Gun Violence in Arkansas

**OVERVIEW**

In an average year, **596** people die and **823** are wounded by guns in Arkansas. Arkansas has the **16th-highest** rate of gun violence in the US.

**GUN DEATHS OVER TIME**

In Arkansas, the rate of gun deaths increased **40%** from 2011 to 2020, compared to a **33%** increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased **13%** and gun homicides increased **91%** compared to a **12%** increase and **70%** increase nationwide, respectively.

**COST OF GUN VIOLENCE**

Arkansas has the **11th-highest** societal cost of gun violence in the US at **$2,705** per resident each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Arkansas **$8.2 billion** each year, of which **$181.4 million** is paid by taxpayers.

**GUN DEATHS BY INTENT**

In Arkansas, **59%** of gun deaths are suicides and **36%** are homicides. This is compared to **59%** and **38%** nationwide, respectively.

**SOURCES:**


Rankings are based on the 50 states and Washington, DC, with first being highest, 51st lowest. Death and injury rankings are based on rates, economic cost rankings are based on average societal per-resident cost. Overall state gun violence rankings are calculated by adding count of gun deaths plus count of nonfatal gun injuries divided by population.

Totals do not always sum to 100% due to rounding.

[EveryStat.org](http://EveryStat.org)
GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 355 people in Arkansas die by gun suicides and 48 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 11.3 suicides and 1.6 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Arkansas has the 8th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 220 people in Arkansas die by gun homicides and 291 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 7.8 homicides and 9.6 assaults per 100,000 people. Arkansas has the 12th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Arkansas, 74% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 76% nationwide.

CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Arkansas. In Arkansas, an average of 55 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 34% of these deaths are suicides and 55% 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, fewer than 10 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Arkansas. 70% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 67% nationwide.

SOURCES:

Gun suicides and gun homicides: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2016–2020. Homicides include shootings by police.


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 or are wounded by guns and visit a hospital for care. The impact of gun violence extends far beyond those who are killed or physically injured, but data on those who witness gun violence, are threatened with a gun, or know or care for someone wounded or killed is not systematically collected at this time.