Gun Violence in North Dakota

**OVERVIEW**

In an average year, **93** people die and **182** are wounded by guns in North Dakota. North Dakota has the **28th-highest** rate of gun violence in the US.

**GUN DEATHS OVER TIME**

In North Dakota, the rate of gun deaths increased **31%** from 2010 to 2019, compared to a **17%** increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased **23%** compared to a **13%** increase nationwide. Data on gun homicides was not consistently available in North Dakota during this time period.

**COST OF GUN VIOLENCE**

North Dakota has the **34th-highest** societal cost of gun violence in the US at **$800** per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost North Dakota **$605 million**, of which **$15 million** is paid by taxpayers.

**GUN DEATHS BY INTENT**

In North Dakota, **85%** of gun deaths are suicides and **11%** are homicides. This is compared to **60%** and **38%** nationwide, respectively.

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Sources


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GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 80 people in North Dakota die by gun suicides—a rate of 10.4 suicides and 1.1 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. North Dakota has the 21st-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 North Dakota because it averages fewer than 10 attempts per year.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in North Dakota

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GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 11 people in North Dakota die by gun homicides and 86 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 1.5 homicides and 11.4 assaults per 100,000 people. North Dakota has the 29th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In North Dakota, 55% 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 North Dakota.

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

There is insufficient data on intimate partner gun homicides for North Dakota.

Did You Know?

North Dakota’s gun suicide rate is nearly 2 times that of neighboring Minnesota.

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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