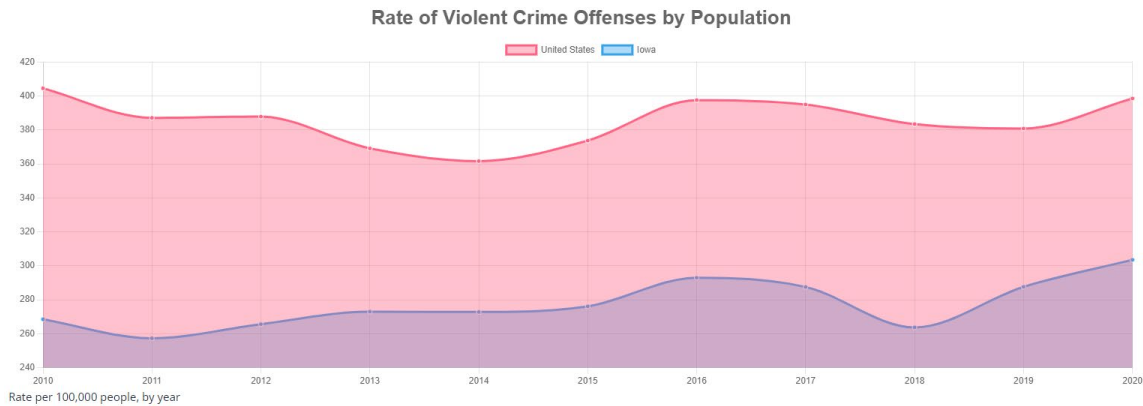
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# Description of the Problem

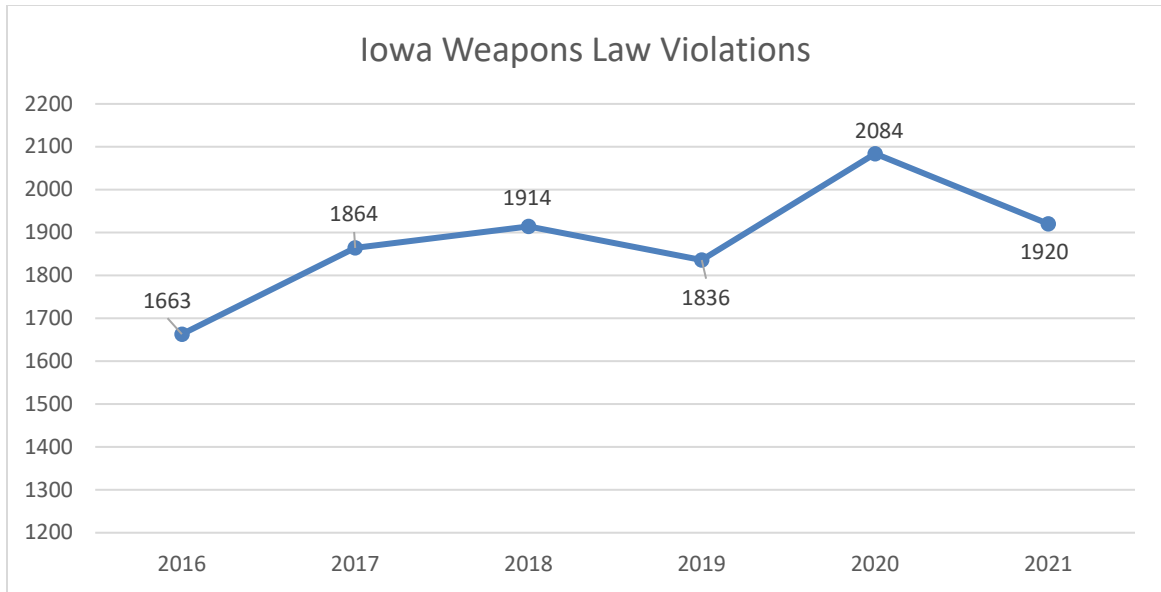
According to 2020 data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the national average Part I Violent Crime (Rape, Robbery, Murder, & Aggravated Assault) Rate per 100,000 population was 398.5. The national crime rate for Part I crimes remains well below those reported in the late 1990s (611.0/100,000) and below the rates reported just a decade ago of 404.5 per 100,000.

