

Gun Violence in Kentucky

MOST RECENT DATA FROM CDC (2022)



840
gun deaths in
Kentucky



33
children and
teens (1-17)



on average, one
person is killed
every 10 hours

283 GUN HOMICIDES

527 GUN SUICIDES

30 OTHER GUN DEATHS

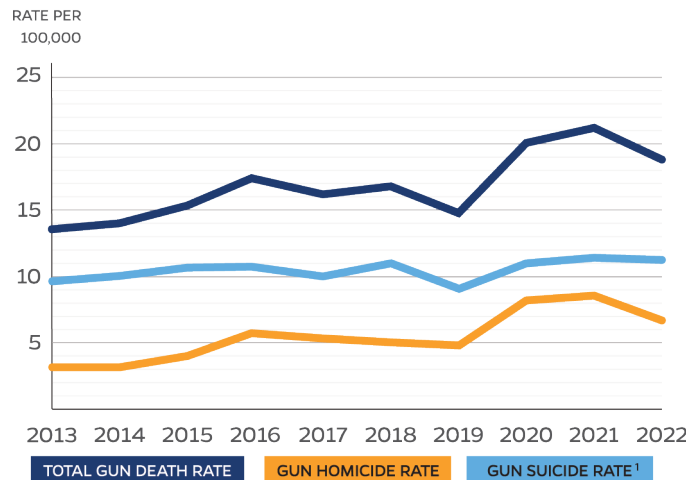
Key Takeaways

- The overall gun death rate increased 37% from 2013 to 2022.
- Kentucky had the 16th highest overall gun death rate in the country in 2022.
- Young Black males ages 15-34 make up 1.4% of the state's population but accounted for 30% of all firearm homicides in 2022.
- Firearms were the second leading cause of death among children and teens ages 1-17.

Firearms are used in the majority of homicides and suicides



Trends Over Time



Gun violence costs Kentuckians \$9 billion per year. **This amounts to \$1,986 per person.**¹



The gun homicide rate **doubled** within the past decade.

Evidence-based solutions to ending gun violence exist.
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SOURCES

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ENDNOTES

1 WISQARS Cost of Injury. (2022). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Available: <https://wisqars.cdc.gov/cost/>