Gun Violence in Louisiana

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 1,036 people die and 4,397 are wounded by guns in Louisiana. Louisiana has the 1st-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Louisiana, the rate of gun deaths increased 39% from 2011 to 2020, compared to a 33% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 4% and gun homicides increased 81% compared to a 12% increase and 70% increase nationwide, respectively.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Louisiana has the 1st-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $1,793 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Louisiana $8 billion, of which $507 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Louisiana, 43% of gun deaths are suicides and 55% are homicides. This is compared to 59% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

Sources


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

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GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 441 people in Louisiana die by gun suicides and 144 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 9.1 suicides and 3.1 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Louisiana has the 9th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in Louisiana

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 575 people in Louisiana die by gun homicides and 1,740 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 12.9 homicides and 37.2 assaults per 100,000 people. Louisiana has the 1st-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Louisiana, 83% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 76% nationwide.

Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Louisiana

CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Louisiana. In Louisiana, an average of 112 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 20% of these deaths are suicides and 74% are homicides. In the US, 35% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides and 60% are homicides.

Intimate Partner Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Louisiana

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

In 2019, 32 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Louisiana. 73% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 67% nationwide.

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.