Gun Violence in North Carolina

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 1,388 people die and 3,407 are wounded by guns in North Carolina. North Carolina has the 17th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

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

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In North Carolina, the rate of gun deaths increased 13% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 3% and gun homicides increased 41%, compared to a 13% increase and 26% increase nationwide, respectively.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

North Carolina has the 26th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $937 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost North Carolina $10 billion, of which $418 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In North Carolina, 59% of gun deaths are suicides and 37% 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 814 people in North Carolina die by gun suicides and 92 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 7.5 suicides and 0.9 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. North Carolina has the 30th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in North Carolina

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS
Every year, an average of 529 people in North Carolina die by gun homicides and 1,322 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 5.4 homicides and 12.9 assaults per 100,000 people. North Carolina has the 22nd-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In North Carolina, 76% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS
Guns are the 2nd-leading cause of death among children and teens in North Carolina. In North Carolina, an average of 104 children and teens die by guns every year, and 60% 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 North Carolina.

Did You Know?
In North Carolina, the gun suicide rate in the most rural counties is 2 times higher than in the most urban areas.

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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