

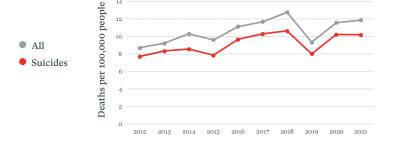
# Gun Violence in Vermont

# **OVERVIEW**

In an average year, 77 people die and 65 are wounded by guns in Vermont. Vermont has the 42ndhighest rate of gun violence in the US.

## **GUN DEATHS OVER TIME**

In Vermont, the rate of gun deaths increased 36% from 2012 to 2021, compared to a 39% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 32% compared to a 19% increase nationwide. Data on gun homicides was not consistently available in Vermont during this time period.





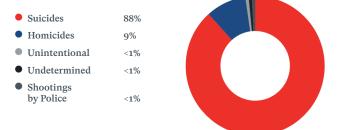
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# **COST OF GUN VIOLENCE**

Vermont has the 39th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at \$1,528 per resident each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Vermont \$953.3 million each year, of which \$8.7 million is paid by taxpayers.

# **GUN DEATHS BY INTENT**

In Vermont, 88% of gun deaths are suicides and 9% are homicides. This is compared to 57% and 40% nationwide, respectively.



#### SOURCES:

Gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, four-year average: 2018-2021.

Gun violence trends: CDC, WONDER, 2012-2021.

Gun injuries: Ted R. Miller, David Swedler, and Kate Schnippel analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2019.

Cost of gun violence: Ted R. Miller and Bruce Lawrence analysis of CDC fatal injury: 2019 and HCUP nonfatal injury: 2019.

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.

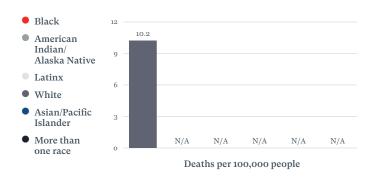
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## **GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS**

Every year, an average of 68 people in Vermont die by gun suicides—a rate of 9.8 suicides per 100,000 people. Vermont has the 24th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US. The average number of gun suicide attempts is fewer than 10 per year and is therefore suppressed.

### Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in Vermont



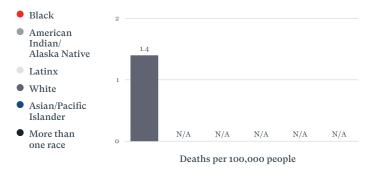
## CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

In Vermont, an average of fewer than 10 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 73% of these deaths are suicides and fewer than 30% are homicides. In the US, 33% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides and 62% are homicides.

#### **GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS**

Every year, an average of 30 people are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 4.8 assaults per 100,000 people. Vermont has the 46th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. The average number of gun homicides is fewer than 10 per year and is therefore suppressed.

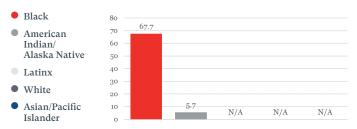
### Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Vermont



## INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

In 2020, fewer than 10 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Vermont. 100% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 66% nationwide.

# Female Intimate Partner Firearm Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Vermont



Deaths per 1 million adult females

#### SOURCES:

Gun suicides and gun homicides: CDC, WONDER, four-year average: 2018-2021. Homicides include shootings by police.

Gun suicide attempts and gun assaults: Ted R. Miller, David Swedler, and Kate Schnippel analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2019.

Children and teens gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, four-year average: 2018–2021, ages 0–19; Leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2021, ages 1–19.

Intimate partner homicides: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2020; Intimate partner homicides by race and ethnicity: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2016–2020.

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.

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