

Gun Violence in Texas

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 4,330 people die and 7,726 are wounded by guns in Texas. Texas has the 29th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.



SOURCES:

Gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2019-2023.

Gun violence trends: CDC, WONDER, 2014–2023.

Gun injuries: Everytown analysis of Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) data, 2020.

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

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.

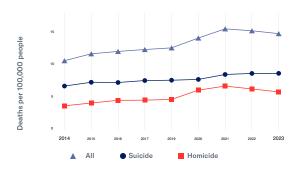
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GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Texas, the rate of gun deaths increased 39% from 2014 to 2023, compared to a 33% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 29% and gun homicides increased 58%, compared to a 20% increase and a 57% increase nationwide, respectively.

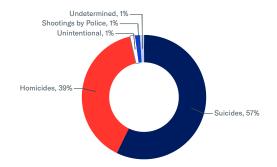


COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Texas has the 28th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at \$1,769 per resident each year. Gun violence costs Texas \$51.3 billion each year, of which \$1.1 billion is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

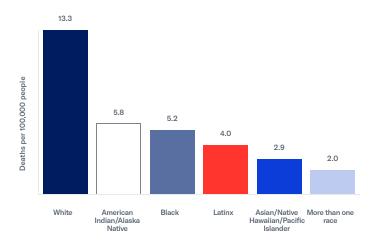
In Texas, 57% of gun deaths are suicides and 39% are homicides. This is compared to 56% and 40% nationwide, respectively.



GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 2,479 people in Texas die by gun suicides and 215 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 8.3 suicides and 0.7 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Texas has the 31st-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in Texas



CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Texas. In Texas, an average of 480 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 33% of these deaths are suicides and 62% are homicides. In the US, 30% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides and 65% are homicides.

SOURCES:

Gun suicides and gun homicides: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2019–2023. Homicides include shootings by police.

Gun suicide attempts and gun assaults: Everytown analysis of Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) data, 2020.

Children and teens gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2019–2023, ages 0–19; Leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2023, ages 1–19.

Intimate partner homicides: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, three-year average: 2020–2022.

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.

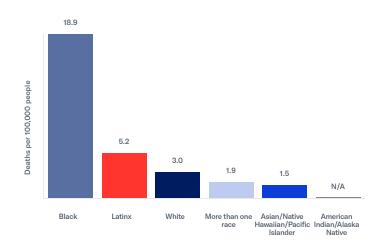
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GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 1,758 people in Texas die by gun homicides and 2,430 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 5.9 homicides and 8.3 assaults per 100,000 people. Texas has the 25th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Texas, 79% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 79% nationwide.

Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Texas



INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

Every year, an average of 69 women are fatally shot by an intimate partner in Texas. 82% of female intimate partner homicide victims are killed with a gun, compared to 69% nationwide.

Female Intimate Partner Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Texas

