

Gun Violence in New Mexico

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 415 people die and 879 are wounded by guns in New Mexico. New Mexico has the 7th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.



Data on states, congressional districts, and counties: EveryStat.org

Sources

Gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2015–2019.

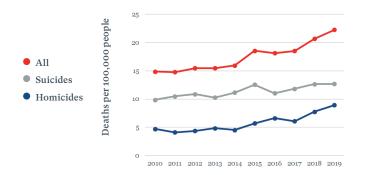
Gun violence trends: CDC, WONDER, 2010-2019.

Gun injuries: Ted R. Miller and David Swedler, analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2017.

Cost of gun violence: Ted R. Miller, analysis of CDC fatal injury: 2018 and HCUP nonfatal injury: 2017.

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In New Mexico, the rate of gun deaths increased 50% from 2010 to 2019, compared to a 17% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 29% and gun homicides increased 89%, compared to a 13% increase and 26% increase nationwide, respectively.



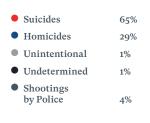
COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

New Mexico has the 7th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at \$1,472 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost New Mexico \$3 billion, of which \$132 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In New Mexico, 65% of gun deaths are suicides and 29% are homicides. This is compared to 60% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

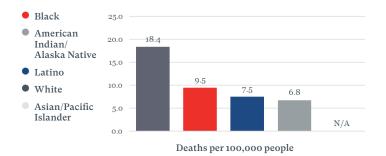




GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 269 people in New Mexico die by gun suicides and 21 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 12.1 suicides and 1.0 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. New Mexico has the 6th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

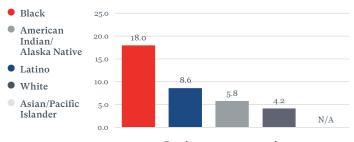
Gun Suicides by Race/Ethnicity in New Mexico



GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 136 people in New Mexico die by gun homicides and 244 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 7.0 homicides and 11.7 assaults per 100,000 people. New Mexico has the 15th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In New Mexico, 65% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 75% nationwide.

Gun Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in New Mexico



Deaths per 100,000 people

GUN DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AND TEENS

Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in New Mexico. In New Mexico, an average of 32 children and teens die by guns every year, and 48% of these deaths are homicides. In the US, 58% of all gun deaths among children and teens are homicides.

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

There is insufficient data on intimate partner gun homicides for New Mexico.

Did You Know?

New Mexico has the highest rate of gun deaths among Latino people.

Sources

Suicides: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2015-2019.

Homicides: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2015-2019. Homicides include shootings by police.

Gun suicide attempts/assaults: Ted R. Miller and David Swedler, analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2017.

Children/teen deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2015–2019, ages 0–19; leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2019, ages 1–19.

Intimate partner homicides: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Report, five-year total: 2015–2019.

Note: Gun violence data on EveryStat and in this fact sheet includes individuals who die by guns or are wounded by guns and visit a hospital for care. We recognize that the impact of gun violence extends far beyond those who are killed or physically injured. However, data on those who witness an act of 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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