Gun Violence in Texas

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 3,647 people die and 5,556 are wounded by guns in Texas. Texas has the 27th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Texas, the rate of gun deaths increased 38% from 2011 to 2020, compared to a 33% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 15% and gun homicides increased 90% compared to a 12% increase and 70% increase nationwide, respectively.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Texas has the 28th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $1,769 per resident each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Texas $51.3 billion each year, of which $1.1 billion is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Texas, 60% of gun deaths are suicides and 36% are homicides. This is compared to 59% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

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

SOURCES:


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.

EveryStat.org
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GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS
Every year, an average of 2,192 people in Texas die by gun suicides and 243 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 7.7 suicides and 0.8 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Texas has the 34th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS
Every year, an average of 1,374 people in Texas die by gun homicides and 2,092 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 4.8 homicides and 7.2 assaults per 100,000 people. Texas has the 25th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Texas, 76% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 76% nationwide.

CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS
Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Texas. In Texas, an average of 372 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 39% of these deaths are suicides and 56% are homicides. In the US, 35% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides and 60% are homicides.

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES
In 2019, 73 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Texas. 67% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 67% nationwide.

SOURCES:
Gun suicides and gun homicides: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2016–2020. Homicides include shootings by police.
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.