**GUN DEATHS BY INTENT, 2018**

Nearly 40,000 Americans died by gun violence in 2018. An average of 109 people died of gun violence each day in 2018, bringing the most recent five-year average (2014-2018) to 103 gun deaths per day.

![Graph showing the number of deaths by intent in 2018: Suicide, 24,432; Homicide, 13,958; Other, 1,350.]

**TRENDS OVER TIME**

Over the last 10 years (2009-2018), the overall gun death rate increased 18%. Increases in both homicide and suicide rates contributed to the overall change over the course of the decade; in that time period, the firearm homicide rate increased nearly 17% and the firearm suicide rate increased 19%.

![Graph showing trends over time for all gun deaths, firearm suicides, and firearm homicides from 2009 to 2018.]

**UNITED STATES GUN DEATHS: 2018**

- **39,740** gun deaths in the U.S., including
  - **3,342** children and teens (0-19)
- **61%** Suicides comprised three in every five gun deaths
- **35%** Homicides comprised one-third of gun deaths
- **84%** of gun death victims in the U.S. were male

Among the states in 2018, Mississippi had the highest gun death rate, followed by Alabama, Wyoming, Missouri, and Louisiana. Conversely, Rhode Island had the lowest gun death rate, followed by Massachusetts, Hawaii, New York, and New Jersey.

Source: CDC WONDER
Nearly 14,000 Americans were murdered by firearm in 2018, more than 38 people every day. While firearm homicides have increased over the last decade (increasing 32% from 2014 to 2017 alone), 2018 registered a notable 4.5% decrease in the firearm homicide rate compared to 2017.

Among the states in 2018, the District of Columbia had the highest firearm homicide rate, followed by Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and Missouri. Conversely, Utah had the lowest firearm homicide rate, followed by Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Massachusetts.

The majority of firearm homicide victims are male and Black males are disproportionately impacted. In 2018, 83% of all firearm homicide victims were male and Black males aged 20-34 had a firearm homicide rate nearly 17 times higher than White males of the same age group.

Note: Fewer than 20 firearm homicides were reported in Maine, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, and Wyoming during 2018, therefore their rates are considered unreliable and cannot be compared to other states.

Source: CDC WONDER, 2018
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.

FIREARM SUICIDE TRENDS OVER TIME

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.

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