

GUN VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

How many people are shot in the U.S.? How many Americans are injured by guns? These are important questions to answer. We need reliable gun violence data in order to accurately understand America's gun violence epidemic.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) provides [annual gun fatality data](#). Using data from the most recent years available (2015-2019), Brady established five-year averages of firearm fatalities.

EVERY YEAR ON AVERAGE

115,551

People are shot

FATALITIES

38,826

People die from gun violence

14,062

murdered

23,437

die from suicide

483

killed unintentionally

521

killed by legal intervention

324

died but intent was unknown

547*

women killed by husband or male dating partner*

GUN INJURIES

76,725

People survive gun injuries

34,566

intentionally shot by someone else

3,554

survive an attempted gun suicide

32,759

shot unintentionally

1,376

shot by legal intervention

4,471

shot but intent was unknown

7,957

Children and teens (age 1-17) are shot

FATALITIES

1,663

Kids & teens die from gun violence

864

murdered

662

die from gun suicide

89

killed unintentionally

10

killed by legal intervention

38

die but intent was unknown

GUN INJURIES

6,294

Children & teens survive gunshot injuries

2,788

intentionally shot by someone else

166

survive an attempted gun suicide

2,893

shot unintentionally

101

shot by legal intervention

380

shot but intent was unknown



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*This number is a five-year average derived from Violence Policy Center's "When Men Murder Women" analysis of FBI homicide data, 2014-18 (the five most recent years available for this).

EVERY DAY ON AVERAGE

316

People are shot

FATALITIES

106

People die from gun violence

39

murdered

64

die from suicide

1

killed unintentionally

1

killed by legal intervention

1

died but intent was unknown

GUN INJURIES

210

People survive gun injuries

95

intentionally shot by someone else

10

survive an attempted gun suicide

90

shot unintentionally

4

shot by legal intervention

12

shot but intent was unknown

22

Children and teens (age 1-17) are shot

FATALITIES

5

Kids & teens die from gun violence

2

murdered

2

children and teens either die from suicide or survive a suicide attempt.

8

children and teens are unintentionally shot in instances of family fire – a shooting involving an improperly stored or misused gun found in the home, resulting in injury or death.

GUN INJURIES

17

Children & teens survive gunshot injuries

8

intentionally shot by someone else

While Brady historically used CDC data to establish averages for gun injuries as well, [recent findings show there are more accurate sources](#). Due to funding restrictions and other constraints, the sample size utilized by the CDC is so small that its estimate of firearm injuries [ranges significantly](#). Data provided by Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project's [HCUPnet](#), and collected from emergency departments and databases, gives a more comprehensive picture of gun injuries in the U.S. The numbers below represent a three-year average of the **most recent** HCUPnet data available (2013, '14, and '16). It is important to note that data reported for children and teens contains data only for 1-17 year-olds.