

Number and Rates* of Firearm Mortality—United States, 1965 to 2004

HOMICIDE			SUICIDE		UNINTENTIONAL		LEGAL INTERVENTION		UNDETERMINED INTENTION		TOTAL	
Year	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1965	6,158	3.7	9,898	5.2	2,344	1.3	271	0.2	^	^	18,671	10.4
1966	6,855	4.1	10,407	5.5	2,558	1.4	298	0.2	^	^	20,118	11.1
1967	8,332	4.9	10,550	5.5	2,896	1.6	387	0.2	^	^	22,165	12.2
1968	9,425	5.4	10,911	5.6	2,394	1.3	343	0.2	802	0.4	23,875	12.9
1969	10,174	5.8	11,304	5.7	2,309	1.2	347	0.2	760	0.4	24,894	13.3
1970	11,213	6.2	11,772	5.9	2,406	1.2	329	0.2	823	0.4	26,543	13.9
1971	12,423	6.7	12,288	6.0	2,360	1.2	409	0.2	942	0.5	28,422	14.7
1972	13,382	7.1	13,348	6.4	2,442	1.2	296	0.2	886	0.5	30,354	15.3
1973	13,752	7.1	13,317	6.3	2,618	1.3	372	0.2	965	0.5	31,024	15.4
1974	14,737	7.5	14,345	6.7	2,513	1.2	370	0.2	1091	0.5	33,056	16.1
1975	14,295	7.1	14,873	6.9	2,380	1.1	330	0.2	974	0.5	32,852	15.7
1976	12,766	6.2	14,728	6.6	2,059	1.0	286	0.1	891	0.4	30,730	14.4
1977	12,874	6.1	16,084	7.1	1,982	0.9	259	0.1	884	0.4	32,083	14.7
1978	13,386	6.2	15,387	6.6	1,806	0.8	259	0.1	797	0.4	31,635	14.2
1979	14,491	6.6	15,543	6.6	2,004	0.9	341	0.2	640	0.3	33,019	14.6
1980	15,500	6.9	15,396	6.4	1,955	0.9	303	0.1	626	0.3	33,780	14.7
1981	15,089	6.7	16,139	6.7	1,871	0.8	272	0.1	679	0.3	34,050	14.6
1982	13,830	6.0	16,560	6.7	1,756	0.8	276	0.1	535	0.2	32,957	13.9
1983	12,040	5.2	16,600	6.6	1,695	0.7	257	0.1	507	0.2	31,099	12.8
1984	11,815	5.0	17,113	6.7	1,668	0.7	253	0.1	482	0.2	31,331	12.8
1985	11,836	5.0	17,363	6.7	1,649	0.7	242	0.1	476	0.2	31,566	12.7
1986	13,029	5.4	18,153	6.0	1,452	0.6	247	0.1	492	0.2	33,373	13.3
1987	12,657	5.2	18,136	6.8	1,440	0.6	257	0.1	405	0.2	32,895	12.9
1988	13,645	5.7	18,169	6.8	1,501	0.7	232	0.1	442	0.2	33,989	13.3
1989	14,464	6.0	18,178	6.7	1,489	0.6	305	0.1	340	0.1	34,776	13.7
1990	16,218	6.8	18,885	7.0	1,416	0.6	289	0.1	347	0.1	37,155	14.6
1991	17,746	7.5	18,526	6.8	1,441	0.6	240	0.1	364	0.2	38,317	15.1
1992	17,488	7.4	18,169	6.6	1,409	0.6	302	0.1	408	0.2	37,776	14.9
1993	18,253	7.7	18,940	6.8	1,521	0.7	318	0.1	563	0.2	39,595	15.6
1994	17,527	7.4	18,765	6.7	1,356	0.6	339	0.1	518	0.2	38,505	15.1
1995	15,551	6.6	18,503	6.5	1,225	0.5	284	0.0	394	0.1	35,957	13.9
1996	14,037	5.9	18,166	6.2	1,134	0.4	290	0.0	413	0.2	34,040	12.9
1997	13,252	5.4	17,566	5.9	981	0.4	270	0.1	367	0.1	32,436	12.0
1998	11,798	4.8	17,424	5.7	866	0.3	304	0.1	316	0.1	30,708	11.0

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1999	10,828	4.3	16,599	5.4	824	0.3	299	0.1	324	0.1	28,874	10.3
2000	10,801	4.3	16,586	5.3	776	0.3	270	0.1	230	0.1	28,663	10.0
2001	11,348	4.4	16,869	5.3	802	0.3	323	0.1	231	0.1	29,573	10.2
2002	11,829	4.6	17,108	5.2	762	0.3	300	0.1	243	0.1	30,242	10.3
2003	11,920	4.6	16,907	5.1	730	0.3	347	0.1	232	0.1	30,136	10.2
2004	11,624	4.4	16,750	5.0	649	0.2	311	0.1	235	0.1	29,569	9.8
Total	518,388		632,325		67,439		12,027		20,624		1,250,803	

*Age-adjusted; per 100,000.

^Data not available for 1965 through 1967.

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