

Gun Violence in Florida

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 2,989 people die and 5,267 are wounded by guns in Florida. Florida has the 20th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.



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

SOURCES:

Gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, four-year average: 2018-2021.

Gun violence trends: CDC, WONDER, 2012-2021.

Gun injuries: Ted R. Miller, David Swedler, and Kate Schnippel analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2019.

Cost of gun violence: Ted R. Miller and Bruce Lawrence analysis of CDC fatal injury: 2019 and HCUP nonfatal injury: 2019.

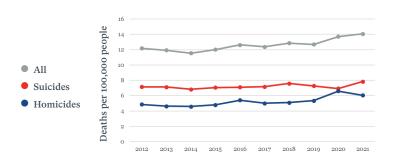
Rankings are based on the 50 states and Washington, DC, with first being highest, 51st lowest. Death and injury rankings are based on rates, economic cost rankings are based on average societal per-resident cost. Overall state gun violence rankings are calculated by adding count of gun deaths plus count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

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

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GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Florida, the rate of gun deaths increased 15% from 2012 to 2021, compared to a 39% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 10% and gun homicides increased 24% compared to a 19% increase and 73% increase nationwide, respectively.

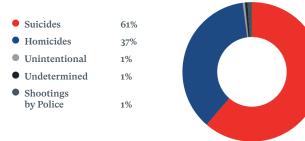


COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Florida has the 25th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at \$1,878 per resident each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Florida \$40.3 billion each year, of which \$875.9 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

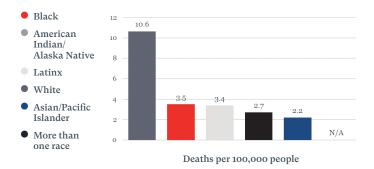
In Florida, 61% of gun deaths are suicides and 37% are homicides. This is compared to 57% and 40% nationwide, respectively.



GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 1,834 people in Florida die by gun suicides and 160 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 7.4 suicides and 0.7 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Florida has the 28th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in Florida



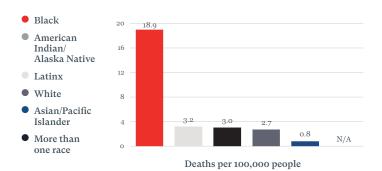
CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

Guns are the 2nd-leading cause of death among children and teens in Florida. In Florida, an average of 214 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 29% of these deaths are suicides and 68% are homicides. In the US, 33% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides and 62% are homicides.

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 1,123 people in Florida die by gun homicides and 1,803 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 5.8 homicides and 8.4 assaults per 100,000 people. Florida has the 25th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Florida, 77% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 78% nationwide.

Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Florida



INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

There is insufficient data on intimate partner homicides for Florida. In the US, 66% of female intimate partner homicide victims are killed with a gun.

SOURCES:

Gun suicides and gun homicides: CDC, WONDER, four-year average: 2018–2021. Homicides include shootings by police.

Gun suicide attempts and gun assaults: Ted R. Miller, David Swedler, and Kate Schnippel analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2019.

Children and teens gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, four-year average: 2018–2021, ages 0–19; Leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2021, ages 1–19.

Intimate partner homicides: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2020; Intimate partner homicides by race and ethnicity: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2016–2020.

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.

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