Relative to most other states, Iowa is a safe place to reside. However, Iowa experienced a significant increase in Part I Violent Crimes from 2018 (263.7/100,000) through 2020 (303.5/100,000). The rate of increase for Part I Violent Crimes in Iowa is nearly four times the reported increase reported nationally (*15% increase vs 4% increase*) for the same time period.



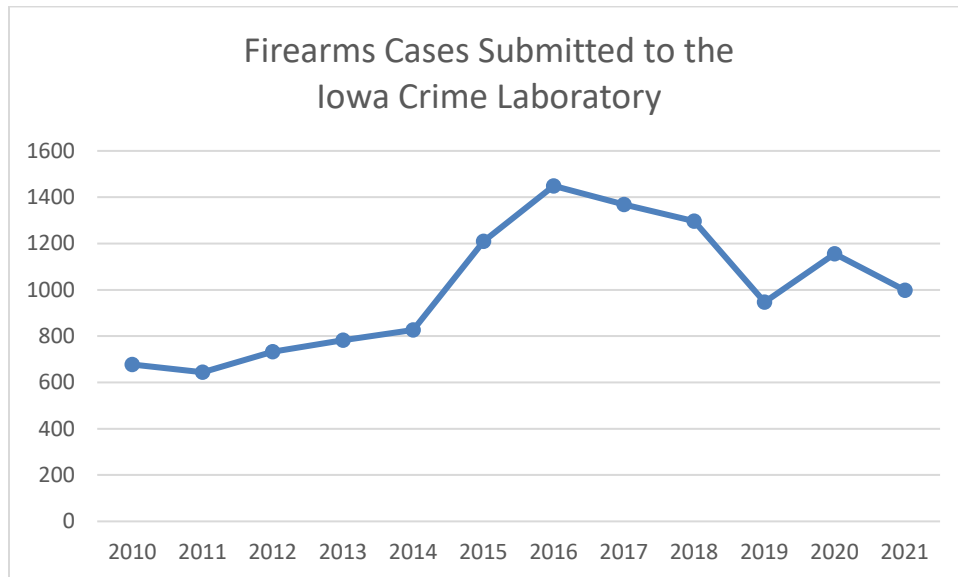
*Source: Federal Bureau of Investigations*

Weapons Law violations have also increased over the past six years in Iowa. The Iowa Department of Public Safety reports a 15% increase in the number of violations for this time period.



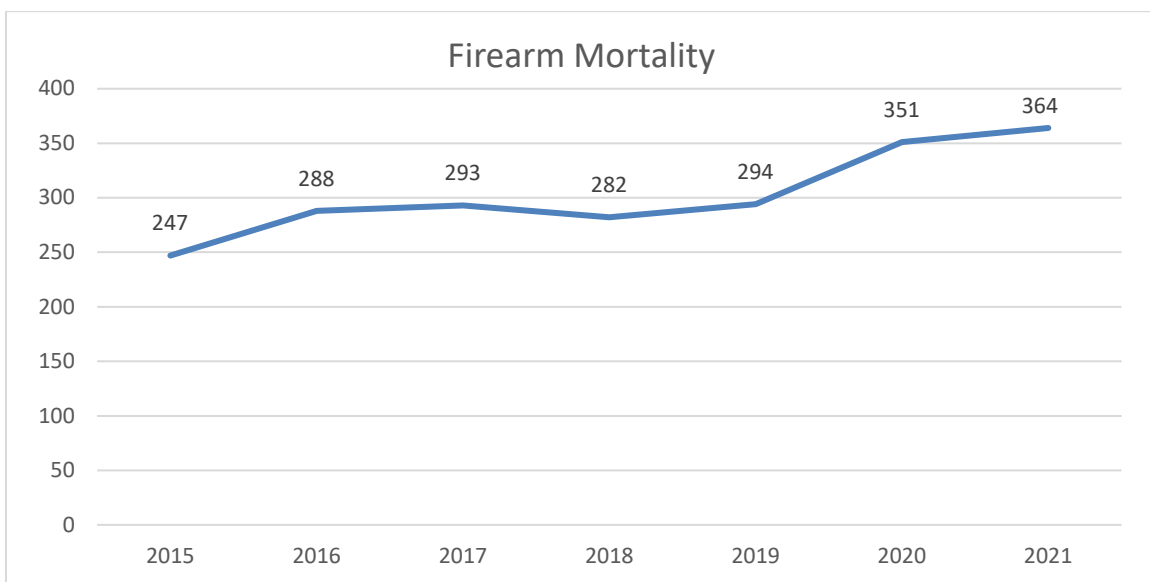
*Source: Iowa Department of Public Safety*  
*\*Note: Due to data collection changes, comparable data is unavailable prior to 2016*

