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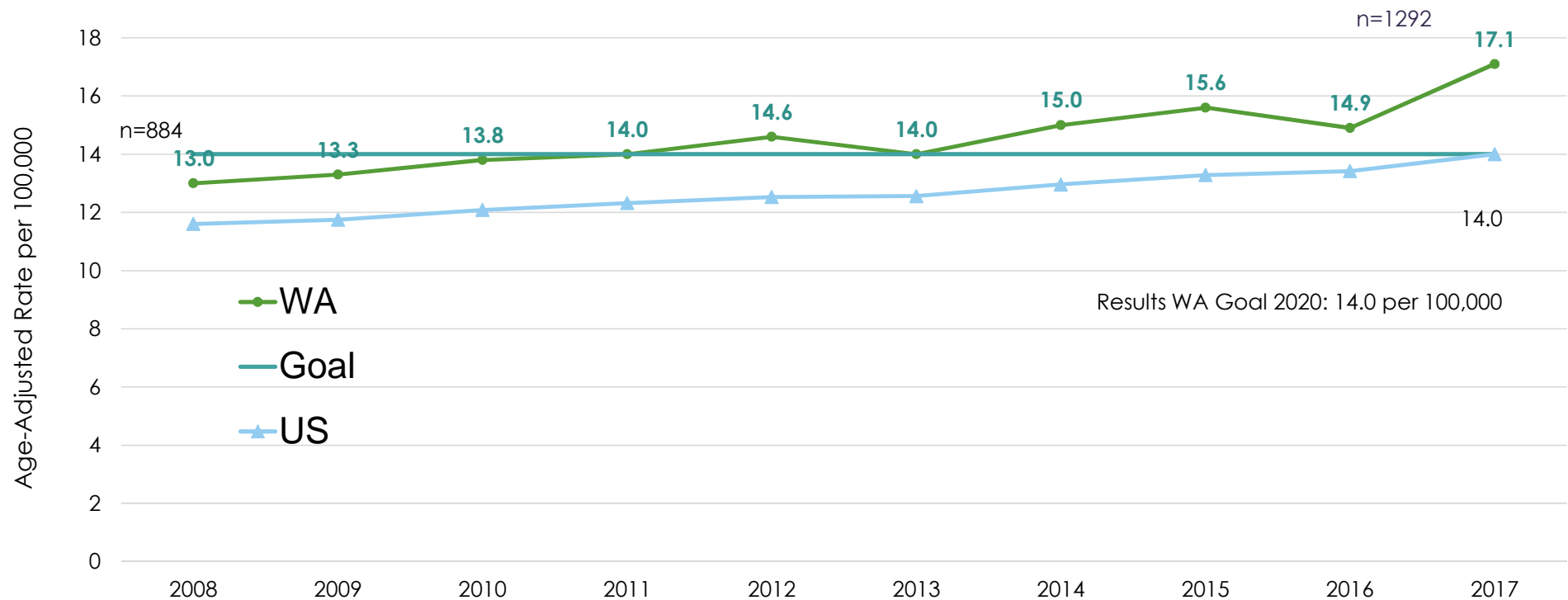
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