Gun Violence in the United States

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 43,375 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 39% from 2012 to 2021. During that same time period, the rate of gun suicides increased 19% and gun homicides increased 73%.

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, 57% of gun deaths are suicides and 40% 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:


Rankings are based on the 50 states and Washington, DC, with first being highest, 51st lowest. Death and injury rankings are based on rates, economic cost rankings are based on average societal per-resident cost. Overall state gun violence rankings are calculated by adding count of gun deaths plus count of nonfatal gun injuries divided by population.

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

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GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 24,748 people in the United States die by gun suicides and 2,294 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 7.1 suicides and 0.7 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. In the United States, white people are 2.2 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 17,730 people in the United States die by gun homicides and 29,934 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 5.7 homicides and 9.1 assaults per 100,000 people. Of all homicides in the United States, 78% involve a gun. In the United States, Black people are 12 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 3,963 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 33% of these deaths are suicides and 62% are homicides. Black children and teens in the United States are 17 times more likely than their white peers to die by gun homicides.

**Female Intimate Partner Firearm Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in the United States**

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INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

In 2020, 740 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in the United States. 66% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun.