Gun Violence in Utah

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 400 people die and 329 are wounded by guns in Utah. Utah has the 39th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Utah, the rate of gun deaths increased 12% from 2011 to 2020, compared to a 33% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 3% and gun homicides increased 88% compared to a 12% increase and 70% increase nationwide, respectively.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Utah has the 36th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $790 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Utah $2 billion, of which $47 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Utah, 83% of gun deaths are suicides and 13% are homicides. This is compared to 59% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

Sources


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

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GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 332 people in Utah die by gun suicides and 17 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 11.1 suicides and 0.6 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Utah has the 20th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 62 people in Utah die by gun homicides and 120 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 1.9 homicides and 3.9 assaults per 100,000 people. Utah has the 48th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Utah, 68% 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 Utah. In Utah, an average of 41 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 70% of these deaths are suicides and 27% 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, fewer than 10 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Utah. 80% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 67% nationwide.

Sources

Gun homicides: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2016-2020. Homicides include shootings by police.
Children and teens gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2016-2020, ages 0-19; Leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2020, 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.

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