

# Gun Violence in Kentucky

## OVERVIEW

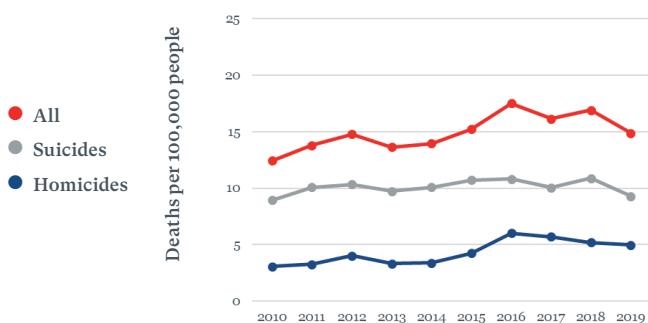
In an average year, **728** people die and **1,036** are wounded by guns in Kentucky. Kentucky has the **23rd-highest** rate of gun violence in the US.



Data on states, congressional districts, and counties:  
[EveryStat.org](https://EveryStat.org)

## GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Kentucky, the rate of gun deaths increased **20%** from 2010 to 2019, compared to a **17%** increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased **4%** and gun homicides increased **63%**, compared to a **13%** increase and **26%** increase nationwide, respectively.



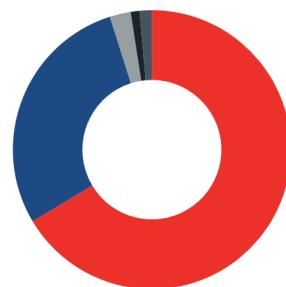
## COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Kentucky has the **17th-highest** societal cost of gun violence in the US at **\$1,104** per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Kentucky **\$5 billion**, of which **\$181 million** is paid by taxpayers.

## GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Kentucky, **66%** of gun deaths are suicides and **29%** are homicides. This is compared to **60%** and **38%** nationwide, respectively.

● Suicides	66%
● Homicides	29%
● Unintentional	2%
● Undetermined	1%
● Shootings by Police	1%



## Sources

Gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2015–2019.

Gun violence trends: CDC, WONDER, 2010–2019.

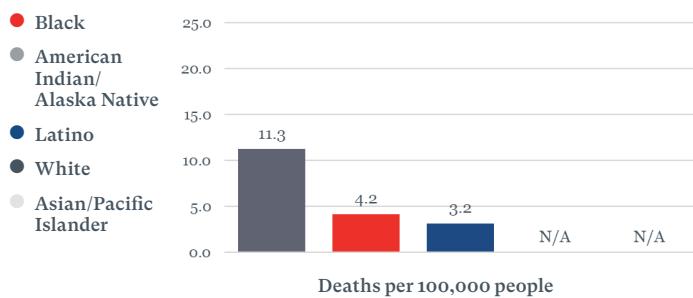
Gun injuries: Ted R. Miller and David Swedler, analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2017.

Cost of gun violence: Ted R. Miller, analysis of CDC fatal injury: 2018 and HCUP nonfatal injury: 2017.

## GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 484 people in Kentucky die by gun suicides and 39 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 10.3 suicides and 0.9 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Kentucky has the 19th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

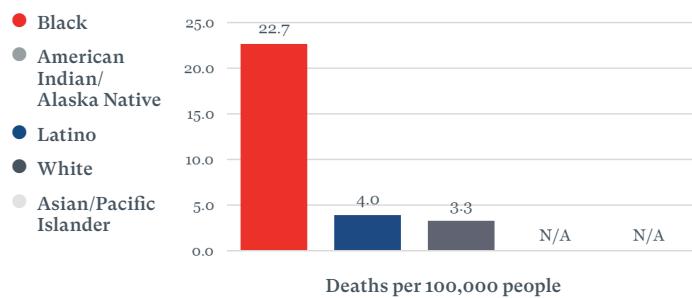
### Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Kentucky



## GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 219 people in Kentucky die by gun homicides and 408 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 5.2 homicides and 9.2 assaults per 100,000 people. Kentucky has the 27th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Kentucky, 77% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

### Gun Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Kentucky



## GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS

Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Kentucky. In Kentucky, an average of 61 children and teens die by guns every year, and 45% of these deaths are homicides. In the US, 58% of all gun deaths among children and teens are homicides.

## INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

From 2015 to 2019, 73 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Kentucky. 68% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 59% nationwide.

### Did You Know?

The gun homicide rate in Kentucky increased 63% from 2010 to 2019.

#### Sources

Suicides: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2015–2019.

Homicides: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2015–2019. Homicides include shootings by police.

Gun suicide attempts/assaults: Ted R. Miller and David Swedler, analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2017.

Children/teen deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2015–2019, ages 0–19; leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2019, ages 1–19.

Intimate partner homicides: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Report, five-year total: 2015–2019.

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.