

Gun Violence Facts

National

- Gun violence is now the leading cause of death among children and teens ages 1-18
- Everyday 327 people are shot in the US, 117 killed and 210 injured
- 2021 had the highest number of firearm deaths reported to date, 48,830 (55% suicides, 42% homicides)
- Civilians own 415 million firearms in the US
- Gun violence injures or kills someone in the US every 4 minutes
- Homes with guns increase the likelihood of accidental death by fourfold
- Every 14 hours a woman is shot dead by her current or former partner
- Economic cost of gun violence in the US is \$557 billion/year
- Americans are 25 times more likely to die from firearm injury than people in any other developed country
- 5.4 million children live in homes in which at least one firearm is stored loaded and unlocked
- Domestic violence victims are five times more likely to be killed when their abuser has access to a gun

Washington State

- Washington State has the 40th highest rate of gun death in the US
- Total number of deaths in Washington State resulting from firearms in 2021 is 896
- Someone is killed by a gun every 10 hours
- On average 67 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 53% of these deaths are suicides and 44% are homicides
- From 2008 through 2017, 6,711 people were killed with firearms in Washington State, of which 5,122 people died by gun-related suicide, meaning a gun suicide occurred every 17 hours
- 72% of gun deaths are suicides and 24% are homicides
- The cost of gun violence in Washington state is an average of \$11.8 billion/year

GUN VIOLENCE IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

Sources: CDC, Pew Research Center, National Firearm Survey, Everytown for Gun Safety, Giffords, Brady Campaign, Alliance for Gun Responsibility