Gun Violence in New Mexico

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 433 people die and 618 are wounded by guns in New Mexico. New Mexico has the 12th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In New Mexico, the rate of gun deaths increased 53% from 2011 to 2020, compared to a 33% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 31% and gun homicides increased 101% compared to a 12% increase and 70% increase nationwide, respectively.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

New Mexico has the 5th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $3,133 per resident each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost New Mexico $6.6 billion each year, of which $141.8 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In New Mexico, 63% of gun deaths are suicides and 30% 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 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 274 people in New Mexico die by gun suicides and 32 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 12.4 suicides and 1.5 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. New Mexico has the 5th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in New Mexico

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AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE
LATINX
WHITE
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER

Deaths per 100,000 people

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 147 people in New Mexico die by gun homicides and 194 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 7.5 homicides and 9.3 assaults per 100,000 people. New Mexico has the 13th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In New Mexico, 67% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 76% nationwide.

Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in New Mexico

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CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in New Mexico. In New Mexico, an average of 33 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 49% of these deaths are suicides and 47% 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, 13 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in New Mexico. 50% 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.