

# Gun Violence in Oregon

#### **OVERVIEW**

In an average year, 587 people die and 617 are wounded by guns in Oregon. Oregon has the 34thhighest 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.

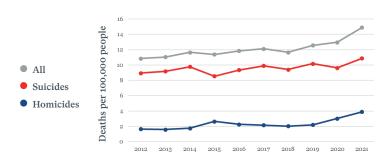
Rankings are based on the 50 states and Washington, DC with first being highest, 51st lowest. Death and injury rankings are based on rates, economic cost rankings are based on average societal per-resident cost. Overall state gun violence rankings are calculated by adding count of gun deaths plus count 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 Oregon, the rate of gun deaths increased 37% from 2012 to 2021, compared to a 39% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 22% and gun homicides increased 135% compared to a 19% increase and 73% increase nationwide, respectively.

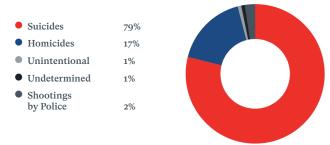


## **COST OF GUN VIOLENCE**

Oregon has the 23rd-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at \$1,911 per resident each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Oregon \$8.1 billion each year, of which \$89.1 million is paid by taxpayers.

#### **GUN DEATHS BY INTENT**

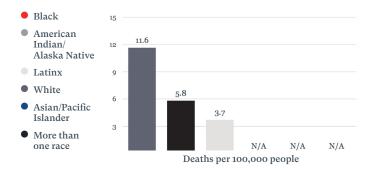
In Oregon, 79% of gun deaths are suicides and 17% are homicides. This is compared to 57% and 40% nationwide, respectively.



#### **GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS**

Every year, an average of 463 people in Oregon die by gun suicides and 44 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 10.0 suicides and 1.0 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Oregon has the 17th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

#### Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in Oregon



#### CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

Guns are the 2nd-leading cause of death among children and teens in Oregon. In Oregon, an average of 34 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 60% of these deaths are suicides and 34% 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.

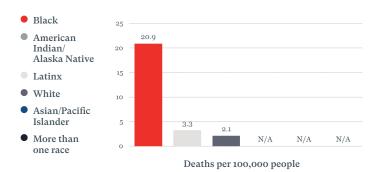
Intimate partner homicides: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2020; Intimate partner homicides by race and ethnicity: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2016–2020.

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 114 people in Oregon die by gun homicides and 196 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 2.8 homicides and 4.7 assaults per 100,000 people. Oregon has the 36th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Oregon, 70% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 78% nationwide.

#### Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Oregon



## INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

In 2020, fewer than 10 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Oregon. 75% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 66% nationwide.

## **Female Intimate Partner Firearm Homicides** by Race/Ethnicity in Oregon

