Gun Violence in New Mexico

OVERVIEW

In an average year, **433** people die and **879** are wounded by guns in New Mexico. New Mexico has the 7th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

New Mexico has the 7th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $1,472 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost New Mexico $3 billion, of which $132 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

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 21 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 12.4 suicides and 1.0 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. New Mexico has the 6th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in New Mexico

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS
Every year, an average of 147 people in New Mexico die by gun homicides and 244 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 7.5 homicides and 11.7 assaults per 100,000 people. New Mexico has the 15th-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

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
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.