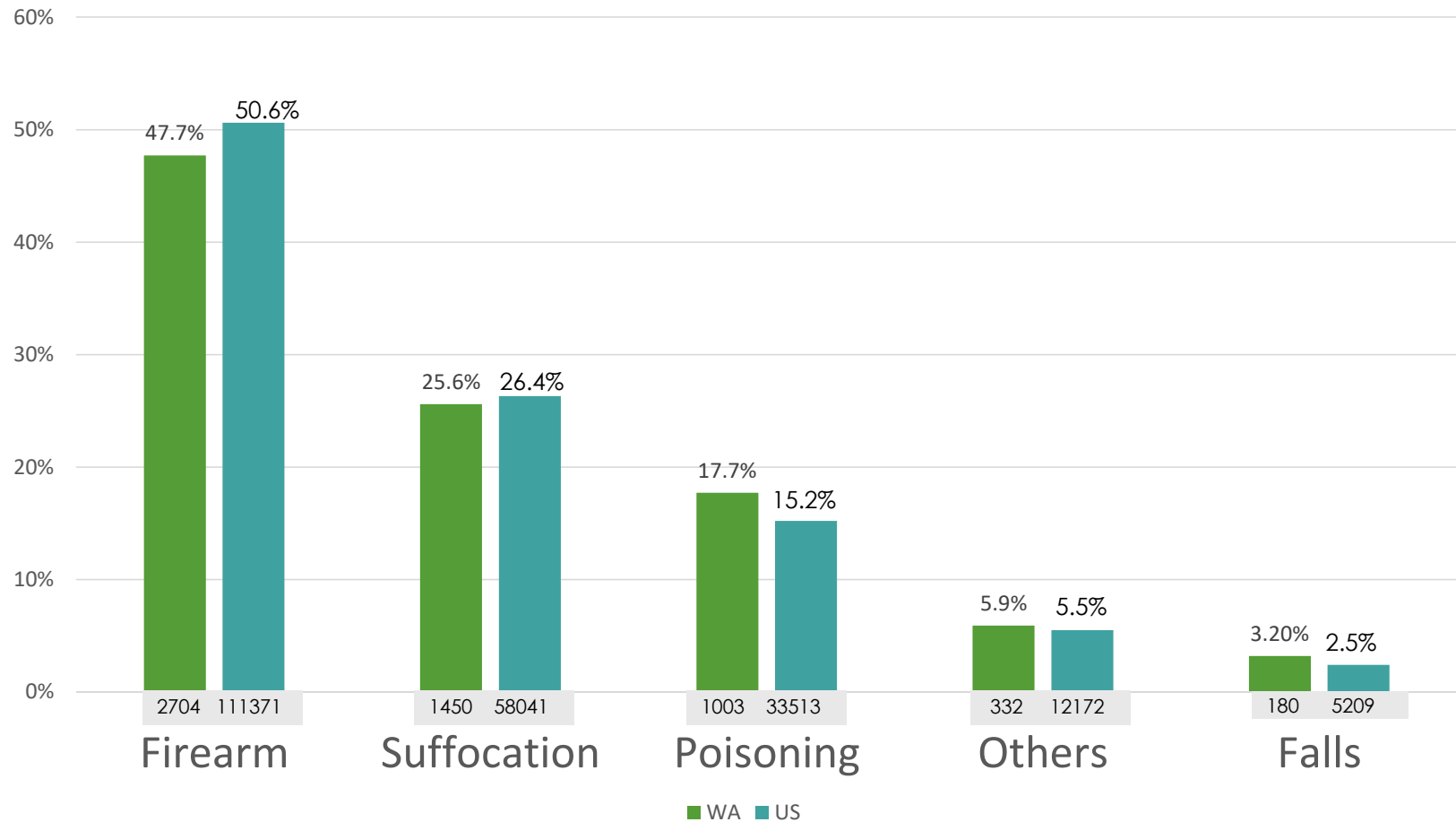
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Exploring Policy Solutions

