

Gun Violence in Delaware

MOST RECENT DATA FROM CDC (2023)



124

gun deaths in
Delaware¹



on average, one
person is killed
every 3 days

43 GUN HOMICIDES

76 GUN SUICIDES

5 OTHER GUN DEATHS

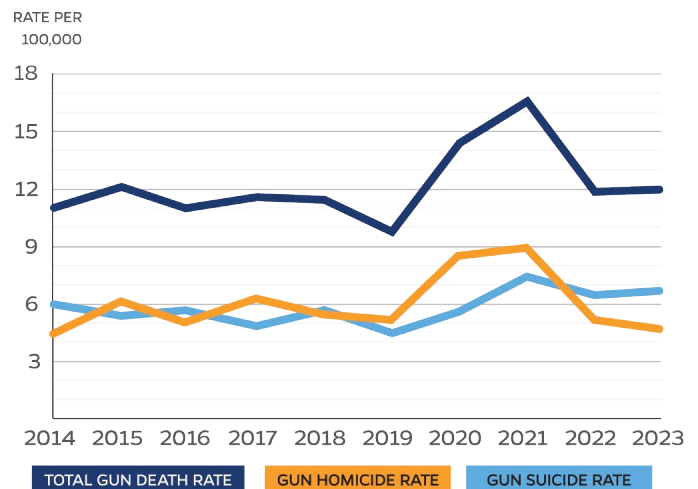
Key Takeaways

- The overall gun death rate increased by 8% from 2014 to 2023.
- Young Black males ages 15-34 made up 3% of the state's population but accounted for 40% of all gun homicide deaths in 2023.
- More than half (51%) of all gun suicide deaths in 2023 were over the age of 54.
- Firearms were the second leading cause of death among children and teens ages 1-17 from 2019 to 2023.
- In 2021, there were at least 25 domestic violence-related homicides in Delaware. 48% were by firearm.²

Firearms are used in the majority of homicides and suicides



Trends Over Time



Gun violence costs Delawareans \$1.3 billion per year. **This amounts to \$1,236 per person.**³



The overall gun suicide rate **increased by 10%** over the last decade.

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 (NVDARS) and Cost of Injury Modules. 2021-2022

ENDNOTES

- 1 The number of gun deaths among children and teens (ages 1-17) was "suppressed" because the death count was less than 10
- 2 WISQARS. (2021). National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDARS). <https://wisqars.cdc.gov/nvdars/> Domestic violence-related includes: spouse or other intimate partner (current or ex), parent, child, other relative, and other intimate partner involvement
- 3 WISQARS Cost of Injury. (2022). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Available: <https://wisqars.cdc.gov/cost/>