Gun Violence in Texas

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 3,455 people die and 9,173 are wounded by guns in Texas. Texas has the 19th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Texas has the 30th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $839 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Texas $24 billion, of which $1 billion is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Texas, the rate of gun deaths increased 16% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 9% and gun homicides increased 27%, compared to a 13% increase and 26% increase nationwide, respectively.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Texas, 62% of gun deaths are suicides and 35% are homicides. This is compared to 60% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

Sources


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GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 2,134 people in Texas die by gun suicides and 238 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 7.6 suicides and 0.8 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Texas has the 33rd-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Texas

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 1,243 people in Texas die by gun homicides and 3,512 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 4.4 homicides and 12.4 assaults per 100,000 people. Texas has the 24th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Texas, 74% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

Gun Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Texas

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

From 2015 to 2019, 398 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Texas. 63% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 59% nationwide.

Did You Know?

In Texas, the gun suicide rate in the most rural counties is nearly 2 times higher than in the most urban counties.

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 on 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.