

KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE

Knowing the facts about gun violence is critically important as we **educate** ourselves and others about its impact, **advocate** for common ground gun reform and safe storage plus **participate** in programs with like-minded groups to help make our communities safer for everyone.

The impact of guns in the U.S.

- In 2022 in America, some 48,000 lives were lost to gun violence; 2/3 were suicides and accidental deaths while another 1/3 were homicides.
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Between 2020 and 2022, Americans bought 60 million firearms, twice the yearly pace of only 15 to 20 years ago.
Source: The Trace, a nonprofit news organization
- Gun manufacturers netted an estimated \$9 billion on gun sales revenue in 2022.
Source: Everytown for Gun Safety
- Gun violence costs the U.S. economy at least \$557 billion every year.
Source: Everytown for Gun Safety

The impact of guns on American families

- Guns are now the #1 cause of death of children in America.
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- 4.6 million children live in homes with at least one loaded, unlocked gun.
Source: Everytown for Gun Safety
- Access to a gun in the home increases the risk of death by suicide by 300%.
Source: Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence
- At least once a week, a toddler fires a gun, killing or injuring himself or others.
Source: Journal of the American Medical Association

The impact of guns on public health & safety in the U.S.

- Suicide attempts using a gun are fatal 85% of the time.
Source: Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence
- Every 16 hours, a woman is shot dead by her current or former partner.
Source: Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence
- Most school shootings occur with a gun belonging to someone in the family, usually a parent.
Source: Giffords Law Center
- People with serious mental disorders are far more likely to be victims of violent crimes than perpetrators. Only 7.5% of violent crimes were directly related to mental health disorders.
Source: The American Psychological Association

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The impact of gun violence on the American psyche

- Four in 10 Americans believe it's at least somewhat likely they'll be a victim of gun violence in the next five years.
Source: The Trace, a nonprofit news organization
- A recent national poll found 58% of respondents said they or someone they care for had personally experienced gun violence.
Source: Everytown for Gun Safety
- A majority of U.S. teens fear a shooting could happen at their school.
Source: Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence
- The number of people shot on school property increased 46% in 2022.
Source: K-12 School Shooting database

The impact of gun laws in the U.S.

- Nearly two in three respondents (64%) said gun laws in the U.S. should be stronger.
Source: Navigator Research for GVPedia
- More than 45,000 ghost guns, unregulated and untraceable, were recovered by law enforcement agencies between 2016 and 2021.
Source: Everytown for Gun Safety
- The current federal background check system applies only to about 60% of gun sales, leaving 40% of gun sales (online and gun shows) completed without a background check.
Source: Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence
- In its most current evaluation of the strength of gun laws in the 50 states, Kansas ranked 45th and Missouri 47th. California remained 1st with the strongest gun laws; Arkansas the weakest.
Source: Giffords Law Center

The impact of guns in the U.S compared to other countries

- Americans own 393 million firearms or 40% of the entire world's civilian firearms.
Source: Small Arms Survey based in Geneva, Switzerland
- Americans kill each other with guns at 26 times the rate of other high-income nations.
Source: Everytown for Gun Safety
- American children are 12 times more likely to be killed by a gun than children in other countries.
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- In Japan, being killed by a gun is as likely as being killed by lightning in the U.S., roughly one in a million.
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Facts compiled October 2023

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for
Gun Safety**
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