Gun Violence in Washington

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 810 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 24% from 2011 to 2020, compared to a 33% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 11% and gun homicides increased 87% compared to a 12% increase and 70% 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, 74% of gun deaths are suicides and 21% are homicides. This is compared to 59% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

Sources

Totals do not always sum to 100% due to rounding.
**GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS**
Every year, an average of 602 people in Washington die by gun suicides and 28 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 7.6 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 197 people in Washington die by gun homicides and 315 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 2.7 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 76% nationwide.

**Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Washington**

**CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS**
Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Washington. In Washington, an average of 60 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 54% of these deaths are suicides and 43% 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, 20 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Washington. 69% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 67% nationwide.

**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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