Gun Violence in Alabama

**OVERVIEW**

In an average year, **1,090** people die and **3,422** are wounded by guns in Alabama. Alabama has the [2nd-highest](#) rate of gun violence in the US.

**GUN DEATHS OVER TIME**

In Alabama, the rate of gun deaths increased **47%** from 2011 to 2020, compared to a **33%** increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased **18%** and gun homicides increased **100%** compared to a **12%** increase and **70%** increase nationwide, respectively.

**COST OF GUN VIOLENCE**

Alabama has the [3rd-highest](#) societal cost of gun violence in the US at **$1,654** per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Alabama **$8 billion**, of which **$433 million** is paid by taxpayers.

**GUN DEATHS BY INTENT**

In Alabama, **51%** of gun deaths are suicides and **45%** are homicides. This is compared to **59%** and **38%** nationwide, respectively.

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**Sources**


Totals do not always sum to 100% due to rounding.
GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS
Every year, an average of 552 people in Alabama die by gun suicides and 102 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 10.7 suicides and 2.1 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Alabama has the 8th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in Alabama

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS
Every year, an average of 503 people in Alabama die by gun homicides and 1,325 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 10.9 homicides and 27.2 assaults per 100,000 people. Alabama has the 3rd-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Alabama, 84% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 76% nationwide.

Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Alabama

CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS
Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Alabama. In Alabama, an average of 94 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 29% of these deaths are suicides and 62% are homicides. In the US, 35% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides and 60% are homicides.

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES
In 2019, 23 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Alabama. 77% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 67% nationwide.

Intimate Partner Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Alabama

Sources
Children and teens gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2016–2020, ages 0–19; Leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2020, ages 1–19.

Note: Gun violence data on EveryStat and in this fact sheet includes individuals who die by guns or are wounded by guns and visit a hospital for care. We recognize that the impact of gun violence extends far beyond those who are killed or physically injured. However, data on those who witness an act of gun violence, are threatened with a gun, or know or care for someone wounded or killed is not systematically collected at this time.