Gun Violence in Hawaii

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 56 people die and 72 are wounded by guns in Hawaii. Hawaii has the 51st-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Hawaii, the rate of gun deaths increased 38% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 10%, compared to a 13% increase nationwide. Data on gun homicides was not consistently available in Hawaii during this time period.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Hawaii has the 49th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $291 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Hawaii $415 million, of which $21 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Hawaii, 65% of gun deaths are suicides and 23% are homicides. This is compared to 60% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

Sources


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GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 36 people in Hawaii die by gun suicides—a rate of 2.3 suicides per 100,000 people. Hawaii has the 50th-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 Hawaii because it averages fewer than 10 attempts per year.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Hawaii

- Black
- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Latino
- White
- Asian/Pacific Islander

Deaths per 100,000 people

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 17 people in Hawaii die by gun homicides and 29 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 1.3 homicides and 2.0 assaults per 100,000 people. Hawaii has the 51st-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Hawaii, 42% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

Gun Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Hawaii

- Black
- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Latino
- White
- Asian/Pacific Islander

Deaths per 100,000 people

GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS

There is insufficient data on gun deaths among children and teens for Hawaii.

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

There is insufficient data on intimate partner gun homicides for Hawaii.

Did You Know?

Each year, 72 people are injured by guns in Hawaii.

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.