

THE INTERSECTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND FIREARMS BY THE NUMBERS

Guns and domestic violence are a lethal combination: Access to a gun increases the risk of domestic violence homicide by 500% (1)

ACROSS ILLINOIS IN 2022:

- 15,951** orders of protection (OPs) were filed by clients* receiving domestic violence services in Illinois. About 3/4 of these clients had children. (2)
- 6,165** people who had their FOID cards revoked did not account for where their firearms went. That's 45% of all those who had their FOID cards revoked.
- 1,462** domestic violence services clients* who filed for an OP had been threatened with a knife or gun.
- 239** domestic violence services clients* who filed for an OP reported to a service provider that they had been attacked with a knife or gun.
- 119** Firearm Restraining Orders (FROs) granted across Illinois (3)
- 106** domestic violence shooting incidents
- 67** domestic-related firearm injuries
- 52** domestic-related firearm homicides



*Data on the total number of OPs filed across the state is limited to what domestic violence clients report to local service providers.

DOMESTIC-RELATED GUN VIOLENCE IS LINKED TO MASS VIOLENCE:

2/3

of mass shootings between 2014 and 2019 were tied to domestic violence (4)

IN INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES WHERE THE VICTIM HAD AN OP:

1/5 were killed within two days

1/3 were killed within a month (5)

DOMESTIC-RELATED GUN VIOLENCE FACTS:

- Risk of firearm injury and death disproportionately impacts **Black, Indigenous, and Latinx women. Black women** face a staggering **5 times greater risk of firearm homicide** by a partner during pregnancy and postpartum than white women. (6)
- In the last twenty years, **65% - 74% of all murder-suicides** in the US were domestic violence-related. In those cases, **92% involved a firearm.** (7) Domestic gun violence is more likely to result in multiple deaths than non-domestic gun violence. (8)
- Three-quarters of children who died in mass shootings over the last decade died in domestic violence-related incidents. (9)
- Survivors threatened with a firearm experience PTSD at higher rates than those whose abuse did not involve a firearm. (10)