Gun Violence in Montana

**OVERVIEW**

In an average year, **228** people die and **259** are wounded by guns in Montana. Montana has the **18th-highest** rate of gun violence in the US.

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**GUN DEATHS OVER TIME**

In Montana, the rate of gun deaths increased **51%** from 2012 to 2021, compared to a **39%** increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased **43%** compared to a **19%** increase nationwide. Data on gun homicides was not consistently available in Montana during this time period.

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**COST OF GUN VIOLENCE**

Montana has the **9th-highest** societal cost of gun violence in the US at **$2,802** per resident each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Montana **$3.0 billion** each year, of which **$30.9 million** is paid by taxpayers.

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**GUN DEATHS BY INTENT**

In Montana, **83%** of gun deaths are suicides and **12%** are homicides. This is compared to **57%** and **40%** nationwide, respectively.

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**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 190 people in Montana die by gun suicides and 22 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 16.8 suicides and 2.1 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Montana has the 2nd-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS
Every year, an average of 32 people in Montana die by gun homicides and 61 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 3.2 homicides and 5.7 assaults per 100,000 people. Montana has the 33rd-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Montana, 59% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 78% nationwide.

CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS
Guns are the 2nd-leading cause of deaths among children and teens in Montana. In Montana, an average of 18 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, 33% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides and 62% are homicides.

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES
In 2020, fewer than 10 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Montana. 33% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 66% nationwide.

SOURCES:
Children and teens gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, four-year average: 2018–2021, ages 0–19; Leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2021, 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.

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