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## **HPIO analysis finds firearms playing larger role in homicides, suicides in Ohio**

**(COLUMBUS, Ohio)**– Both homicides and suicides have significantly increased in Ohio over the past two decades and firearms have been used in a greater percentage of those deaths, new analysis from the Health Policy Institute of Ohio has found.

[\*\*A graphic of the findings is posting on HPIO's website\*\*](#)

Between 1999 and 2020 (the most-recent year in which data is available), suicide deaths in Ohio increased 49% from 1,102 to 1,644 and homicides increased 123% from 450 to 1,004.

The percent of homicides in which a firearm was used has also risen steadily over the past two decades. In 1999, a firearm was used in 57% of homicides, and in 2020 that percentage increased to 82%. In 2020, a firearm was used in 54.9% of suicides.

“As Ohio policymakers debate firearm safety legislation, it is important that they consider the latest data on the trends between suicide, homicide and firearms,” said HPIO President Amy Rohling McGee.

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