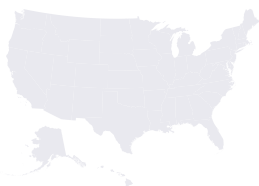


Gun Violence in Massachusetts

OVERVIEW

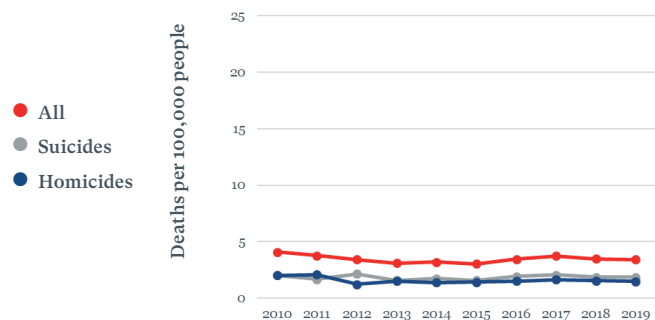
In an average year, **244** people die and **688** are wounded by guns in Massachusetts. Massachusetts has the **50th-highest** rate of gun violence in the US.



Data on states, congressional districts, and counties: [EveryStat.org](https://www.everystat.com)

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Massachusetts, the rate of gun deaths decreased **16%** from 2010 to 2019, compared to a **17%** increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides decreased **7%** and gun homicides decreased **26%**, compared to a **13%** increase and **26%** increase nationwide, respectively.

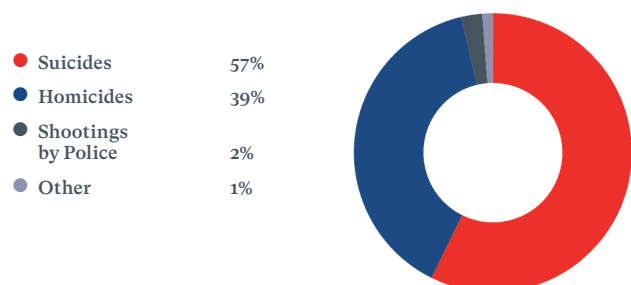


COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Massachusetts has the **51st-highest** societal cost of gun violence in the US at **\$261** per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Massachusetts **\$2 billion**, of which **\$92 million** is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Massachusetts, **57%** of gun deaths are suicides and **39%** are homicides. This is compared to **60%** and **38%** nationwide, respectively.



Sources

Gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2015–2019.

Gun violence trends: CDC, WONDER, 2010–2019.

Gun injuries: Ted R. Miller and David Swedler, analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2017.

Cost of gun violence: Ted R. Miller, analysis of CDC fatal injury: 2018 and HCUP nonfatal injury: 2017.

