

GUN VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

How many people are shot in the U.S.? How many Americans are injured by guns? These are important questions to answer. We need reliable gun violence data in order to accurately understand America's gun violence epidemic. That is why Brady relies on the most accurate resources available when looking to understand the way gun violence impacts the U.S.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) provides [annual gun fatality data](#). Using data from the most recent years available (2013-2017), Brady established five-year averages to represent annual gun fatalities in the most accurate way possible.

EVERY YEAR ON AVERAGE

124,760

People are shot every year

FATALITIES

36,383

People die from gun violence

12,830

murdered

22,274

die from suicide

487

killed unintentionally

496

killed by legal intervention

295

died but intent was unknown

509*

women killed by husband or male dating partner*

GUN INJURIES

76,725

People survive gun injuries

34,566

injured in an attack

3,554

survive a suicide attempt

32,759

shot unintentionally

1,376

shot by legal intervention

17,207

Children and teens (age 1-17) are shot every year

FATALITIES

1,488

Kids & teens die from gun violence

772

murdered

590

die from suicide

86

killed unintentionally

10

killed by legal intervention

30

die but intent was unknown

GUN INJURIES

6,294

Kids & teens survive gun injuries

2,788

injured in an attack

166

survive a suicide attempt

2,893

shot unintentionally

101

shot by legal intervention

380

shot but intent was unknown

*This number is a five-year average derived from Violence Policy Center's "When Men Murder Women" analysis of FBI homicide data, 2012-16 (the five most recent years available for this).

EVERY DAY ON AVERAGE

310

People are shot every day

FATALITIES

100

People die from gun violence

35

murdered

61

die from suicide

1

killed unintentionally

1

killed by legal intervention

1

died but intent was unknown

GUN INJURIES

210

People survive gun injuries

95

injured in an attack

10

survive a suicide attempt

90

shot unintentionally

4

shot by legal intervention

12

shot but intent was unknown

21

Children and teens (age 1-17) are shot every day

FATALITIES

4

Kids & teens die from gun violence

2

murdered

2

children and teens either die from suicide or survive a suicide attack

8

children and teens are shot in instances of family fire – a shooting involving an improperly stored or misused gun found in the home, resulting in injury or death.

GUN INJURIES

6,294

Kids & teens survive gun injuries

2,788

injured in an attack

While Brady historically used CDC data to establish averages for gun injuries as well, recent findings show there are more accurate sources. Due to funding restrictions and other constraints, the sample size utilized by the CDC is so small one has to question its statistical significance. Data provided by Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project's [HCUPnet](#), and collected from emergency departments and databases, gives a more comprehensive picture of the way gun injuries affect those living in the U.S. The numbers below represent a three-year average of the **most recent** HCUPnet data available (2013, '14, and '16).

This difference in data source has had an impact on some of the numbers compared to previous statistics reported by Brady. Amongst those differences, it is important to note that data reported for children and teens previously included 0-19 year olds, and now contains data only for 1-17 year olds. This change is responsible for a significant decrease in the number of deaths and injuries reported in this category due to the high number of gun injuries found amongst 18-19 year olds.