24,432 firearm suicide deaths in the U.S., including 1,297 children and teens (0-19)

3/5 gun deaths were suicides in 2018

61%

Firearms were used in half of all suicide deaths in 2018

51%

Ages 75+

The majority of firearm suicide decedents are male and White males and American Indian/Alaska Native males are disproportionately impacted. In 2018, 86% of all firearm suicide decedents were male and White males ages 75+ were at highest risk for firearm suicide.

24,432 Americans died by firearm suicide in 2018, 67 people every day. This marks an increase of 578 deaths compared to 2017, continuing a trend of annual increases in firearm suicide deaths since 2006. For the first time, the number of firearm suicide deaths in a year exceeded 24,000.

FIREARM SUICIDE ACROSS THE U.S.

Among the states in 2018, Wyoming had the highest firearm suicide rate, followed by Montana, Alaska, Idaho, and West Virginia. Conversely, Massachusetts had the lowest firearm suicide rate, followed by Hawaii, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and New York.

FIREARM SUICIDE TRENDS OVER TIME

Note: Fewer than 10 firearm suicides were reported in the District of Columbia during 2018, therefore the rate is considered unreliable and cannot be compared to other states.

Source: CDC WONDER, 2018