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.

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:


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

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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

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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.

Intimate Partner Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in the United States

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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.

Deaths per 1 million adults

**SOURCES:**
Gun suicides and gun homicides: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2016–2020. Homicides include shootings by police.

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.