Gun Violence in Washington

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 781 people die and 821 are wounded by guns in Washington. Washington has the 42nd-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

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

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Washington, the rate of gun deaths increased 20% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 19% and gun homicides increased 34%, compared to a 13% increase and 26% increase nationwide, respectively.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Washington has the 39th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $716 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Washington $5 billion, of which $169 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Washington, 75% of gun deaths are suicides and 21% are homicides. This is compared to 60% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

Sources

EveryStat.org
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GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 585 people in Washington die by gun suicides and 28 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 7.5 suicides and 0.4 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Washington has the 36th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Washington

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 185 people in Washington die by gun homicides and 315 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 2.6 homicides and 4.3 assaults per 100,000 people. Washington has the 45th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Washington, 68% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

Gun Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Washington

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

From 2015 to 2019, 69 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Washington. 57% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 59% nationwide.

Did You Know?

Gun homicides, assaults, and police shootings cost Washington $1.7 billion each year.