

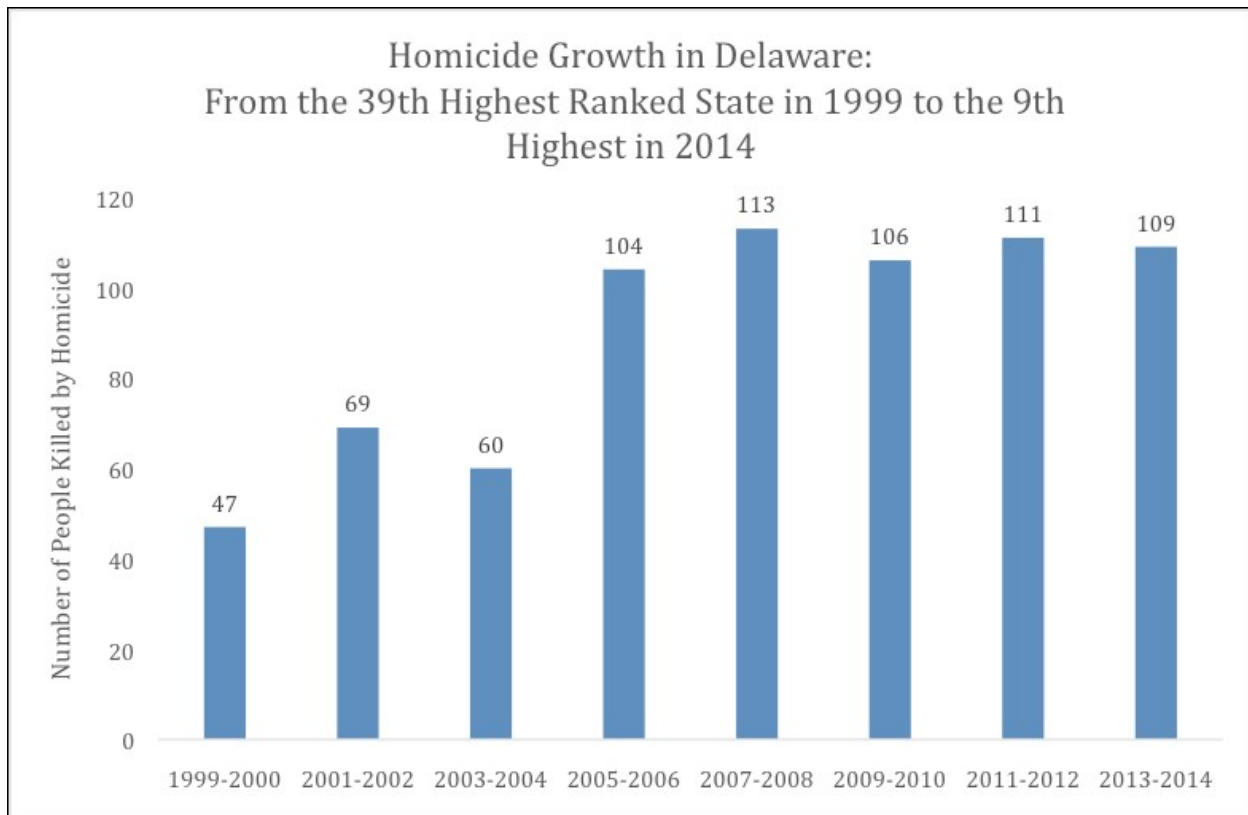
## National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)

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In August 2016, the centers for Disease Control and Prevention awarded Delaware with funding to join the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS). Beginning January 1st 2017, Delaware will collect and assemble detailed information about the circumstances of individuals killed by violence in our state. This information will provide a more complete picture of the patterns and circumstances of violence in Delaware to help guide effective violence prevention practice and policy.

One of the reasons the NVDRS is critically needed is Delaware's recent transformation in the frequency of homicide violence. Unlike any other state and the nation, Delaware has dramatically changed. While the nation's homicide rate declined from 1999 to 2014, Delaware's rate more than doubled. While most states saw a decrease in the homicide rate from 1999 to 2014, a minority of states saw an increase. In Delaware, the amount of increase was more than two times larger than in any other state. Relatively quickly, Delaware went from having one of the lowest homicide rates in the nation to one of the highest. Statistically, the direction and magnitude of change in Delaware's homicide rate is an outlier from 1999 to 2014. Figure 1 shows that 2005 marked the most substantial increase in the number of Delawareans killed by homicide.

Figure 1. Data source: <http://wonder.cdc.gov/>



The NVDRS will allow Delaware to better understand why violence increases or decreases in our population. A clear understanding is key to effective violence prevention. Delaware is

joining 32 other states already collecting and reporting information about violent death circumstances. The Delaware Department of Health and Social Services and the Department of Safety and Homeland Security are collaborating on the NVDRS. The Divisions of Public Health, Forensic Science, and State Police will collect and report the central pieces of violent death information. Additionally, Delaware received overwhelming support from numerous agencies and organizations that wrote strong letters of support encouraging CDC to select our state for NVDRS funding. For more information about the NVDRS, visit the CDC website: <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nvdrs/>

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