Nearly 2 in 3 reported at least 1 of these broader experiences of violence

- 40% encountered 1 or more sidewalk memorials in an average week
- 7% considered gunshots and shootings to be a “big problem”
- 1 in 5 knew someone who had been shot on purpose
- 1 in 7 knew someone who had shot themselves
- 1 in 8 knew someone at perceived risk of violence to others
- 1 in 8 knew someone at perceived risk of violence to themselves

Statewide, an estimated...
- 3.4 million adults have 3+ broader experiences of violence
- 4.5 million know 2+ people who have been shot or shot themselves
- 3 million know 2+ people at perceived risk of violence to themselves or others

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Broader experiences of violence are widespread. An estimated 19.4 million CA adults experience at least 1. Unlike most forms of direct victimization, gender was not associated with these broader experiences of violence.

Unfavorable neighborhood conditions rooted in structural inequities disproportionately burden Black and Latinx communities; these same groups experience higher rates of violence in their communities and social networks.

As with direct or witnessed victimization, these broader experiences of violence are likely to have far reaching social and health consequences, and we all have a stake in better understanding and preventing violence in its many forms.