

Gun Violence in Wyoming

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 125 people die and 91 are wounded by guns in Wyoming. Wyoming has the 30th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.



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

Gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2016-2020.

Gun violence trends: CDC, WONDER, 2011-2020.

Gun injuries: Ted R. Miller and David Swedler analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2017.

Cost of gun violence: Ted R. Miller analysis of CDC fatal injury: 2018 and HCUP nonfatal injury: 2017.

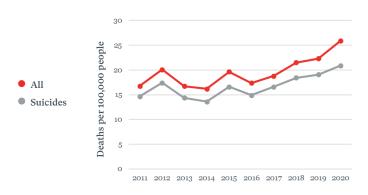
Totals do not always sum to 100% due to rounding.

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GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Wyoming, the rate of gun deaths increased 54% from 2011 to 2020, compared to a 33% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 43% compared to a 12% increase nationwide. Data on gun homicides was not consistently available in Wyoming during this time period.

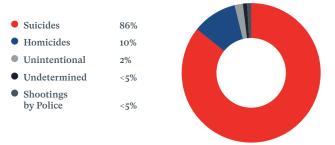


COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Wyoming has the 12th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at \$1,270 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Wyoming \$736 million, of which \$14 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

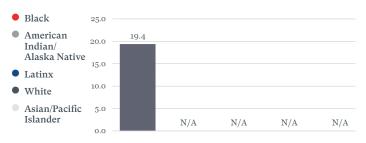
In Wyoming, 86% of gun deaths are suicides and 10% are homicides. This is compared to 59% and 38% nationwide, respectively.



GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 107 people in Wyoming die by gun suicides—a rate of 18.0 suicides per 100,000 people. Wyoming has the 2nd-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 Wyoming

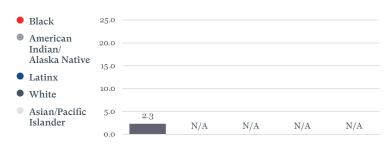


Deaths per 100,000 people

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 14 people in Wyoming die by gun homicides and 29 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 2.7 homicides and 5.0 assaults per 100,000 people. Wyoming has the 44th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Wyoming, 63% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 76% nationwide.

Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Wyoming



Deaths per 100,000 people

CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

The average number of gun deaths among children and teens is fewer than 10 per year in Wyoming and the number is therefore suppressed. 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 Wyoming. 70% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 67% nationwide.

Sources

Gun suicides: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2016-2020.

Gun homicides: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2016–2020. Homicides include shootings by police.

Gun suicide attempts and gun assaults: Ted R. Miller and David Swedler analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2017.

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.

Intimate partner homicides: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2019; Intimate partner homicides by race and ethnicity: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2018-2019.

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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