Gun Violence in the United States

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 38,826 people die and 84,776 are wounded by guns in the United States, costing the country $280 billion each year.

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 OVER TIME

In the United States, the rate of gun deaths have increased 17% from 2010 to 2019. During that same time period, the rate of gun suicides increased 13% and gun homicides increased 26%.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In the United States, 60% of gun deaths are suicides and 36% are homicides. Alaska 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

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GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 23,437 people in the United States die by gun suicides and 2,473 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 6.8 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

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GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 14,583 people in the United States die by gun homicides and 36,726 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 4.5 homicides and 11.2 assaults per 100,000 people. Of all homicides in the United States, 75% 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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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 3,231 children and teens die by guns every year, and 58% of these deaths are homicides. Black children and teens in the United States are 14 times more likely than their white peers to die by gun homicide.

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INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

From 2015 to 2019, 3,408 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in United States. 59% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun.

Did You Know?

Gun violence costs US taxpayers an average of $34.8 million each day.

Sources

Children/teen deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2015–2019, ages 0–19; leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2019, ages 1–19.

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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