

Firearms in the US: Quick Facts

Every single day in the United States:

327 people are shot and **117** die from firearm injuries



1 in every 5 Americans report having a family member who has been fatally shot.

CHILDREN AND FIREARMS

Since 2020, are the leading cause of death for children	23 children are shot every day
Over 2,300 children are killed by firearms every year	4.6 million children live in homes with unsecured firearms

SUICIDE AND FIREARMS

3 out of 5

firearm deaths are suicides, with 71 firearm suicides daily

1 out of 5

firearm suicides are among **veterans**

Most suicides

involve firearms (the most common method)

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WASHINGTON STATE FIREARM STORAGE FACTS



of WA households who have firearms do not store them **locked** and **unloaded**.

U.S. FIREARM STORAGE FACTS



of all firearm owners who store their firearms unsecured do so for **quick access for self-defense**. (Anestis et al., 2024)



3 in every 4 of firearms used in **youth** suicides were **stored unlocked**. (Lee et al., 2022)



Those who store their firearms **locked, unloaded, and/or ammunition stored separately** are **less likely to die by firearm suicide**. (Shenassa et al. 2004; Grossman, 2005)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Firearm laws and guidelines are constantly changing. For additional and up-to-date resources for understanding the impact of firearms in Washington State and the U.S. please visit:



➤ National statistics and resources

www.bradyunited.org/

FIREARM INJURY & POLICY
RESEARCH PROGRAM

UW Medicine

➤ National and local data, research briefs, and resources

<https://fiprp.uw.edu/>



➤ Both national and state-wide resources and information

<https://giffords.org/>



Washington State
Department of
Commerce

➤ WA state data
➤ Office of Firearm Safety & Violence Prevention dashboard
➤ Links to WA state policies

www.commerce.wa.gov/community-safety/

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