

Gun Violence in North Dakota

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 103 people die and 84 are wounded by guns in North Dakota. North Dakota has the 38th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.



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

Gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, four-year average: 2018-2021.

Gun violence trends: CDC, WONDER, 2012-2021.

Gun injuries: Ted R. Miller, David Swedler, and Kate Schnippel analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2019.

Cost of gun violence: Ted R. Miller and Bruce Lawrence analysis of CDC fatal injury: 2019 and HCUP nonfatal injury: 2019.

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.

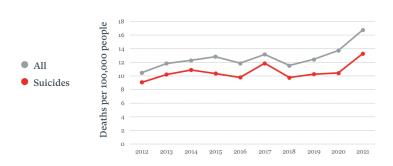
Totals do not always sum to 100% due to rounding.

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GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In North Dakota, the rate of gun deaths increased 60% from 2012 to 2021, compared to a 39% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 46% compared to a 19% increase nationwide. Data on gun homicides was not consistently available in North Dakota during this time period.

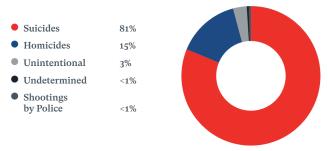


COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

North Dakota has the 29th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at \$1,734 per resident each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost North Dakota \$1.3 billion each year, of which \$10.9 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

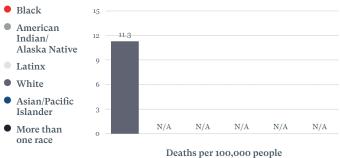
In North Dakota, 81% of gun deaths are suicides and 15% are homicides. This is compared to 57% and 40% nationwide, respectively.



GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 83 people in North Dakota die by gun suicides—a rate of 11.0 suicides per 100,000 people. North Dakota has the 23rd-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US. The average number of gun suicide attempts is fewer than 10 per year and is therefore suppressed.

Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in North Dakota



CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

Guns are the 2nd-leading cause of deaths among children and teens in North Dakota. In North Dakota, an average of fewer than 10 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 68% of these deaths are suicides and fewer than 40% are homicides. In the US, 33% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides and 62% are homicides.

SOURCES:

Gun suicides and gun homicides: CDC, WONDER, four-year average: 2018-2021. Homicides include shootings by police.

Gun suicide attempts and gun assaults: Ted R. Miller, David Swedler, and Kate Schnippel analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2019.

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.

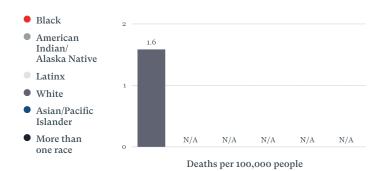
Intimate partner homicides: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2020; Intimate partner homicides by race and ethnicity: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2016–2020.

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.

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 16 people in North Dakota die by gun homicides and 34 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 2.2 homicides and 4.5 assaults per 100,000 people. North Dakota has the 40thhighest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In North Dakota, 64% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 78% nationwide.

Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in North Dakota



INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

In 2020, fewer than 10 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in North Dakota. 40% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 66% nationwide.

Female Intimate Partner Firearm Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in North Dakota

