Gun Violence in Utah

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 388 people die and 329 are wounded by guns in Utah. Utah has the 39th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

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

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Utah, the rate of gun deaths increased 5% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 0% and gun homicides increased 43%, compared to a 13% increase and 26% increase nationwide, respectively.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Utah has the 36th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $790 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Utah $2 billion, of which $47 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Utah, 84% of gun deaths are suicides and 12% 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 327 people in Utah die by gun suicides and 17 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 11.2 suicides and 0.6 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Utah has the 20th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Utah

- Black
- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Latino
- White
- Asian/Pacific Islander

Deaths per 100,000 people

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 54 people in Utah die by gun homicides and 120 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 1.8 homicides and 3.9 assaults per 100,000 people. Utah has the 48th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Utah, 65% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

Gun Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Utah

- Black
- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Latino
- White
- Asian/Pacific Islander

Deaths per 100,000 people

GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS

Guns are the 2nd-leading cause of death among children and teens in Utah. In Utah, an average of 39 children and teens die by guns every year, and 75% of these deaths are suicides. In the US, 58% of all gun deaths among children and teens are homicides.

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

From 2015 to 2019, 22 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Utah. 61% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 59% nationwide.

Did You Know?

In Utah, 75% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides.

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.

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