Gun Violence in New York

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 870 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.

Data on states, congressional districts, and counties: EveryStat.org

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In New York, the rate of gun deaths increased 7% from 2011 to 2020, compared to a 33% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides decreased 13% and gun homicides increased 27% compared to a 12% increase and 70% 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, 53% of gun deaths are suicides and 45% are homicides. This is compared to 59% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

Sources
Totals do not always sum to 100% due to rounding.

EveryStat.org
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GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS
Every year, an average of 457 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 402 people in New York die by gun homicides and 1,522 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 2.1 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, 59% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 76% nationwide.

GUN Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in New York

CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS
Guns are the 3rd-leading cause of death among children and teens in New York. In New York, an average of 65 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 27% of these deaths are suicides and 70% are homicides. In the US, 35% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides and 60% are homicides.

CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES
In 2019, 11 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in New York. 42% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 67% nationwide.

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

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.