Gun Violence in Maine

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 154 people die and 128 are wounded by guns in Maine. Maine has the 43rd-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Maine, the rate of gun deaths increased 9% from 2011 to 2020, compared to a 33% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 15% compared to a 12% increase nationwide. Data on gun homicides was not consistently available in Maine during this time period.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Maine has the 31st-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $1,712 per resident each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Maine $2.3 billion each year, of which $17.3 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Maine, 89% of gun deaths are suicides and 7% are homicides. This is compared to 59% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

SOURCES:
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 SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 137 people in Maine die by gun suicides and 12 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 9.2 suicides and 0.9 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Maine has the 21st-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in Maine

- Black: N/A
- American Indian/Alaska Native: N/A
- Latinx: N/A
- White: N/A
- Asian/Pacific Islander: N/A

Deaths per 100,000 people

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 14 people in Maine die by gun homicides and 50 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 1.1 homicides and 3.7 assaults per 100,000 people. Maine has the lowest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Maine, 60% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 76% nationwide.

Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Maine

- Black: N/A
- American Indian/Alaska Native: N/A
- Latinx: N/A
- White: N/A
- Asian/Pacific Islander: N/A

Deaths per 100,000 people

CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

In Maine, an average of fewer than 10 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 83% of these deaths are suicides and fewer than 20% 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 Maine. 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.
- 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 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.