Gun Violence in Virginia

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 1,019 people die and 2,050 are wounded by guns in Virginia. Virginia has the 29th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

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

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Virginia, the rate of gun deaths increased 9% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 4% and gun homicides increased 20%, compared to a 13% increase and 26% increase nationwide, respectively.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Virginia has the 31st-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $836 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Virginia $7 billion, of which $292 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Virginia, 65% of gun deaths are suicides and 32% 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 663 people in Virginia die by gun suicides and 62 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 7.4 suicides and 0.7 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Virginia has the 35th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Virginia

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS
Every year, an average of 339 people in Virginia die by gun homicides and 659 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 4.1 homicides and 7.8 assaults per 100,000 people. Virginia has the 31st-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Virginia, 77% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

Gun Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Virginia

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES
From 2015 to 2019, 111 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Virginia. 62% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 59% nationwide.

Did You Know?
One quarter of all gun homicides in Virginia occur in three areas: Richmond, Norfolk, and Newport News.