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# Death Rates by Firearm [CDC](2019)

## Mortality

### All injury deaths

- Number of deaths: 246,041
- Deaths per 100,000 population: 75.0

Source: [National Vital Statistics System – Mortality Data \(2019\) via CDC WONDER](#)

### All poisoning deaths

- Number of deaths: 75,797
- Deaths per 100,000 population: 23.1

Source: [National Vital Statistics System – Mortality Data \(2019\) via CDC WONDER](#)

### Motor vehicle traffic deaths

- Number of deaths: 37,595
- Deaths per 100,000 population: 11.5

Source: [National Vital Statistics System – Mortality Data \(2019\) via CDC WONDER](#)

### All firearm deaths

- Number of deaths: 39,707
- Deaths per 100,000 population: 12.1

Source: [National Vital Statistics System – Mortality Data \(2019\) via CDC WONDER](#)

# Homicide by Weapon Type [FBI](2012-2016)

Weapons	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total	12,888	12,253	12,270	13,750	15,070
Total firearms:	8,897	8,454	8,312	9,778	11,004
Handguns	6,404	5,782	5,673	6,569	7,105
Rifles	298	285	258	258	374
Shotguns	310	308	264	272	262
Other guns	116	123	93	177	186
Firearms, type not stated	1,769	1,956	2,024	2,502	3,077
Knives or cutting instruments	1,604	1,490	1,595	1,589	1,604
Blunt objects (clubs, hammers, etc.)	522	428	446	450	472
Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) <sup>1</sup>	707	687	682	659	656
Poison	13	11	10	8	11
Explosives	8	2	7	1	1
Fire	87	94	71	84	107
Narcotics	38	53	70	75	114
Drowning	14	4	14	14	9
Strangulation	90	85	89	99	98
Asphyxiation	106	95	102	120	91
Other weapons or weapons not stated	802	850	872	873	903

FBI 2012-2016 <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2016/crime-in-the-u.s.-2016/tables/expanded-homicide-data-table-4.xls>

# Methods of Suicide

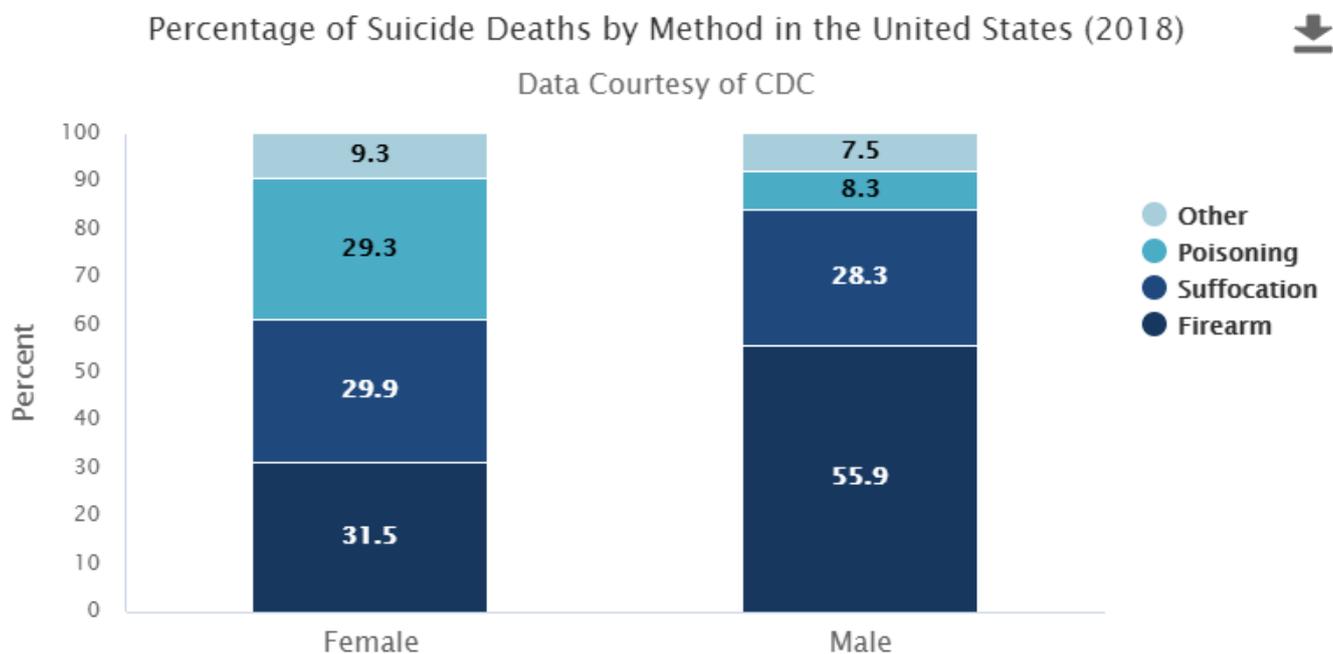
## [NIH](2018)

Suicide by Method (2018) Data Courtesy of CDC	
Suicide Method	Number of Deaths
Total	48,344
Firearm	24,432
Suffocation	13,840
Poisoning	6,237
Other	3,835

## Percent of Suicide Deaths by Method

- Figure 5 shows the percentages of suicide deaths by method among males and females in 2018. Among males, the most common methods of suicide were firearm (55.9%) followed by suffocation (28.3%). Among females, the most common methods of suicide were firearm (31.5%), suffocation (29.9%), and poisoning (29.3%).

Figure 5



National Institute of Mental Health 2018 -

[https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/suicide.shtml#part\\_154971](https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/suicide.shtml#part_154971)

# Mass Shootings By Country[WPR](2009-2015)

Average (Mean) Annual Death Rate per Million People from Mass Public Shootings (U.S., Canada, and [Europe](#), 2009-2015):

1. Norway — 1.888
2. Serbia — 0.381
3. France — 0.347
4. Macedonia — 0.337
5. [Albania](#) — 0.206
6. [Slovakia](#) — 0.185
7. Switzerland — 0.142
8. Finland — 0.132
9. Belgium — 0.128
10. [Czech Republic](#) — 0.123
11. United States — 0.089
12. [Austria](#) — 0.068
13. [Netherlands](#) — 0.051
14. Canada — 0.032
15. England — 0.027
16. Germany — 0.023
17. Russia — 0.012
18. Italy — 0.009

<https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/mass-shootings-by-country>

# Defensive Gun Uses (SSRN)[2021]

The survey further finds that approximately a third of gun owners (31.1%) have used a firearm to defend themselves or their property, often on more than one occasion, and it estimates that guns are used defensively by firearms owners in approximately 1.67 million incidents per year.

[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3887145](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3887145)

# Gun violence was on a downward trajectory before the 1994 ban(PEW)

Between 1993 and 2000, the gun homicide rate dropped by nearly half, from 7.0 homicides to 3.8 homicides per 100,000 people. Since then, the gun homicide rate has remained relatively flat. From 2009 to 2014, the most recent year data are available, the number of gun homicides has hovered around 11,000 and 12,000 per year.

By contrast, a significantly higher – and growing – number of gun deaths were by suicide than by homicide, and this has been true throughout the past two decades. For example, while the gun suicide rate has declined overall since 1993, in recent years it has risen, from 6.3 per 100,000 people in 2010 to 6.7 in 2014.

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2015/10/21/gun-homicides-steady-after-decline-in-90s-suicide-rate-edges-up/>