Gun Violence in Mississippi

**OVERVIEW**

In an average year, 640 people die and 2,005 are wounded by guns in Mississippi. Mississippi has the 3rd-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

**GUN DEATHS OVER TIME**

In Mississippi, the rate of gun deaths increased 51% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 16% and gun homicides increased 85%, compared to a 13% increase and 26% increase nationwide, respectively.

**COST OF GUN VIOLENCE**

Mississippi has the 2nd-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $1,707 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Mississippi $5 billion, of which $272 million is paid by taxpayers.

**GUN DEATHS BY INTENT**

In Mississippi, 46% of gun deaths are suicides and 48% 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 295 people in Mississippi die by gun suicides and 68 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 9.5 suicides and 2.3 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Mississippi has the 11th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Mississippi

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GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 311 people in Mississippi die by gun homicides and 668 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 11.0 homicides and 22.4 assaults per 100,000 people. Mississippi has the 4th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Mississippi, 83% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

Gun Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Mississippi

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GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS

Guns are the 2nd-leading cause of death among children and teens in Mississippi. In Mississippi, an average of 55 children and teens die by guns every year, and 56% of these deaths are homicides. 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 Mississippi.

Did You Know?

Mississippi has the 3rd highest rate of gun injuries in the US.

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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