**Recent Gun Violence Statistics**

* Every day, more than 100 Americans die by gun violence, and nearly 200 Americans visit the emergency department for nonfatal firearm injuries. [The Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence.](https://efsgv.org/learn/type-of-gun-violence/gun-violence-in-the-united-states/)
* Nearly every American will know at least one victim of gun violence in their lifetime. [Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence.](https://giffords.org/lawcenter/gun-violence-statistics/)
* Males are six times more likely to die by gun violence than females, making up 86% of U.S. firearm deaths in 2019. Black males are at especially high risk, with the highest rate of gun death among demographic groups (43.09 deaths per 100,000). [Public Health Crisis Decades in the Making.](https://efsgv.org/wp-content/uploads/2019CDCdata.pdf)
* Americans own 46% of the world’s civilian-owned firearms. Thirty percent of Americans report owning a gun, with estimates of the total number of privately-owned guns in the U.S. ranging from 265 million to nearly 400 million. [Gun Violence and COVID-19 in 2020, (2021). Everytown for Gun Safety.](https://everytownresearch.org/report/gun-violence-and-covid-19-in-2020-a-year-of-colliding-crises/)
* The COVID-19 pandemic intensified the impact of the United States’ gun violence crisis. There were 3,906 additional firearm deaths and 9,278 additional firearm injuries in 2020 compared to 2019. [Gun Violence and COVID-19 in 2020, (2021). Everytown for Gun Safety.](https://everytownresearch.org/report/gun-violence-and-covid-19-in-2020-a-year-of-colliding-crises/)
* Gun sales surged during the coronavirus pandemic. Based on the number of background checks, an estimated 22 million guns were purchased in 2020, a 64 percent increase over 2019. This surge in gun sales has continued into 2021. [Gun Violence and COVID-19 in 2020, (2021). Everytown for Gun Safety.](https://everytownresearch.org/report/gun-violence-and-covid-19-in-2020-a-year-of-colliding-crises/)
* While millions of responsible gun owners store their firearms securely, more than half of gun owners do not store all of their guns securely. Researchers estimate that at least 4.6 million children in the United States live in a home with an unsecured firearm. This has likely increased as gun sales have surged. [Gun Violence and COVID-19 in 2020, (2021). Everytown for Gun Safety.](https://everytownresearch.org/report/gun-violence-and-covid-19-in-2020-a-year-of-colliding-crises/)
* The pandemic saw millions of children out of school while gun sales hit record highs, bringing more guns into homes. This resulted in unintentional shooting deaths by children increasing by nearly one-third comparing incidents in March to December of 2020 to the same months in 2019. [Gun Violence and COVID-19 in 2020, (2021). Everytown for Gun Safety.](https://everytownresearch.org/report/gun-violence-and-covid-19-in-2020-a-year-of-colliding-crises/)
* Around 4.5 million women in the United States have been threatened with a gun, and nearly 1 million women have been shot or shot at by an intimate partner. [The Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence.](https://efsgv.org/learn/type-of-gun-violence/domestic-violence-and-firearms/)
* States that prohibit domestic abusers from possessing guns have seen a 13 percent reduction in intimate partner firearm homicide rates. [Gun Violence and COVID-19 in 2020, (2021). Everytown for Gun Safety.](https://everytownresearch.org/report/gun-violence-and-covid-19-in-2020-a-year-of-colliding-crises/)
* Universal background checks act as the foundation for gun violence prevention policies. More than 90% of Americans support universal background checks. [Quinnipiac](https://efsgv.org/learn/policies/universal-background-checks/) University Poll (2019).
* In 2019, Congress specifically allocated funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for firearm research for the first time in more than 20 years. [Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Center for Violence Prevention, (2020).](https://violence.chop.edu/types-violence/gun-violence/gun-violence-facts-and-statistics)
* Presbyterian support for gun control legislation dates back to the 1960s. [Minutes of the 116th General Assembly (1976), Presbyterian Church in the United States, p. 103.](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/what-we-believe/gun-violence/)