Gun Violence in Vermont

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 73 people die and 84 are wounded by guns in Vermont. Vermont has the 36th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Vermont, the rate of gun deaths decreased 9% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides decreased 17%, compared to a 13% increase nationwide. Data on gun homicides was not consistently available in Vermont during this time period.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Vermont has the 33rd-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $828 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Vermont $516 million, of which $12 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Vermont, 87% of gun deaths are suicides and 11% are homicides. This is compared to 60% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

Sources

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INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES
From 2015 to 2019, 8 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Vermont. 47% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 59% nationwide.

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS
Every year, an average of 39 people in Vermont are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 6.3 assaults per 100,000 people. Vermont has the 40th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. Due to confidentiality considerations, gun assault data is not made public for Vermont because it averages fewer than 10 assaults per year.

**Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Vermont**

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**GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS**
There is insufficient data on gun deaths among children and teens for Vermont.

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**Did You Know?**

*In Vermont, 87% of all gun deaths are suicides.*

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.

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