Gun Violence in Connecticut

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 185 people die and 576 are wounded by guns in Connecticut. Connecticut has the 43rd-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

Data on states, congressional districts, and counties: EveryStat.org

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Connecticut, the rate of gun deaths decreased 10% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 5% and gun homicides decreased 28%, compared to a 13% increase and 26% increase nationwide, respectively.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Connecticut has the 46th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $385 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Connecticut $1 billion, of which $60 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Connecticut, 61% of gun deaths are suicides and 35% are homicides. This is compared to 60% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

Sources


EveryStat.org
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GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 114 people in Connecticut die by gun suicides and 38 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 2.9 suicides and 1.1 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Connecticut has the 44th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Connecticut

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 69 people in Connecticut die by gun homicides and 246 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 2.1 homicides and 6.9 assaults per 100,000 people. Connecticut has the 38th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Connecticut, 64% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

Gun Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Connecticut

GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS

Guns are the 4th-leading cause of death among children and teens in Connecticut. In Connecticut, an average of 11 children and teens die by guns every year, and 72% of these deaths are homicides. In the US, 58% of all gun deaths among children and teens are homicides.

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

From 2015 to 2019, 21 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Connecticut. 42% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 59% nationwide.

Did You Know?

Gun homicides, assaults, and police shootings cost Connecticut $521 million each year.

Sources

Children/teen deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2015–2019, ages 0–19; leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2019, 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.