

Gun Violence in Rhode Island

OVERVIEW

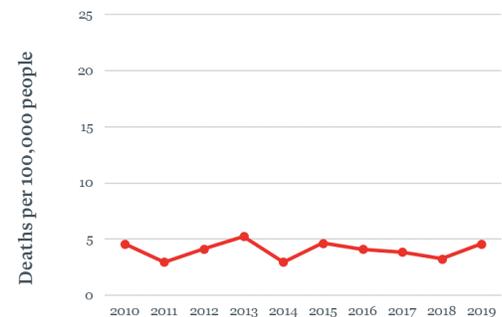
In an average year, **46** people die and **135** are wounded by guns in Rhode Island. Rhode Island has the **49th-highest** rate of gun violence in the US.



Data on states, congressional districts, and counties: [EveryStat.org](https://www.everystat.com)

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.

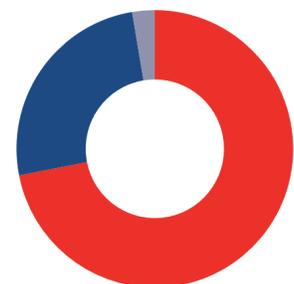
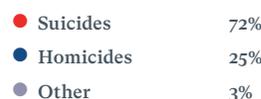


COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

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

Gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2015–2019.

Gun violence trends: CDC, WONDER, 2010–2019.

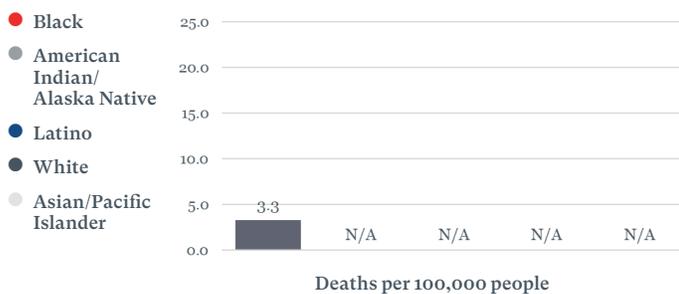
Gun injuries: Ted R. Miller and David Swedler, analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2017.

Cost of gun violence: Ted R. Miller, analysis of CDC fatal injury: 2018 and HCUP nonfatal injury: 2017.

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.

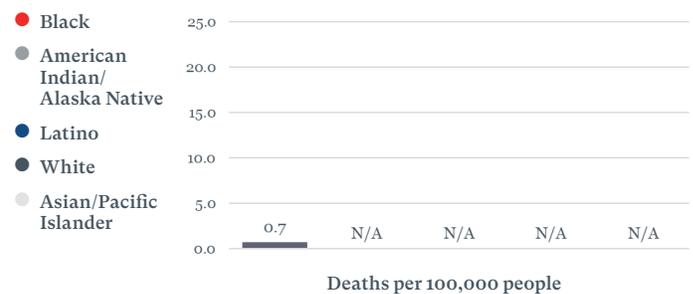
Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Rhode Island



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 Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Rhode Island



GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS

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

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

From 2015 to 2019, **4** women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Rhode Island. **27%** of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to **59%** nationwide.

Did You Know?

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

Sources

Suicides: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2015–2019.

Homicides: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2015–2019. Homicides include shootings by police.

Gun suicide attempts/assaults: Ted R. Miller and David Swedler, analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2017.

Children/teen deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2015–2019, ages 0–19; leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2019, ages 1–19.

Intimate partner homicides: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Report, five-year total: 2015–2019.

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.