We examine the high costs and the relative stability of firearm injuries and deaths for 13-19 year-olds. In 2005, US hospitals charged $108.4 million to care for about 10,000 victims of firearm injuries. This is $38 million more than the total budget for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The federal investment is three times less than that of our hospital systems.

Also notable is an unexpected stability in firearm injuries and deaths, contrary to current crime declines. All have implications for our investment in prevention. Data derived from CDC WISQARS among others.

Figure 1: Number of firearm injuries per year, 13-19 year olds, 2001-2010 95% CI

Figure 2: Rate of male firearm injuries by race/ethnicity, 13-19 year olds, 2001-2010