

# Gun Violence in United States

## OVERVIEW

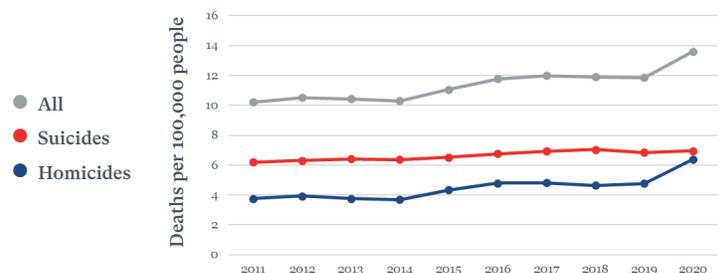
In an average year, **40,620** people die and **76,385** are wounded by guns in the United States, costing the country **\$557.2** billion each year.



Data on states, congressional districts, and counties:  
[EveryStat.org](https://www.everystat.org)

## GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In the United States, the rate of gun deaths increased **33%** from 2011 to 2020. During that same period, the rate of gun suicides increased **12%** and gun homicides increased **70%**.

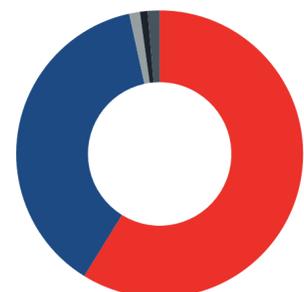
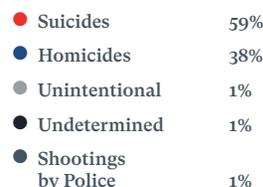


## COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Gun deaths and injuries cost the United States **\$557.2** billion each year, of which **\$12.6** billion is paid by taxpayers. The average cost for overall gun violence in the United States is **\$1,698** for every person each year.

## GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In the United States, **59%** of gun deaths are suicides and **38%** are homicides. Mississippi has the highest rate of gun deaths in the country, Wyoming has the highest rate of gun suicides, and DC has the highest rate of gun homicides.



### SOURCES:

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

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

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

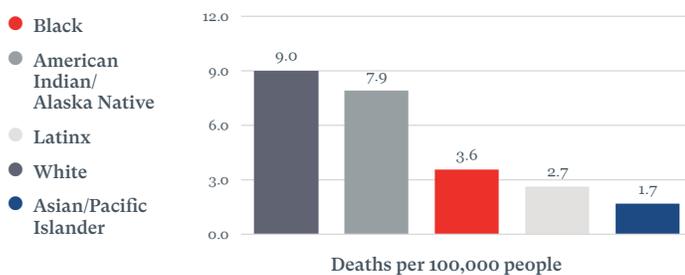
Cost of gun violence: Ted R. Miller and Bruce Lawrence analysis of CDC fatal injury: 2019 and HCUP nonfatal injury: 2019.

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

## GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of **23,891** people in the United States die by gun suicides and **2,294** are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of **6.9** suicides and **0.7** suicide attempts per 100,000 people. In the United States, white people are **3 times** more likely than Black people to die by gun suicide.

### Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in the United States



## CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

Guns are the **leading** cause of death among children and teens in the United States. In the United States, an average of **3,540** children and teens die by guns every year, of which **35%** of these deaths are suicides and **60%** are homicides. Black children and teens in the United States are **14 times** more likely than their white peers to die by gun homicide.

#### SOURCES:

Gun suicides and gun homicides: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2016–2020. 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, five-year average: 2016–2020, ages 0–19; Leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2020, ages 1–19.

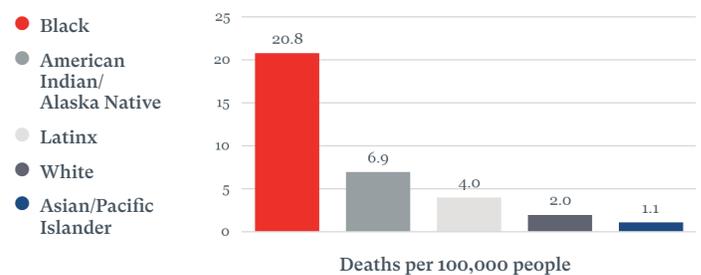
Intimate partner homicides: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2019; Intimate partner homicides by race and ethnicity: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2018–2019.

Note: Gun violence data on EveryStat and in this fact sheet includes individuals who die 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.

## GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of **15,889** people in the United States die by gun homicides and **29,934** are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of **5.1** homicides and **9.1** assaults per 100,000 people. Of all homicides in the United States, **76%** involve a gun. In the United States, Black people are **10 times** more likely than white people to die by gun homicide.

### Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in the United States



## INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

In 2019, **871** women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in the United States. **67%** of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun.

### Intimate Partner Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in the United States

