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Gun Possession Legislation

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In 2020, the analysis found there were 269 gun related deaths in Baltimore City, which equates to 45.9 for every 100,000 residents. That number was nearly three-and-a-half times higher than the 2020 national average.

Of all the Baltimore homicides that year, 87.7 percent involved a gun. That's more than 10 percent above the national average.

The rise in gun related deaths is not just a problem plaguing Baltimore City, but rather the entire U.S.

FBI data recently showed a 5.6 percent increase in violent crime nationwide from 2019 to 2020, while the murder rate rose by around 30 percent, one of the largest year-over-year increases on record.

It makes sense from an equity standpoint that everyone over 18 faces a maximum penalty of five years for gun possession. The SA for Baltimore City is requesting this to fight crime as well.

The Randallstown NAACP supports the effort and/or bill to increase the penalty for gun possession to five years for individuals over 21. Further, we would like a study done on the feasibility and impact of making gun possession a felony.