Gun Violence in Indiana

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 1,021 people die and 1,654 are wounded by guns in Indiana. Indiana has the 24th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Indiana has the 22nd-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $993 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Indiana $7 billion, of which $300 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Indiana, the rate of gun deaths increased 78% from 2011 to 2020, compared to a 33% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 41% and gun homicides increased 142% compared to a 12% increase and 70% increase nationwide, respectively.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Indiana, 58% of gun deaths are suicides and 38% are homicides. This is compared to 59% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

Sources


Totals do not always sum to 100% due to rounding.
GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS
Every year, an average of 592 people in Indiana die by gun suicides and 48 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 8.5 suicides and 0.7 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Indiana has the 29th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

GUN Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in Indiana

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS
Every year, an average of 402 people in Indiana die by gun homicides and 816 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 6.3 homicides and 12.2 assaults per 100,000 people. Indiana has the 21st-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Indiana, 78% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 76% nationwide.

GUN Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Indiana

CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS
Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Indiana. In Indiana, an average of 110 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 31% of these deaths are suicides and 63% are homicides. In the US, 35% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides and 60% are homicides.

CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES
In 2019, 10 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Indiana. 67% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 67% nationwide.

INTIMATE Partner Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Indiana

Sources
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.

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.

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