According to the Iowa Criminalistics Laboratory, the number of firearm cases submitted by law enforcement more than doubled from 2010 to 2016. Since that time, the number of cases has dropped, however the number of cases remains above the levels reported ten years ago.



Source: Iowa Department of Public Safety, Criminalistics Laboratory

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports Iowa’s 2021 firearm mortality rate to be among the 12 lowest in the country – 11.2 per 100,000 population (364 deaths). This compares to the national average of 13.7 deaths per 100,000 population. While the number of firearm-related deaths in Iowa remains low, relative to the national average, our state has experienced a significant 47% increase in firearm-related deaths from 2015 – 2021 (247 vs 364).



*Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Center for Health Statistics*

According to the CDC Fatal Injury Reports for 2015-2021, in an average year 302.7 people die by guns in Iowa. 78% of all gun deaths in Iowa are suicides and 19% are homicides. This compares to 59% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

Gun related death rates are higher for African American Iowans. The gun suicide rate in 2020 for African Americans was 7.8 per 100,000 population compared to 3.2/100,000 for Whites. The disparity for gun related homicide is even greater, 17.3 per 100,000 for African Americans vs 1.1/100,000 for Whites in 2020.

# Goals and Objectives

## Goal

- Strengthen community efforts to prevent, respond to, and reduce gun and violent crime in Iowa.

## Objectives

- Identify areas of greatest need and best practice/evidence-informed programmatic responses.
- Develop measures to track and assess gun related violence.
- Facilitate a competitive application and review to identify state and local gun violence issues and provide resources to apply evidence-informed programming to reduce gun violence.

## Iowa SCIP Response – Design and Implementation

### **Iowa Crisis Intervention Advisory Board (ICIAB)**

The Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) is designated as Iowa's State Administering Agency (SAA) for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program and other DOJ grants. ODCP is led by its director. The ODCP Director chairs the Iowa Drug Policy Advisory Council (DPAC). DPAC is a diverse 17-member governor-appointed state planning and coordinating body. The ODCP Director works closely with DPAC members and others to assist in the development and implementation of local and community strategies to reduce substance abuse and related criminal justice activities.

For purposes of coordinating Iowa’s SCIP initiative the Director, in consultation with the Governor’s Office and the Iowa Attorney General’s Office, designated members of the Drug Policy Advisory Council (DPAC) to join with a community representative and a victim services representative in serving as Iowa’s Crisis Intervention Advisory Board (ICIAB). While the ICIAB will operate independently, all governance rules, laws, and policies/practices that apply to DPAC will also apply to the the ICIAB.

The Iowa Drug Policy Advisory Council membership is defined in Iowa Code Section 80E – the ICIAB membership includes those defined in 80E plus the two additional members identified above and is comprised by the following:

Iowa Crisis Intervention Advisory Board Membership

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**Odell McGhee**

*Judicial Branch*

Through June of 2023, The ICIAB held two meetings, with other meetings and actions to follow. The ICIAB will inform and guide the state's gun violence reduction strategic plan and identify general program funding priorities.

ICIAB meetings are open to the public and will include public notices with meeting agendas. The public will be offered an opportunity to comment both through the open meeting and through independent correspondence with the ODCP (SAA).

### **SCIP Strategy Development**

Iowa's SCIP program plan development will be staffed by personnel from the ODCP, Iowa's State Administering Agency (SAA), in partnership with the ICIAB. The ICIAB will provide high level guidance on an ongoing basis to establish SCIP program plans, determine funding priorities, and assess outcomes.

