Gun Violence in Wyoming

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 117 people die and 91 are wounded by guns in Wyoming. Wyoming has the 30th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Wyoming, the rate of gun deaths increased 43% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 38%, compared to a 13% increase nationwide. Data on gun homicides was not consistently available in Wyoming during this time period.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Wyoming has the 12th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $1,270 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Wyoming $736 million, of which $14 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Wyoming, 86% of gun deaths are suicides and 10% 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 101 people in Wyoming die by gun suicides—a rate of 17.1 suicides and 0.9 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Wyoming has the 2nd-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US. Due to confidentiality considerations, gun suicide attempt data is not made public for Wyoming because it averages fewer than 10 attempts per year.

Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in Wyoming

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GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS
Every year, an average of 13 people in Wyoming die by gun homicides and 29 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 2.3 homicides and 5.0 assaults per 100,000 people. Wyoming has the 44th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Wyoming, 62% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

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GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS
There is insufficient data on gun deaths among children and teens for Wyoming.

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES
There is insufficient data on intimate partner gun homicides for Wyoming.

Did You Know?
Wyoming has the highest rate of gun suicides in the country.

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 in 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.