Gun Violence in Colorado

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 805 people die and 360 are wounded by guns in Colorado. Colorado has the 41st-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Colorado, the rate of gun deaths increased 32% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 29% and gun homicides increased 45%, compared to a 13% increase and 26% increase nationwide, respectively.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Colorado has the 20th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $1,006 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Colorado $6 billion, of which $170 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Colorado, 76% of gun deaths are suicides and 20% are homicides. This is compared to 60% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

Sources


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GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 611 people in Colorado die by gun suicides and 20 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 10.5 suicides and 0.4 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Colorado has the 17th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 181 people in Colorado die by gun homicides and 141 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 3.2 homicides and 2.5 assaults per 100,000 people. Colorado has the 46th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Colorado, 69% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS

Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Colorado. In Colorado, an average of 63 children and teens die by guns every year, and 59% of these deaths are suicides. In the US, 58% of all gun deaths among children and teens are homicides.

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

From 2015 to 2019, 68 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Colorado. 62% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 59% nationwide.

Did You Know?

Colorado’s firearm suicide rate is 54% higher than the national firearm suicide rate.