Gun Violence in Louisiana

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 990 people die and 4,397 are wounded by guns in Louisiana. Louisiana has the highest rate of gun violence in the US.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Louisiana has the highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $1,793 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Louisiana $8 billion, of which $507 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Louisiana, 46% of gun deaths are suicides and 52% 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 453 people in Louisiana die by gun suicides and 144 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 9.4 suicides and 3.1 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Louisiana has the 9th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Did You Know?

Louisiana has the highest rate of gun injuries from assaults and police shootings and the 2nd highest rate of gun homicide deaths in the US.

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 517 people in Louisiana die by gun homicides and 1,740 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 11.5 homicides and 37.2 assaults per 100,000 people. Louisiana has the highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Louisiana, 82% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

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GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS

Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Louisiana. In Louisiana, an average of 100 children and teens die by guns every year, and 72% 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, 106 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Louisiana. 68% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 59% nationwide.

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.

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