

Gun Violence in Rhode Island

OVERVIEW

In an average year, **54** people die and **119** are wounded by guns in Rhode Island. Rhode Island has the **4th-lowest** rate of gun violence in the US.



Data on states and counties:
EveryStat.org

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.

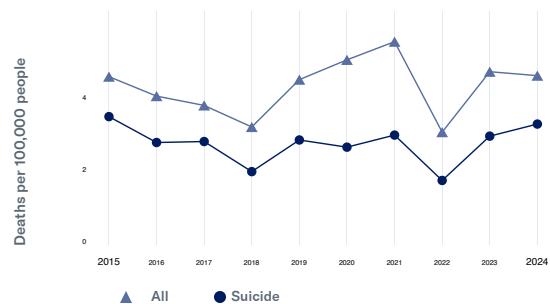
Totals do not always sum to 100% due to rounding.

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GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Rhode Island, the rate of gun deaths increased **1%** from 2015 to 2024, compared to a **18%** increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides decreased **6%** compared to a **19%** increase nationwide. Data on gun homicides was not consistently available in Rhode Island during this time period.

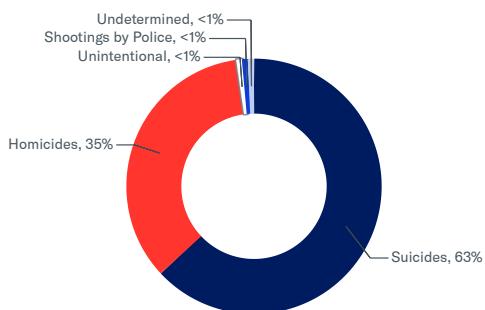


COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Rhode Island has the **5th-lowest** societal cost of gun violence in the US at **\$710** per resident each year. Gun violence costs Rhode Island **\$752.1 million** each year, of which **\$15.8 million** is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

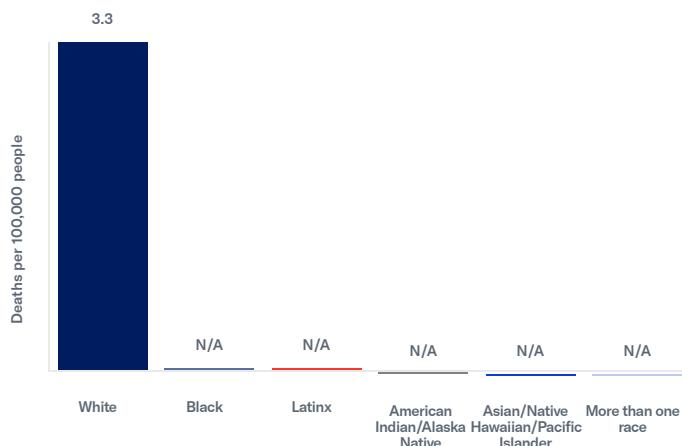
In Rhode Island, **63%** of gun deaths are suicides and **36%** are homicides (including shootings by police). This is compared to **57%** and **41%** nationwide, respectively.



GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 34 people in Rhode Island die by gun suicides—a rate of 2.8 suicides per 100,000 people. Rhode Island has the 46th-highest 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.

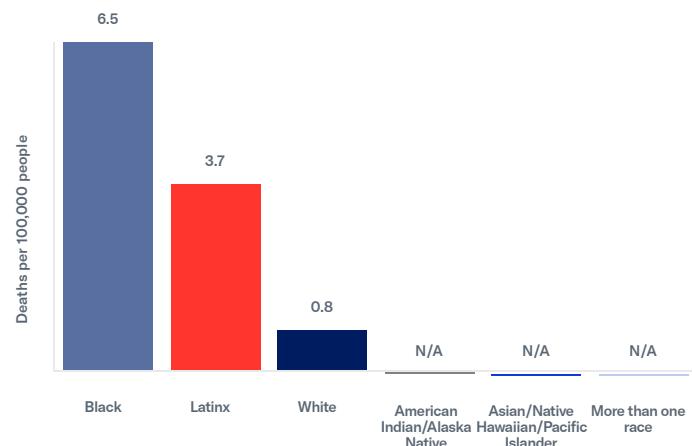
Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in Rhode Island



GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 19 people in Rhode Island die by gun homicides and 70 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 1.9 homicides and 6.4 assaults per 100,000 people. Rhode Island has the 39th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Rhode Island, 66% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 79% nationwide.

Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Rhode Island



CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

In Rhode Island, an average of fewer than 10 children and teens die by guns every year, of which fewer than 20% of these deaths are suicides and 88% are homicides. In the US, 29% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides and 65% are homicides.

SOURCES:

Gun suicides and gun homicides: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2020–2024 (provisional). Homicides include shootings by police.

Gun suicide attempts and gun assaults: Everytown analysis of Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) data, 2020.

Children and teens gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2020–2024 (provisional), ages 0–19; Leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2024 (provisional), ages 1–19.

Intimate partner homicides: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, three-year average: 2020–2022.

Note: Gun violence data on EveryStat and in this fact sheet includes individuals who die or are wounded by guns and visit a hospital for care. The impact of gun violence extends far beyond those who are killed or physically injured, but data on those who witness 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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INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

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