

# Gun Violence in Idaho

#### **OVERVIEW**

In an average year, 278 people die and 256 are wounded by guns in Idaho. Idaho has the 29th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.



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

#### SOURCES:

Gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2016-2020.

Gun violence trends: CDC, WONDER, 2011–2020.

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.

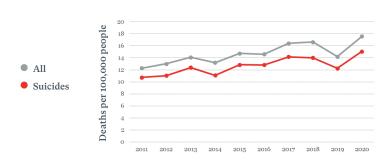
Rankings are based on the 50 states and Washington, DC, with first being highest, 51st lowest. Death and injury rankings are based on rates, economic cost rankings are based on average societal per-resident cost. Overall state gun violence rankings are calculated by adding count of gun deaths plus count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

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

## EveryStat.org

## **GUN DEATHS OVER TIME**

In Idaho, the rate of gun deaths increased 43% from 2011 to 2020, compared to a 33% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 40% compared to a 12% increase nationwide. Data on gun homicides was not consistently available in Idaho during this time period.

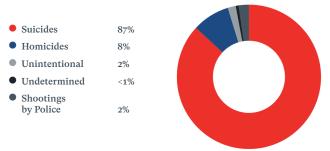


# **COST OF GUN VIOLENCE**

Idaho has the 19th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at \$2,052 per resident each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Idaho \$3.7 billion each year, of which \$30.5 million is paid by taxpayers.

#### **GUN DEATHS BY INTENT**

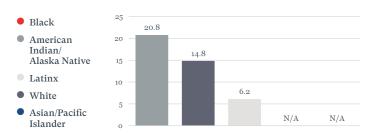
In Idaho, 87% of gun deaths are suicides and 8% are homicides. This is compared to 59% and 38% nationwide, respectively.



## **GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS**

Every year, an average of 242 people in Idaho die by gun suicides and 13 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 13.7 suicides and 0.7 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Idaho has the 6th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

# Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in Idaho

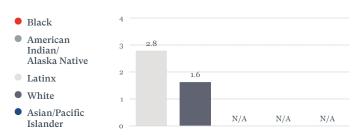


Deaths per 100,000 people

## **GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS**

Every year, an average of 30 people in Idaho die by gun homicides and 98 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 1.8 homicides and 5.5 assaults per 100,000 people. Idaho has the 43rd-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Idaho, 66% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 76% nationwide.

# Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Idaho



Deaths per 100,000 people

#### CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

Guns are the 2nd-leading cause of death among children and teens in Idaho. In Idaho, an average of 21 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 84% of these deaths are suicides and 10% 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 Idaho. 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.

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, five-year average: 2016–2020, ages 0-19; Leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2020, ages 1-19.

Intimate partner homicides: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2019; Intimate partner homicides by race and ethnicity: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2018–2019.

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.