

# Gun Violence In America

Every day, **100 Americans are killed with guns** and hundreds more are shot and injured. The effects of gun violence extend far beyond these casualties—gun violence shapes the lives of millions of Americans who witness it, know someone who was shot, or live in fear of the next shooting.

**58 percent** of American adults or someone they care for have experienced gun violence in their lifetime. Approximately **three million** American children witness gun violence every year.

**39,773** The number of Americans killed by guns in 2017

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention's latest gun deaths tally produced two grim milestones: At nearly 40,000 deaths, America recorded the highest absolute number of gun deaths in nearly 50 years. More significantly, the country's rate of deaths — 12 fatal shootings per 100,000 residents — also ballooned to its highest point since the mid-'90s.

America's gun death rate is tragic and unique – **10 times** higher than other high-income countries. In other words, by early February more Americans are killed with guns than are killed in our peer countries in an entire calendar year.

One-third of gun deaths are homicides

What Can I Do?

Get informed about the issues.

Some sites with stats and a broad range of info:

<https://everytown.org/>

<https://lawcenter.giffords.org/>

The U.S. gun homicide rate is **25 times** that of other high-income countries.

Statistics from <https://everytown.org/>