Gun Violence in Pennsylvania

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 1,574 people die and 3,058 are wounded by guns in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania has the 27th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

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

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Pennsylvania, the rate of gun deaths increased 15% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 20% and gun homicides increased 12%, compared to a 13% increase and 26% increase nationwide, respectively.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Pennsylvania has the 25th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $942 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Pennsylvania $12 billion, of which $567 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Pennsylvania, 62% of gun deaths are suicides and 35% 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 978 people in Pennsylvania die by gun suicides and 101 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 7.0 suicides and 0.8 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Pennsylvania has the 34th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Pennsylvania

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 572 people in Pennsylvania die by gun homicides and 1,700 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 4.8 homicides and 13.3 assaults per 100,000 people. Pennsylvania has the 19th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Pennsylvania, 76% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

Gun Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Pennsylvania

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

From 2015 to 2019, 118 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Pennsylvania. 54% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 59% nationwide.

Did You Know?

| Gun homicides, assaults, and police shootings cost Pennsylvania $5.6 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.