Gun Violence in Michigan

INTRODUCTION
This fact sheet is a summary of data contained in EveryStat for Gun Safety, a free, interactive website that contains data about gun violence by state, county, race and ethnicity, gender, and intent. These materials have been designed for users to better understand how gun violence impacts the communities they care about.

Visit the tool at everytownresearch.org/EveryStat

IN AN AVERAGE YEAR, 1,187 PEOPLE DIE BY GUNS IN MICHIGAN. WITH A RATE OF 11.8 DEATHS PER 100,000 PEOPLE, MICHIGAN HAS THE 30TH-HIGHEST RATE OF GUN DEATHS IN THE UNITED STATES.

In Michigan, 60% of gun deaths are suicides and 38% are homicides. This is compared to 61% and 36% respectively, nationwide.

The rate of gun deaths in Michigan increased 16%↑ from 2009 to 2018, compared to an 18%↑ increase over this same time period nationwide.

In Michigan, the rate of gun suicide increased 35%↑ and gun homicide decreased 3%↓ from 2009 to 2018, compared to a 19%↑ increase and an 18%↑ increase nationwide, respectively.

Among the 83 counties in Michigan, Wayne and Kent counties contain the state’s two largest cities, Detroit and Grand Rapids. These counties have rates of 21.9 gun deaths and 6.6 gun deaths per 100,000 people, respectively. For data on all counties, visit the EveryStat for Gun Safety tool online.

Sources: CDC, Fatal Injury Reports, five-year average: 2014-2018. Percents may not equal 100% due to missing data.

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WHAT FOLLOWS IS THE LATEST DATA ON GUN DEATHS IN FOUR CATEGORIES:

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I. GUN SUICIDE
An average of 714 people in Michigan die by gun suicide every year—a rate of 6.7 suicides per 100,000 people. In Michigan, there is an average of 12 hours between gun suicide deaths.

Across all states, Michigan has the 37th-highest rate of gun suicides in the country.

White people in Michigan are 2 times as likely to die by gun suicide as Black people.


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II. GUN HOMICIDE
An average of 456 people in Michigan die by gun homicide every year—a rate of 4.9 homicides per 100,000 people.

Across all states, Michigan has the 21st-highest rate of gun homicides in the country. Of all homicides in Michigan, 75% involve a gun, compared to 74% nationally.

In Michigan, Black people are 21 times as likely to die by gun homicide as white people, compared to 10 times nationwide.


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III. CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS
Firearms are the 1st-leading cause of death among children and teens in the United States.

In Michigan, an average of 90 children and teens die by guns every year, and 51% of these deaths are homicides. In the United States, 58% of all gun deaths among children and teens are homicides.

Black children and teens in Michigan are 4 times as likely as their white peers to die by guns.


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IV. INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE
From 2014 to 2018, 85 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in the Michigan. This represents 74% of all intimate partner gun homicides in the state.

Gun Violence in the United States

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**GUN DEATHS BY INTENT IN THE UNITED STATES**

- Suicide 61%
- Homicide 36%
- Unintentional 1.3%
- Shootings by Law Enforcement 1.4%
- Undetermined 0.8%

**GUN DEATHS OVER TIME IN THE UNITED STATES**

The rate of gun deaths in the United States increased 18%↑ from 2009 to 2018. During that same time period, the rate of gun suicide increased 19%↑ and the rate of gun homicide increased 18%↑.

**GUN DEATHS BY RACE/ETHNICITY IN THE UNITED STATES**

In the United States, Black people are 2 times as likely to die by guns as their white peers. Across all states, Missouri has the highest rate of gun deaths among Black people, followed by Indiana and Illinois.

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IN THE US, THERE IS AN AVERAGE OF 23 MINUTES BETWEEN GUN SUICIDE DEATHS.

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I. GUN SUICIDE
An average of 22,926 people in the US die by gun suicide every year—a rate of 6.7 suicides per 100,000 people. Gun suicide makes up nearly two-thirds of all gun deaths nationwide and one-half of all suicides.

In the US, white people are 3 times as likely to die by gun suicide as Black people.


II. GUN HOMICIDE
An average of 13,890 people in the United States die by gun homicide every year—a rate of 4.3 homicides per 100,000 people.

Of all homicides in the United States, 74% involve a gun.

In the United States, Black people are 10 times as likely to die by gun homicide as white people.


III. CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS
Firearms are the leading cause of death among children and teens in the US.

In the United States, an average of 3,062 children and teens die by guns every year, and 58% of these deaths are homicides.

Black children and teens in the United States are 14 times as likely as their white peers to die by gun homicide.


IV. INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE
From 2014 to 2018, 3,191 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in the United States. This represents 80% of all intimate partner gun homicides in the country.

Nearly 1 million women alive today have reported being shot or shot at by an intimate partner.


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