**Gun Violence in Wisconsin**

**OVERVIEW**

In an average year, **621** people die and **1,093** are wounded by guns in Wisconsin. Wisconsin has the 34th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

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**GUN DEATHS OVER TIME**

In Wisconsin, the rate of gun deaths increased **17%** from 2010 to 2019, compared to a **17%** increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased **6%** and gun homicides increased **48%**, compared to a **13%** increase and **26%** increase nationwide, respectively.

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**COST OF GUN VIOLENCE**

Wisconsin has the **41st-highest** societal cost of gun violence in the US at **$670** per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Wisconsin **$4 billion**, of which **$139 million** is paid by taxpayers.

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**GUN DEATHS BY INTENT**

In Wisconsin, **70%** of gun deaths are suicides and **27%** are homicides. This is compared to **60%** and **38%** nationwide, respectively.

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**Sources**


**EveryStat.org**

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GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS
Every year, an average of 432 people in Wisconsin die by gun suicides and 24 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 7.0 suicides and 0.4 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Wisconsin has the 39th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Wisconsin

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS
Every year, an average of 177 people in Wisconsin die by gun homicides and 509 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 3.3 homicides and 8.8 assaults per 100,000 people. Wisconsin has the 33rd-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Wisconsin, 74% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

Gun Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Wisconsin

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES
From 2015 to 2019, 42 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Wisconsin. 55% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 59% nationwide.

GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS
Guns are the 2nd-leading cause of death among children and teens in Wisconsin. In Wisconsin, an average of 48 children and teens die by guns every year, and 50% of these deaths are suicides. In the US, 58% of all gun deaths among children and teens are homicides.

Did You Know?
In Wisconsin, the gun suicide rate in the most rural counties is 2 times higher than in the most urban counties.

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.