

## How Much Do You Know About Gun Violence in America?

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True \_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_

2. Since John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, more Americans have died by gun fire within our own country than servicemen and women who were killed in all wars in American history.

True \_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_

3. The total cost of gun violence per year in the U.S. is \_\_\_\_\_.

a. \$800 million b. \$100 billion c. \$557 billion

4. If a background check cannot be completed in 72 hours, the gun can be sold.

True \_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_

5. On average, every year, \_\_\_\_\_ persons are killed by guns in the U.S.

a. 10,000 b. 17,000 c. 25,000 d. 45,000

6. The most frequently used murder weapon is \_\_\_\_\_ .

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7. Americans are more likely to be murdered by \_\_\_\_\_ .

a. a friend, acquaintance, or family member

b. a stranger

c. a person who has a criminal record

d. a person of another race

8. A gun kept in the home for self-defense is \_\_\_\_\_ times more likely to be used in an accidental shooting, suicide attempt, or criminal assault/homicide.

a. 5 b. 7 c. 11 d. 22

(More questions on back.)

9. 4.6 million children live in a house with unlocked, loaded guns.

True \_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_

10. More than 85% of Americans support background checks for all gun purchases.

True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_

11. At least three quarters of firearm owners in the U.S. believe that a gun at the ready will keep them safer.

True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_

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a. 760,000    b. 2.5 million    c. 550,000    d. 845,000

13. 120 Americans are killed every day by firearms

True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_

14. Kansas ranks \_\_\_\_\_ among the 50 states when it comes to gun law strength

a. 5    b. 27    c. 37    d. 48

15. Missouri ranks \_\_\_\_\_ among the 50 states when it comes to gun law strength

a. 8    b. 22    c. 30    d. 38

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Can you score 100%? Mark your answer/guess. We will share the answers in the meeting.

Answers and sources in red

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True X False \_\_\_\_\_

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True X False \_\_\_\_\_ **NBC News, October 4, 2017. Share printed chart.**

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True  False  Everytown for Gun Safety

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True  False  Pew Research Center 2023 – 81%

12. There are all could be correct incidents of defensive use of firearms per year in the United States.

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One issue in reading data is knowing what was considered defensive gun use.

\*Harvard Injury Control Research Center – guns are used more to frighten or intimidate than actual firing. Perhaps as high as 1.67 million times

\*National Crime Victimization Survey showed 70,040 in 2018

\*Gun Violence Archive average for 2014 – 2023 was 1,572. (these would be death-related)

\*The Trace: reports 70,040 nonfatal and property crimes usage.

\*American Gun Facts.org says anywhere from 500,000 to 2.8 million

\*Data visualizations.heritage.org shows 500,000 to 3 million

\*Cdc.gov/violence prevention/firearms/fastfacts reports 60,000 to 2.5 million

\*Reason.com shows 1.7 million

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True  False

\* Team Enough.org: 106

\* Dave Saldana in Reader's Digest: 114

\* Pew Research Center 2021: 134

\* Gun Violence Archive 2022: 130

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