Gun Violence in Hawaii
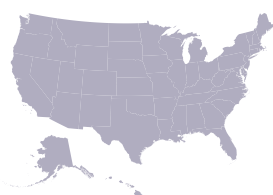
OVERVIEW

In an average year, 63 people die and 103 are wounded by guns in Hawaii. Hawaii has the lowest rate of gun violence in the US.

Data on states and counties: EveryStat.org

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Hawaii, the rate of gun deaths increased 5% from 2015 to 2024, compared to a 18% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides decreased 33% compared to a 19% increase nationwide. Data on gun homicides was not consistently available in Hawaii during this time period.


Deaths per 100,000 people

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

▲ All   ● Suicide
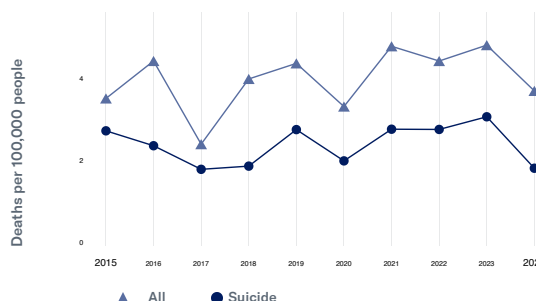
COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Hawaii has the 4th-lowest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $637 per resident each year. Gun violence costs Hawaii $901.4 million each year, of which $19.0 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Hawaii, 63% of gun deaths are suicides and 34% are homicides (including shootings by police). This is compared to 57% and 41% nationwide, respectively.

Undetermined, <2%
Shootings by Police, 3%
Unintentional, <2%
Homicides, 31%
Suicides, 63%
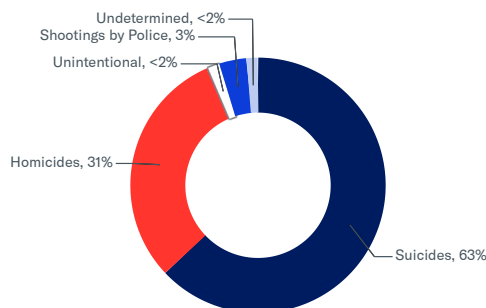
SOURCES:

Gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2020–2024 (provisional).

Gun violence trends: CDC, WONDER, 2015–2024 (provisional).

Gun injuries: Everytown analysis of Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) data, 2020.

Cost of gun violence: Ted R. Miller and Bruce Lawrence analysis of CDC fatal injury: 2019 and HCUP nonfatal injury: 2019.
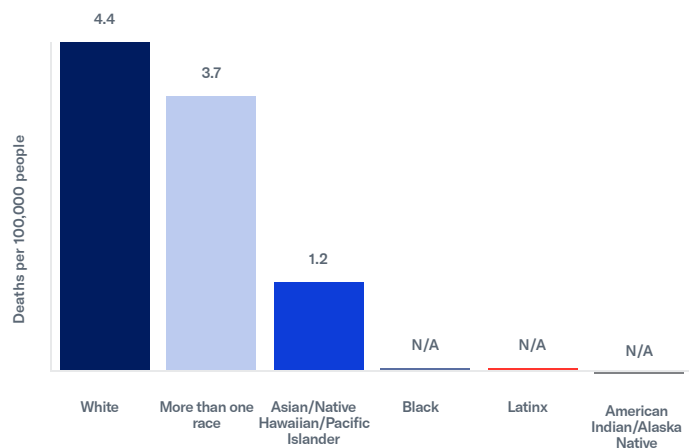
Rankings are based on the 50 states and Washington, DC, with first being highest, 51st lowest. Death and injury rankings are based on rates, economic cost rankings are based on average societal per-resident cost. Overall state gun violence rankings are calculated by adding count of gun deaths plus count of nonfatal gun injuries divided by population.

Totals do not always sum to 100% due to rounding.

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GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 40 people in Hawaii die by gun suicides—a rate of 2.5 suicides per 100,000 people. Hawaii has the 5th-lowest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US. The average number of gun suicide attempts is fewer than 11 per year and is therefore suppressed.

Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in Hawaii

Deaths per 100,000 people

White	More than one race	Asian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Black	Latinx	American Indian/Alaska Native
4.4	3.7	1.2	N/A	N/A	N/A

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 22 people in Hawaii die by gun homicides and 51 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 1.6 homicides and 3.5 assaults per 100,000 people. Hawaii has the 4th-lowest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Hawaii, 49% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 79% nationwide.

Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Hawaii

Deaths per 100,000 people

More than one race	White	Asian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Black	Latinx	American Indian/Alaska Native
3.1	1.1	0.8	N/A	N/A	N/A

CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

In Hawaii, an average of fewer than 10 children and teens die by guns every year. There is insufficient data on gun deaths by intent to calculate the percent of deaths that are suicides and homicides in Hawaii. In the US, 29% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides and 65% are homicides.

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

There is insufficient data on intimate partner homicides for Hawaii. In the US, 69% of female intimate partner homicide victims are killed with a gun.