Gun Violence in Oregon

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 522 people die and 412 are wounded by guns in Oregon. Oregon has the 40th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

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

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

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

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Oregon has the 35th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $795 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Oregon $3 billion, of which $81 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Oregon, 81% of gun deaths are suicides and 15% 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 424 people in Oregon die by gun suicides and 32 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 9.5 suicides and 0.8 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Oregon has the 24th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Oregon

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 90 people in Oregon die by gun homicides and 156 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 2.2 homicides and 3.8 assaults per 100,000 people. Oregon has the 47th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Oregon, 66% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

Gun Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Oregon

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

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

GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS

Guns are the 2nd-leading cause of death among children and teens in Oregon. In Oregon, an average of 29 children and teens die by guns every year, and 68% of these deaths are suicides. In the US, 58% of all gun deaths among children and teens are homicides.

Did You Know?

- **Gun suicides and suicide attempts cost Oregon $2.4 billion each year.**

Sources


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.