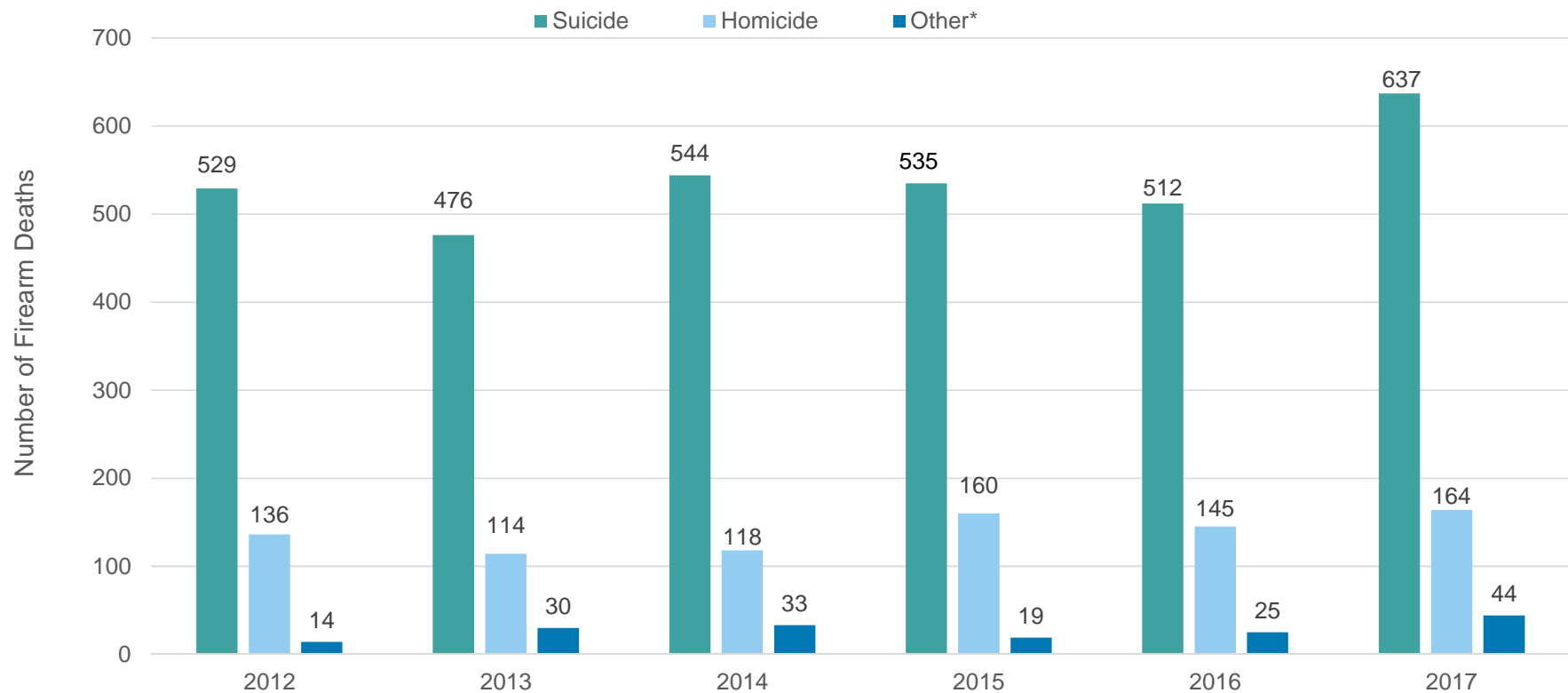
Suicide Death Rate



WA and U.S. Suicide by Methods (2013-2017)



WA Firearm Deaths Number by Intent



Governor Inslee Executive Order 16-02



EXECUTIVE ORDER 16-02

FIREARM FATALITY PREVENTION – A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH
Reducing and preventing gun-related violence, crime, fatalities and injuries, and implementing the Statewide Suicide Prevention Plan.

WHEREAS, in Washington State:

- firearm deaths now exceed motor vehicle crash deaths;
- suicides account for nearly 80 percent of all firearm deaths;
- suicide is the second leading cause of death in our youth and young adults (ages 10-34), and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer youth have higher suicide attempts than the general population;
- men are more than six times as likely to die than women by suicide with a firearm;
- veterans are at higher risk of suicide compared to the general population of

Washington Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention





WASHINGTON STATE
Suicide Prevention Plan



Suicide Prevention Plan Strategies



Statewide System for Suicide Prevention



Students & Higher Education

- HB 1163 (2011) – student education & funding
- HB 1336 (2013) – school capacity
- HB 1135 (2015) – higher ed task force
- HB 1379 (2016) – prevention in higher ed
- HB 2513 (2018) – higher ed veterans
- SB 6514 (2018) – higher ed task force recommendations
- HB 1593 (2019) – Behavioral health innovation and integration campus within UW School of Medicine
- HB 1216 (2019) – Youth suicide prevention in schools



Education for Health Professionals

- ESHB 2366 (2012)
 - Continuing education for mental health professionals
- HB 2315 (2014)
 - One-time training for health professionals
 - HB 1424 (2016)
 - Minimum standards for training
 - Adds issues specific to veterans and access to lethal means
 - HB 2793 (2016) – Pharmacists
 - HB 1612 (2017) – Dentists and dental hygienists



Safer Homes

HB 2793 (2016)

- Safer Homes Task Force
- Certifying firearms dealers and ranges

SB 5552 (2017)

- Temporary transfer of firearms

HB 1612 (2017)

- Reduce access to lethal means

HB 1047 (2018)

- Collection of unwanted medications



Other initiatives and future funding

- HB 2671: Agricultural industry task force
- Joint Suicide Prevention Decision Package
 - Full funding to implement the Suicide Prevention Plan



