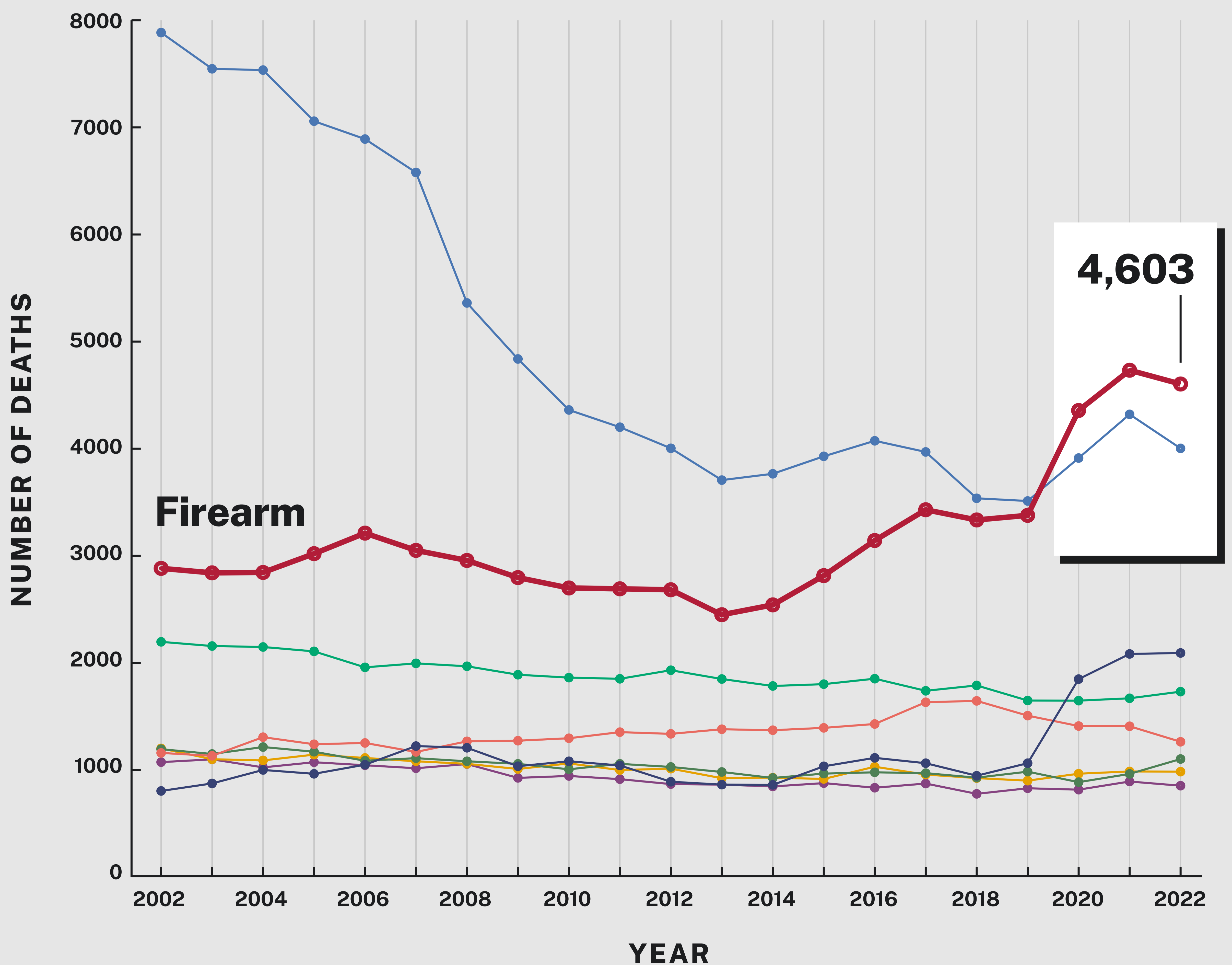


Firearms are the leading cause of death for children and adolescents

1-19 years of age in the United States, 2002-2022

- Firearm
- Motor Vehicle
- Poisoning (Drug and Non-drug)
- Cancer
- Suffocation
- Congenital Anomalies
- Drowning
- Cardiovascular Disease



Source: Adapted from Goldstick, J. E., Cunningham, R. M., & Carter, P. M. (2022). Current causes of death in children and adolescents in the United States. *The New England Journal of Medicine*, 386(20), 1955-1956. Underlying cause of death data from CDC WONDER.



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Number of Deaths (age 1-19)

Year	Firearm (CDC WISQARS)	Motor Vehicle (CDC WISQARS)	Suffocation (CDC WISQARS)	Poisoning (including drug and non-drug poisoning) (CDC WISQARS)	Drowning (including water transport) (CDC WISQARS)	Cancer (CDC WONDER)	Cardiovascular Disease (CDC WONDER)	Congenital anomalies (including malformations, deformations, and chromosomal abnormalities) (CDC WONDER)-- Not age adjusted
2002	2883	7885	1160	805	1202	2197	1074	1195
2003	2841	7547	1133	875	1101	2158	1100	1150
2004	2845	7535	1307	1001	1090	2149	1025	1215
2005	3020	7058	1241	965	1144	2108	1073	1171
2006	3212	6891	1253	1050	1113	1959	1045	1087
2007	3051	6579	1169	1224	1082	1996	1017	1111
2008	2957	5361	1268	1208	1058	1969	1056	1082
2009	2797	4838	1274	1036	1010	1890	927	1058
2010	2700	4362	1297	1082	1062	1863	945	1007
2011	2692	4201	1354	1043	1000	1852	915	1058
2012	2683	4004	1338	891	1013	1932	869	1029
2013	2450	3707	1381	864	924	1850	864	982
2014	2542	3766	1372	862	929	1785	847	926
2015	2815	3929	1394	1035	917	1802	878	967
2016	3143	4074	1430	1114	1031	1853	835	979
2017	3430	3970	1633	1064	958	1740	874	971
2018	3335	3537	1646	947	925	1790	778	929
2019	3378	3512	1508	1064	901	1649	830	985
2020	4357	3913	1411	1845	966	1648	817	887
2021	4733	4321	1409	2079	987	1670	893	964
2022	4603	4001	1264	2088	985	1732	854	1103