

Gun Violence in the District of Columbia

MOST RECENT DATA FROM CDC (2022)



154

gun deaths in the District of Columbia



14

children and teens (1-17)



on average, one person is killed every 2 days

141 GUN HOMICIDES

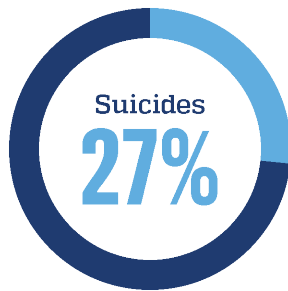
12 GUN SUICIDES

1 OTHER GUN DEATH

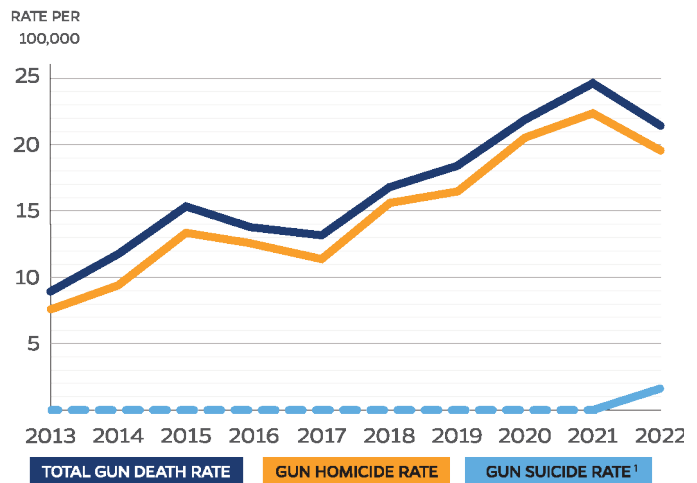
Key Takeaways

- The overall gun death rate doubled from 2013 to 2022.
- The District of Columbia's gun homicide rate was three times the national average in 2022.
- Young people ages 15-34 accounted for 48% of all gun deaths in 2022. The gun death rate of this age group increased 17% from 2018 to 2022.
- Black people made up 43% of the district's population but accounted for nearly all (99%) of the firearm homicides in 2022.
- Firearms were the leading cause of death among children and teens ages 1-17 from 2018 to 2022.

Firearms are used in the majority of homicides



Trends Over Time



Gun violence costs the District \$2 billion per year. **This amounts to \$2,772 per person.**²



The gun homicide rate **nearly tripled over the last decade.**

Evidence-based solutions to ending gun violence exist.
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SOURCES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Center for Health Statistics. Underlying Cause of Death. Age-adjusted Gun Deaths and Rates per 100,000. WONDER Online Database, 1999-2022; & WISQARS. National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) and Cost of Injury Modules. 2021-2022

ENDNOTES

1 The gun suicide rates from 2013 to 2021 are marked as "unreliable" or "suppressed" as the death counts are less than 20 or 10 respectively.
2 WISQARS Cost of Injury. (2022). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Available: <https://wisqars.cdc.gov/cost/>