



# Gun Violence in Washington

MOST RECENT DATA FROM CDC (2023)



**1,053**

gun deaths in  
Washington



**45**

children and  
teens (1-17)



on average, one  
person is killed  
**every 8 hours**

**317 GUN HOMICIDES**

**696 GUN SUICIDES**

**40 OTHER GUN DEATHS**

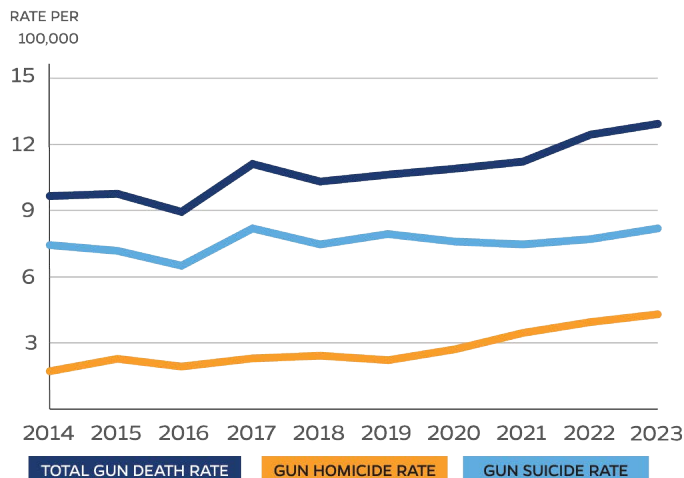
## Key Takeaways

- The overall gun death rate increased by 5% in 2023 compared to 2022, mainly due to the increase in gun suicides. The gun death rate doubled (128%) from 2014 to 2023.
- Young Black males ages 15-34 were 21 times as likely to die by gun homicide than their white counterparts in 2023.
- Firearms were the second leading cause of death among children and teens ages 1-17 in 2023.
- In 2022, there were at least 43 domestic violence-related homicides in Washington. Two-thirds (67%) were by firearm.<sup>1</sup>

## Firearms are used in the majority of homicides and suicides



## Trends Over Time



Gun violence costs Washingtonians \$10.5 billion per year. **This amounts to \$1,345 per person.**<sup>2</sup>



The overall gun suicide rate **increased by 8%** in 2023 compared to 2022.

Evidence-based solutions to ending gun violence exist.  
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### SOURCES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Center for Health Statistics. Underlying Cause of Death. Age-adjusted Gun Deaths and Rates per 100,000. WONDER Online Database, 1999-2023; & WISQARS. National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) and Cost of Injury Modules. 2022

### ENDNOTES

1 WISQARS. (2022). National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS). <https://wisqars.cdc.gov/nvdrs/> Domestic violence-related includes: spouse or other intimate partner (current or ex), parent, child, other relative, and other intimate partner involvement.

2 WISQARS Cost of Injury. (2022). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Available: <https://wisqars.cdc.gov/cost/>