The mission of CeaseFirePA is to end the epidemic of gun violence across the Commonwealth and our country through education, coalition building, and advocacy.

We asked 400 at-risk youth across Allegheny County how gun violence is impacting them...

57% have lost a family member to gun violence.

Almost Half have personally witnessed gun violence at least once. Of that group, 22% have witnessed gun violence 4 or more times.

86% are concerned that gun violence will impact them & their family's health and safety.

84% feel that "nothing at all" or only "a little" is being done to address the violence in their neighborhood, school, or classroom.
Full Results - Youth Violence Survey

CeaseFirePA Education Fund and the Greater Pittsburgh Coalition Against Violence collected 391 responses via online and paper surveys, in partnership with two dozen youth-serving community partners. The surveys were collected across Allegheny County between June 7, 2022 and August 10, 2022, and generated the following data:

1. How old are you?

   ![Pie chart showing age distribution]

   - 12 or under: 25.8%
   - 13-15: 43.2%
   - 16-18: 20.7%
   - 18-21: 4.3%
   - 21-24: 5.9%

2. Where do you attend school?

   - Pittsburgh Public Schools: 43.5%
   - Penn Hills School District: 7.2%
   - Woodland Hills School District: 6.4%
   - Clairton School District: 3.4%
   - Urban Academy: 2.6%
   - Sto-Rox School District: 2.3%
   - McKeesport Area School District: 1.9%
   - Mix of other public, charter, cyber, and private schools + college/university: 32.7%
3. How safe do you feel in your school/classroom?

- Very Safe: 27.1%
- Somewhat Safe: 32.7%
- Depends on the Day: 28.6%
- Somewhat Unsafe: 7.7%
- Very Unsafe: 3.8%

4. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood?

- Very Safe: 26.3%
- Somewhat Safe: 29.7%
- Depends on the Day: 27.4%
- Somewhat Unsafe: 10.7%
- Very Unsafe: 5.9%
5. Have you personally witnessed gun violence?

- Never: 53.9%
- A Few Times (1-3): 36.1%
- Many Times (4 or more): 10%

6. Have you lost a family member to gun violence?

- Yes: 42.7%
- No: 57.3%
7. How concerned are you that gun violence will impact the health and safety of you and/or your family members?

- Not Concerned: 13%
- A Little Concerned: 26.6%
- Very Concerned: 14.3%
- Extremely Concerned: 46%

8. How much do you feel is being done to address the violence that is happening in your neighborhood/school/classroom?

- Nothing At All: 13%
- A Little: 3.1%
- A Lot: 26.1%
- A Great Deal: 57.8%
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