

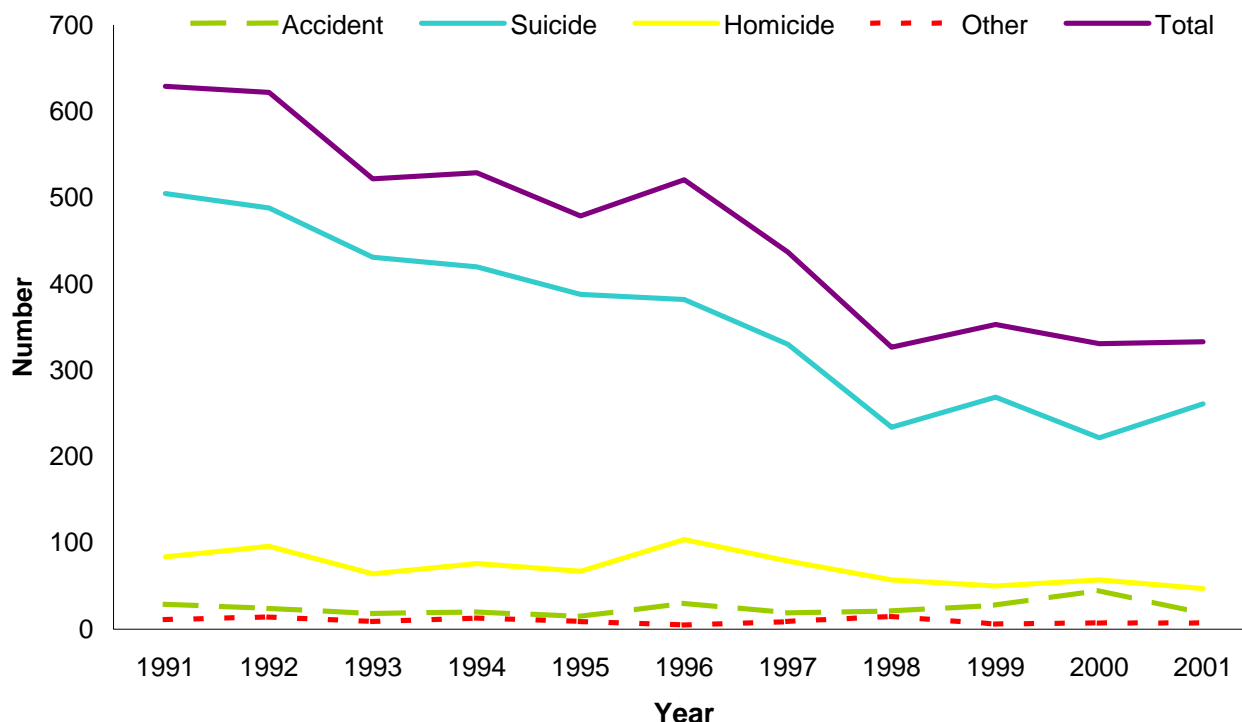


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Firearm related deaths

Firearm Related Deaths in Australia, 1991-2001 examines the use of firearms to inflict fatal injury in Australia. The data focuses on five types of fatal firearm injury: suicide, homicide, accidents, legal intervention and those deaths classified as undetermined by the coroner. In total there were 5083 registered firearm related deaths in Australia between 1991 and 2001. Suicides accounted for the majority of these firearm related deaths (77 per cent), followed by homicide (15 per cent). In 1991, there were 629 firearm related deaths compared to 333 deaths in 2001. This represents a 47 per cent decrease in firearm related deaths over the period 1991 to 2001.

Number of firearm related deaths



SOURCE: Mouzos J & Rushforth, C. 2003, "Firearm Related Deaths in Australia, 1991-2001", *Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, no. 269, Australian Institute of Criminology, Canberra.

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