Gun Violence in Maine

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 152 people die and 97 are wounded by guns in Maine. Maine has the 47th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Maine, the rate of gun deaths increased 45% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 50%, compared to a 13% increase nationwide. Data on gun homicides was not consistently available in Maine during this time period.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Maine has the 38th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $732 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Maine $979 million, of which $14 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Maine, 90% of gun deaths are suicides and 7% 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 136 people in Maine die by gun suicides—a rate of 9.1 suicides per 100,000 people. Maine has the 18th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US. Due to confidentiality considerations, gun suicide attempt data is not made public for Maine because it averages fewer than 10 attempts per year.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Maine

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GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 14 people in Maine die by gun homicides and 44 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 1.1 homicides and 3.3 assaults per 100,000 people. Maine has the 50th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Maine, 59% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

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GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS

There is insufficient data on gun deaths among children and teens for Maine.

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

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

Did You Know?

In Maine, 40% of all gun deaths occur in the most rural counties.

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.