Gun Violence in Maryland

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 724 people die and 1,747 are wounded by guns in Maryland. Maryland has the 22nd-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

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

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Maryland, the rate of gun deaths increased 36% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 10% and gun homicides increased 53%, compared to a 13% increase and 26% increase nationwide, respectively.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Maryland has the 24th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $949 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Maryland $6 billion, of which $376 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Maryland, 36% of gun deaths are suicides and 62% are homicides. This is compared to 60% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

Sources


EveryStat.org
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GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS
Every year, an average of 260 people in Maryland die by gun suicides and 27 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 4.0 suicides and 0.4 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Maryland has the 42nd-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Maryland

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS
Every year, an average of 459 people in Maryland die by gun homicides and 784 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 8.0 homicides and 12.9 assaults per 100,000 people. Maryland has the 14th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Maryland, 78% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

Gun Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Maryland

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES
From 2015 to 2019, 47 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Maryland. 54% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 59% nationwide.

GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS
Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Maryland. In Maryland, an average of 58 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.

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.

Did You Know?
Black people in Maryland are 17 times more likely than white people to die by gun homicide.