Gun Violence in Arkansas

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 565 people die and 555 are wounded by guns in Arkansas. Arkansas has the 26th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Arkansas, the rate of gun deaths increased 34% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 20% and gun homicides increased 63% compared to a 13% increase and 26% increase nationwide, respectively.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Arkansas has the 11th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $1,273 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Arkansas $4 billion, of which $162 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Arkansas, 62% of gun deaths are suicides and 33% are homicides. This is compared to 60% and 38% nationwide, respectively.
GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS
Every year, an average of 350 people in Arkansas die by gun suicides and 33 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 11.1 suicides and 1.1 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Arkansas has the 14th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS
Every year, an average of 194 people in Arkansas die by gun homicides and 233 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 6.8 homicides and 7.8 assaults per 100,000 people. Arkansas has the 26th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Arkansas, 73% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

Did You Know?
Black people in Arkansas are 7 times more likely than white people to die by gun homicide.