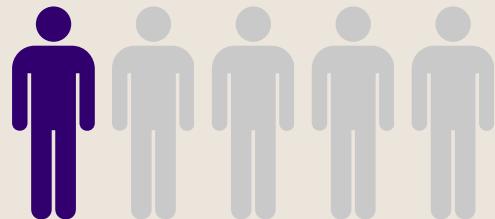


## **Firearms in the US: Quick Facts**

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)

# Firearms: Quick Facts

## 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:

 <b>BRADY</b> UNITED AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE	➤ National statistics and resources <a href="http://www.bradyunited.org/">www.bradyunited.org/</a>	<b>UW Medicine</b> UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON  CENTER FOR FIREARM INJURY PREVENTION	➤ National and local data, research briefs, and resources <a href="https://cfip.uw.edu/">https://cfip.uw.edu/</a>
 <b>GIFFORDS LAW CENTER</b> TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE	➤ Both national and state-wide resources and information <a href="https://giffords.org/">https://giffords.org/</a>	 <b>Washington State Department of Commerce</b> <a href="http://www.commerce.wa.gov/community-safety/">www.commerce.wa.gov/community-safety/</a>	➤ WA state data ➤ Office of Firearm Safety & Violence Prevention dashboard ➤ Links to WA state policies

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