Gun Violence in Kansas

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 401 people die and 878 are wounded by guns in Kansas. Kansas has the 18th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

Data on states, congressional districts, and counties: EveryStat.org

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Kansas, the rate of gun deaths increased 30% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 35% and gun homicides increased 35%, compared to a 13% increase and 26% increase nationwide, respectively.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Kansas has the 21st-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $994 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Kansas $3 billion, of which $111 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Kansas, 69% of gun deaths are suicides and 28% are homicides. This is compared to 60% and 38% nationwide, respectively.
GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS
Every year, an average of 276 people in Kansas die by gun suicides and 17 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 9.4 suicides and 0.6 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Kansas has the 25th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Kansas

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS
Every year, an average of 117 people in Kansas die by gun homicides and 426 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 4.2 homicides and 14.6 assaults per 100,000 people. Kansas has the 17th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Kansas, 75% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

Gun Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Kansas

GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS
Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Kansas. In Kansas, an average of 35 children and teens die by guns every year, and 51% of these deaths are suicides. In the US, 58% of all gun deaths among children and teens are homicides.

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES
There is insufficient data on intimate partner gun homicides for Kansas.

Did You Know?
Every year, an average of 35 children and teens die by guns in Kansas.

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.