Gun Violence in Delaware

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 107 people die and 279 are wounded by guns in Delaware. Delaware has the 25th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

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

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Delaware, the rate of gun deaths increased 1% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides decreased 7% and gun homicides increased 5%, compared to a 13% increase and 26% increase nationwide, respectively.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Delaware has the 37th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $742 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Delaware $714 million, of which $36 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Delaware, 51% of gun deaths are suicides and 46% are homicides. This is compared to 60% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

Sources


EveryStat.org
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INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

From 2015 to 2019, 10 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Delaware. 56% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 59% nationwide.

GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 55 people in Delaware die by gun suicide—a rate of 5.3 suicides per 100,000 people. Delaware has the 41st-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US. Due to confidentiality considerations, gun suicide attempt data is not made public for Delaware because it averages fewer than 10 attempts per year.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Delaware

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GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS

Guns are tied for the leading cause of death among children and teens in Delaware. In Delaware, an average of 11 children and teens die by guns every year, and 81% of these deaths are homicides. In the US, 58% of all gun deaths among children and teens are homicides.

Did You Know?

Black people in Delaware are 11 times more likely than white people to die by gun homicide.

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 50 people in Delaware die by gun homicides and 118 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 5.8 homicides and 12.3 assaults per 100,000 people. Delaware has the 23rd-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Delaware, 82% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

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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.