### **Year One – ICIAB Priorities**

The ICIAB has identified *behavioral health* as the top priority area for Iowa's initial round of SCIP funding awards, with emphasis on youth programming and including both rural and urban communities. Within this priority area, the Board specifically identified the following as potential project responses to implement SCIP gun violence reduction objectives:

- Mental health partnerships,
- Crisis centers,
- Co-responder projects,
- Specialty courts,
- Jail diversion,
- Mobile crisis units,
- Community programs,
- Youth diversion programs,
- Community response to methamphetamine,
- Gun violence intervention,
- Geo-fencing technology, and
- Other innovative behavioral health-related state and local programming.

A contract has been established with Iowa's Statistical Analysis Center (SAC), the Iowa Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning, to gather Iowa specific



gun/violence data, to enhance our ability to assess the impact of grant funding and to assist in making data driven prioritization for projects/initiatives supported with future SCIP awards. (see additional details below)

### **Subaward Process**

The Iowa Office of Drug Control Policy will direct SCIP grant funding to state and local units of government to support program activities outlined in BJA's State Crisis Intervention Program Formula Solicitation and based on the priority areas and potential projects identified in this plan. Non-profits and faith based organizations will be eligible, but will need to apply in partnership with a state or local units of government.

The ODCP will use a well-established competitive grant application/independent review as the mechanism to evaluate and select subrecipient to pass through funding to state and local units of government. The solicitation will include the following narrative components; data assessment/description of problem, implementation planning, best practices/evidence-informed practices, goals and objectives, and performance evaluation.

Subject to approval by BJA, we anticipate conducting an initial round of competitive application in late summer/early fall of 2023.

The application process will be utilized to identify projects which articulate specific gun violence reduction programs/initiatives as authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Supplemental Appropriations Act and prioritized by the ICIAB.

Technical assistance in developing competitive responses to the solicitation will be offered to eligible applicants by the Iowa Office of Drug Control Policy.

Iowa's grant management system ([www.iowagrants.gov](http://www.iowagrants.gov)) will be utilized to administer this award. The system provides transparent tracking of all financial and administrative activities supported with this award.

With the initial award, a minimum of \$991,517 will be passed through to local units of government or to state agencies/courts in partnership with local units of government per the SCIP program guidance (see the budget for additional details). Subawards will be submitted to BJA for their review and approval prior to obligating funding to subrecipients.

Federal funding from this award will not supplant state and local funding and will be coordinated with other SAFER Communities Act funding to enhance outcomes and prevent duplication of efforts.

## Data Collection Plan

The Iowa Office of Drug Control Policy will include language in all grantee sub-contracts identifying the performance measurements required by the Byrne-SCIP program. Quarterly reporting on these measures will be a condition of receiving grant funding.

Beginning with the grant cycle covering State Fiscal Year 2010 the Iowa Office of Drug Control Policy implemented an electronic grant management system. The grant management system is capable of administering grants from application through close out. Financial and program reporting is a standard component for each grant and includes the BJA Justice Assistance Grant Program Performance Measures along with other special reporting requirements associated with the grant program. Grantees are required to submit these measures through the grant management system on a quarterly basis.

In addition to those indicators prescribed by BJA, the Office of Drug Control Policy continues to collect performance measures which track the activities and specific objectives of individual projects & programs. This information will be combined with the data collected for BJA in assessing program performance and will be submitted in the state annual report. The grant management system will require that sub-recipients be current with program progress reporting to be eligible to process financial claims for reimbursement.

Project related performance measures will be reported to the Department of Justice by ODCP on a quarterly basis by the Grant Manager. Financial performance measures will be reported to the Department of Justice on a quarterly basis by the Financial Officer.

We have partnered with the Iowa SAC (Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning) who will assist in describing the nature and extent of gun violence in Iowa. The data and descriptive overview will in turn be used by ODCP and the ICIAB in establishing program priorities and developing future SCIP program plans. Copies of all reports/articles generated by CJJP will be shared with the Department of Justice.

The initial workplan includes gun/violent crime data collection, a review of literature, data analysis and visualization, and reporting of findings. The research conducted by CJJP is expected to identify areas where limited data is available and reveal issues requiring new or additional focus. Following the initial presentation of the data, CJJP will provide additional data/analysis on areas of interest to ODCP/ICIAB.