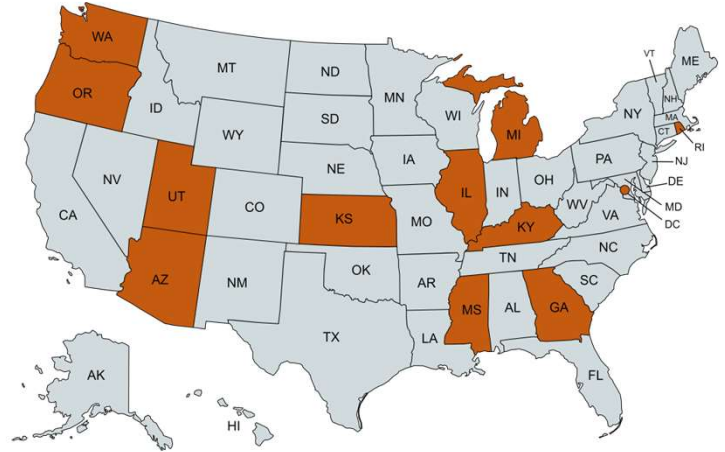


The Oregon AVERT Project

Quality Monitoring and Timely Reporting of Violence-Related Injuries

What is AVERT?

AVERT (Advancing Violence Epidemiology in Real-Time) is a violence-related injury data project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Oregon is one of 12 state grantees. Oregon AVERT is an extension of the Oregon FASTER (Firearm Injury Surveillance Through Emergency Rooms) Project, expanding to examine other violence-related injuries.



The primary goals of AVERT are to:

1. Increase the timeliness of reporting nonfatal violent injuries.
2. Share data with community partners working to prevent or respond to violent injuries.

How are AVERT data collected?

Oregon's syndromic surveillance system called OR-ESSENCE (Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics) will be used to monitor violence-related injuries across the state. OR-ESSENCE collects near real-time information on cases of reportable health conditions from most emergency departments and urgent care centers across the state. Each participating facility transfers de-identified data from their electronic health record system to OR-ESSENCE daily.



How can AVERT data be used?

1

Demonstrate the burden and context of violence-related injury in Oregon.

2

Shape and evaluate violence-related injury prevention programs and policies.

3

Pinpoint emerging trends and allow for a timely response.

4

Help secure funding for existing and new programs.

How can AVERT data be accessed?

The [FASTER Data Dashboard](#) currently provides firearm injury data from OR-ESSENCE and is updated quarterly. The dashboard will soon be redesigned and expanded to include other violence-related data under the AVERT project. Our team conducted 41 conversations with community partners during the FASTER Project to inform the work and will continue to engage partners in the broader injury and violence prevention community, as part of the AVERT Project, to gather their perspectives on violence-related injuries and to learn about their data needs and their preferences for sharing the data.

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