

Gun Violence in the United States

OVERVIEW

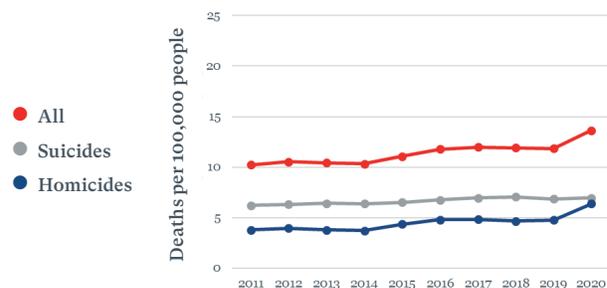
In an average year, **40,620** people die and **84,776** are wounded by guns in the United States, costing the country **\$280 billion** each year.



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 have increased **33%** from 2011 to 2020. During that same time period, the rate of gun suicides increased **12%** and gun homicides increased **70%**.

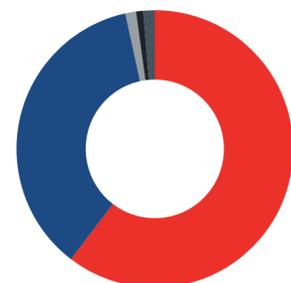
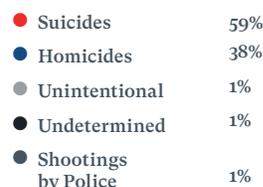


COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Gun deaths and injuries cost the United States **\$280 billion**, of which **\$13 billion** is paid by taxpayers. The average cost for overall gun violence in the United States is **\$860** for every person.

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.

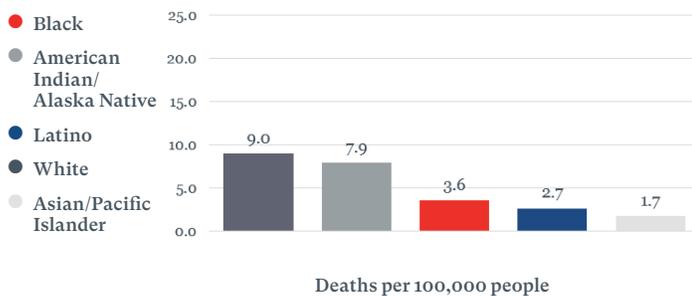
Gun injuries: Ted R. Miller and David Swedler, analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2017.

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

GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of **23,891** people in the United States die by gun suicides and **2,473** are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of **6.9** suicides and **0.8** 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.

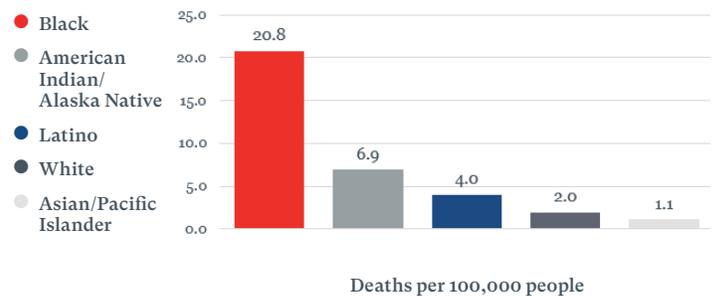
Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in the United States



GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of **15,889** people in the United States die by gun homicides and **36,726** are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of **5.1** homicides and **11.2** 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.

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GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN & TEENS

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

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

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/assaults: Ted R. Miller and David Swedler, analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2017.

Children/teen 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.

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.