Gun Violence in Illinois

**OVERVIEW**

In an average year, **1,400** people die and **4,148** are wounded by guns in Illinois. Illinois has the **21st-highest** rate of gun violence in the US.

**GUN DEATHS OVER TIME**

In Illinois, the rate of gun deaths increased **32%** from 2010 to 2019, compared to a **17%** increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased **19%** and gun homicides increased **44%**, compared to a **13%** increase and **26%** increase nationwide, respectively.

**COST OF GUN VIOLENCE**

Illinois has the **32nd-highest** societal cost of gun violence in the US at **$829** per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Illinois **$11 billion**, of which **$669 million** is paid by taxpayers.

**GUN DEATHS BY INTENT**

In Illinois, **38%** of gun deaths are suicides and **59%** 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 538 people in Illinois die by gun suicides and 47 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 4.0 suicides and 0.4 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Illinois has the 43rd-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Illinois

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 839 people in Illinois die by gun homicides and 1,989 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 6.8 homicides and 15.5 assaults per 100,000 people. Illinois has the 11th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Illinois, 81% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

Gun Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Illinois

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

There is insufficient data on intimate partner gun homicides for Illinois.

GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS

Guns are the 1st-leading cause of death among children and teens in Illinois. In Illinois, an average of 180 children and teens die by guns every year, and 82% of these deaths are homicides. In the US, 58% of all gun deaths among children and teens are homicides.

Did You Know?

Black people in Illinois are 32 times more likely than white people to die by gun homicide.

Sources


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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