Gun Violence in Rhode Island

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 46 people die and 135 are wounded by guns in Rhode Island. Rhode Island has the 49th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Rhode Island, the rate of gun deaths remained stable from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. Data on gun suicides and homicides was not consistently available in Rhode Island during this time period.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Rhode Island has the 50th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $282 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Rhode Island $299 million, of which $15 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Rhode Island, 72% of gun deaths are suicides and 25% are homicides. This is compared to 60% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

Sources


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INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

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GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 12 people in Rhode Island die by gun homicides and 76 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 1.2 homicides and 7.2 assaults per 100,000 people. Rhode Island has the 37th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Rhode Island, 52% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 33 people in Rhode Island die by gun suicides—a rate of 2.8 suicides per 100,000 people. Rhode Island has the 46th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US. Due to confidentiality considerations, gun suicide attempt data is not made public for Rhode Island because it averages fewer than 10 attempts per year.

GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS

There is insufficient data on gun deaths among children and teens for Rhode Island.

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Did You Know?

Each year, 46 people die by guns and 135 more are wounded by guns in Rhode Island.

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 in 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.

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