Gun Violence in Alabama

OVERVIEW

In an average year, **1,149** people die and **3,065** are wounded by guns in Alabama. Alabama has the **4th-highest** rate of gun violence in the US.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Alabama has the **4th-highest** societal cost of gun violence in the US at **$3,134** per resident each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Alabama **$15.4 billion** each year, of which **$421.4 million** is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Alabama, the rate of gun deaths increased **54%** from 2012 to 2021, compared to a **39%** increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased **16%** and gun homicides increased **113%** compared to a **19%** increase and **73%** increase nationwide, respectively.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Alabama, **49%** of gun deaths are suicides and **47%** are homicides. This is compared to **57%** and **40%** nationwide, respectively.
GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 565 people in Alabama die by gun suicides and 96 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 10.9 suicides and 2.0 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Alabama has the 9th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in Alabama

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 549 people in Alabama die by gun homicides and 1,095 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 11.9 homicides and 22.3 assaults per 100,000 people. Alabama has the 4th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Alabama, 84% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 78% nationwide.

Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Alabama

CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Alabama. In Alabama, an average of 110 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 30% of these deaths are suicides and 61% are homicides. In the US, 33% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides and 62% are homicides.

Female Intimate Partner Firearm Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Alabama

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

In 2020, 23 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Alabama. 77% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 66% nationwide.

SOURCES:
Gun suicides and gun homicides: CDC, WONDER, four-year average: 2018-2021. Homicides include shootings by police.
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.