Indiana Violent Death Reporting System (INVDRS)

The Indiana State Department of Health has submitted two (2) successful applications for the CDC grant funding opportunity to establish the Indiana Violent Death Reporting System (INVDRS).

**INVDRS purpose:** To collect, maintain, and disseminate complete and comprehensive surveillance data on violent deaths that occurred in Indiana, beginning January 1, 2015.

**Violent death:** A death resulting from the intentional use of physical force or power against oneself, another person, or against a group or community.
- These deaths include: *homicides, suicides, and deaths occurring when law enforcement exerts deadly force in the line of duty (legal intervention)*.
- The INVDRS will collect information about *unintentional firearm injury deaths and on deaths where the intent cannot be determined (undetermined deaths)*.

**Data collected from:**
- Death certificates
- Coroner reports that include toxicology reports
- Law enforcement records
- Child Fatality Review (optional module)

The system collects information on who dies violently, where victims are killed, when they are killed, and what factors were perceived to contribute or precipitate the death to better understand the circumstances surrounding violent death in Indiana to inform prevention efforts. The CDC award provides funding to utilize software and an abstraction process (people, technical support, etc.) to collect and analyze the data.

**Critical output:** INVDRS is a surveillance system that collects high quality and comprehensive information on violent death. The INVDRS monitors and assesses the magnitude, trends, and characteristics of violent deaths through collecting comprehensive data from various existing data sources.

### 2015-2018 Data Collection Output

- **Natural:** 1%
- **Undetermined:** 5%
- **Homicide:** 17%
- **Unintentional Overdose:** 41%
- **Suicide:** 36%

**Females:** 27%
**Males:** 73%
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