Gun Violence in New York

**OVERVIEW**

In an average year, 829 people die and 2,607 are wounded by guns in New York. New York has the 48th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

**GUN DEATHS OVER TIME**

In New York, the rate of gun deaths decreased 23% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides decreased 7% and gun homicides decreased 35%, compared to a 13% increase and 26% increase nationwide, respectively.

**COST OF GUN VIOLENCE**

New York has the 48th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $298 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost New York $6 billion, of which $321 million is paid by taxpayers.

**GUN DEATHS BY INTENT**

In New York, 54% of gun deaths are suicides and 43% are homicides. This is compared to 60% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

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**Sources**


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GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 449 people in New York die by gun suicides and 42 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 2.1 suicides and 0.2 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. New York has the 47th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in New York

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 370 people in New York die by gun homicides and 1,522 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 1.9 homicides and 7.7 assaults per 100,000 people. New York has the 36th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In New York, 57% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

Gun Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in New York

INTIMATE PARTNER Homicides

From 2015 to 2019, 77 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in New York. 37% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 59% nationwide.

GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS

Guns are the 4th-leading cause of death among children and teens in New York. In New York, an average of 63 children and teens die by guns every year, and 68% of these deaths are homicides. In the US, 58% of all gun deaths among children and teens are homicides.

Sources

Children/teen deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2015–2019, ages 0–19; leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2019, 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.

Did You Know?

Gun homicides, assaults, and police shootings cost New York $3.2 billion each year.