

STATS ON GUN VIOLENCE

Just one of the facts:

There are twice as many gun shops as McDonald's



From **Brady Campaign**

America has a problem with gun violence

- One in three people in the U.S. knows someone who has been shot.¹
- On average, 31 Americans are murdered with guns every day and 151 are treated for a gun assault in an emergency room.²
- Every day on average, 55 people kill themselves with a firearm, and 46 people are shot or killed in an accident with a gun.³
- The U.S. firearm homicide rate is 20 times higher than the combined rates of 22 countries that are our peers in wealth and population.⁴

- A gun in the home is 22 times more likely to be used to kill or injure in a domestic homicide, suicide, or unintentional shooting than to be used in self-defense.⁵

Gun Violence Takes a Massive Toll on American Children

- More than one in five U.S. teenagers (ages 14 to 17) report having witnessed a shooting.⁶
- An average of seven children and teens under the age of 20 are killed by guns every day.⁷
- American children die by guns 11 times as often as children in other high-income countries.⁸
- Youth (ages 0 to 19) in the most rural U.S. counties are as likely to die from a gunshot as those living in the most urban counties. Rural children die of more gun suicides and unintentional shooting deaths. Urban children die more often of gun homicides.⁹
- Firearm homicide is the second-leading cause of death (after motor vehicle crashes) for young people ages 1-19 in the U.S.¹⁰
- In 2007, more pre-school-aged children (85) were killed by guns than police officers were killed in the line of duty.¹¹

Gun Violence is a Drain on U.S. Taxpayers

- Medical treatment, criminal justice proceedings, new security precautions, and reductions in quality of life are estimated to cost U.S. citizens \$100 billion annually.¹²
- The lifetime medical cost for all gun violence victims in the United States is estimated at \$2.3 billion, with almost half the costs borne by taxpayers.¹³

Americans Support Universal Background Checks

- Nine out of 10 Americans agree that we should have universal background checks, including three out of four NRA members.
- Since the Brady Law was initially passed, about 2 million

- attempts to purchase firearms have been blocked due to a background check. About half of these blocked attempts were by felons.¹⁴
- Unfortunately, our current background check system only applies to about 60% of gun sales, leaving 40% (online sales, purchases at gun shows, etc.) without a background check.¹⁵

Every Day on Average (ages 0-19)

Every day, **48 children and teens** are shot in murders, assaults, suicides & suicide attempts, unintentional shootings, and police intervention.

Every day, **7 children and teens** die from gun violence:

- 4 are murdered
- 2 kill themselves.

Every day, **40 children and teens** are shot and survive:

- 32 shot in an assault
- 1 survives a suicide attempt
- 8 are shot unintentionally

Asking this simple question is an important step every parent can take to help keep their child safe, and possibly save their child's life. [Read more about Asking Saves Kids \(ASK\).](#)

Every Day on Average (all ages)

Every day, **306 people** in America are shot in murders, assaults, suicides & suicide attempts, unintentional shootings, and police intervention.

Every day, **90 people** die from gun violence:

- 31 are murdered
- 56 kill themselves
- 2 are killed unintentionally
- 1 is killed by police intervention
- 1 intent unknown.

Every day, **216 people** are shot and survive:

- 159 shot in an assault
- 11 survive a suicide attempt
- 43 are shot unintentionally
- 3 are shot in a police intervention

It's time for Congress to finish the job and expand Brady background checks to stop criminals and other dangerous people from getting guns in America. [Learn more and sign the Finish the Job petition.](#)

In One Year on Average (ages 0-19)

Over **17,000 (17,360) American children and teens** are shot in murders, assaults, suicides & suicide attempts, unintentional shootings, or by police intervention.

2,624 kids die from gun violence:

- 1,591 children and teens are murdered
- 853 children and teens kill themselves
- 123 children and teens killed unintentionally
- 25 are killed by police intervention
- 33 die but the intent was unknown

14,736 kids survive gun injuries:

- 11,597 are injured in an attack
- 292 survive a suicide attempt
- 2,806 are shot unintentionally
- 41 are shot in a police intervention

In America, 1 out of 3 homes with kids have guns and nearly 1.7 million children live in a home with an unlocked, loaded gun. Talking to children about the dangers of firearms is not enough. [Take Action with Asking Saves Kids Campaign now \(ASK\).](#)

In One Year on Average (all ages)

Over **111,000 (111,779) people** in America are shot in murders, assaults, suicides & suicide attempts, unintentional shootings, or by police intervention.>

32,964 people die from gun violence

- 11,184 people are murdered
- 20,511 people kill themselves
- 567 people are killed unintentionally
- 440 are killed by police intervention
- 261 die but intent is not known

78,815 people survive gun injuries:

- 58,210 people are injured in an attack
- 3,853 people survive a suicide attempt
- 15,798 people are shot unintentionally
- 955 people are shot by police intervention

Millions of guns are sold every year in “no questions asked” transactions. Experts estimate that 40 percent of guns now sold in America are done so without a Brady background check. [Take action with our Finish the Job campaign now.](#)

From **EVERYTOWN**

Americans are 25 times more likely to be murdered with guns than people in other developed countries. This uniquely American problem can be addressed by evidenced-policies that have been shown to reduce crime, prevent gun violence, and save lives. By researching the patterns in gun violence in America and the holes in our laws that continue to allow dangerous people to get guns, we can further develop and improve the policies that will help save lives.

Research shows that traffickers obtain guns in different ways — bypassing background checks in unlicensed sales at gun shows or online, making straw purchases from lax or corrupt gun dealers, and

theft. But careful analysis shows there are patterns in trafficking and opportunities to shut down these channels. Just one percent of licensed dealers supply 57 percent of guns recovered in crimes. And states with strong laws have been able to deter illegal gun trafficking, even if they are still victimized with guns trafficked from neighboring states with weaker gun laws.

Urban gun violence touches on issues central to American life: safety, equality, opportunity, and community. As thousands of city residents are killed or injured with guns each year, mayors and other community leaders face an urgent challenge: finding effective solutions and implementing them to make a difference now and into the future. This report, a collaboration between Everytown for Gun Safety, Mayors Against Illegal Guns, and the National Urban League, is a tool for all city leaders who want to reduce gun violence.

The gun lobby's claims that so-called "gun-free zones" endanger Americans are inconsistent with evidence about the circumstances of gun violence in America today. And by blaming the victims of our country's too-frequent shootings for not being armed, proponents of this flawed claim attempt to twist these tragedies into an argument for putting guns in the hands of anyone, anywhere, with no questions asked.

Background Checks Prevent Gun Violence and Save Lives

Background checks are the single most effective way to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people and save lives. Learn more about the system and how it works to stop dangerous people from getting guns.

Background Checks and Violence Against Women

Women in the United States are far more likely to be murdered with guns than they are in any other developed nation. This violence is directly related to our weak and requiring a

background check for every gun sale will reduce violence against women and save lives.

How Many Gun Dealers are There in Your State?

by Mayors Against Illegal Guns

The United States has 58,344 Federally Licensed Gun Dealers. That's nearly twice the number of post offices—and 98.4% of Americans live within 10 miles of a gun dealer. See how many gun dealers are in your state.