

**PROTECT
MINNESOTA**
working together to prevent gun violence



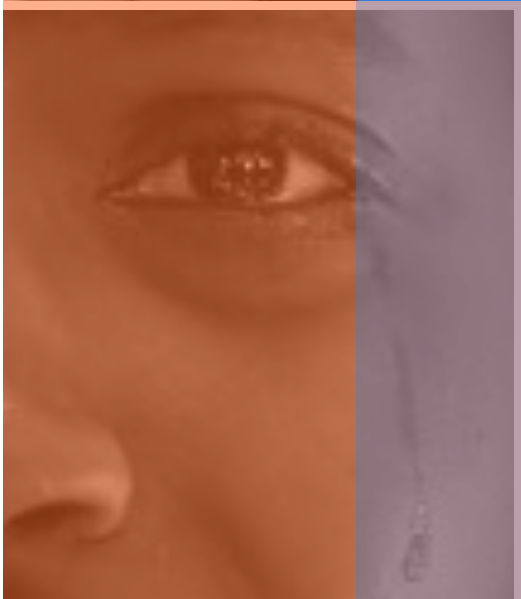
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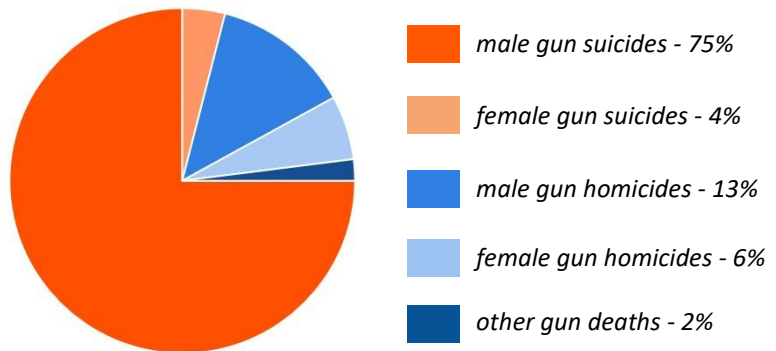
1,234 Minnesotans were shot in 2017—more than three per day.

In 2017, the last year for which CDC data is available, there were **465** deaths by firearms in Minnesota, which resulted in a gun death rate of **8.2** per 100,000 population. This is an increase from 2016, when there were 432 deaths by firearms in Minnesota. In addition, **769** Minnesotans suffered non-fatal hospital-treated injuries from firearms in 2017, up from 574 in 2016. Together, gun deaths and injuries increased **23%** in just one year!

Nearly 80% of gun deaths in Minnesota are suicides.

In 2017, **365** Minnesotans died by gun suicide—one every day. Gun suicides **increased 65%** between 2000-2017 in Minnesota while gun homicides increased less than 3% during the same time span. The average gun suicide victim in Minnesota is a white male who lives in a rural area.

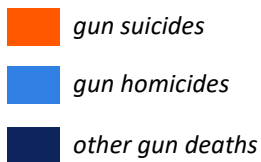
Minnesota gun deaths by gender and type in 2017



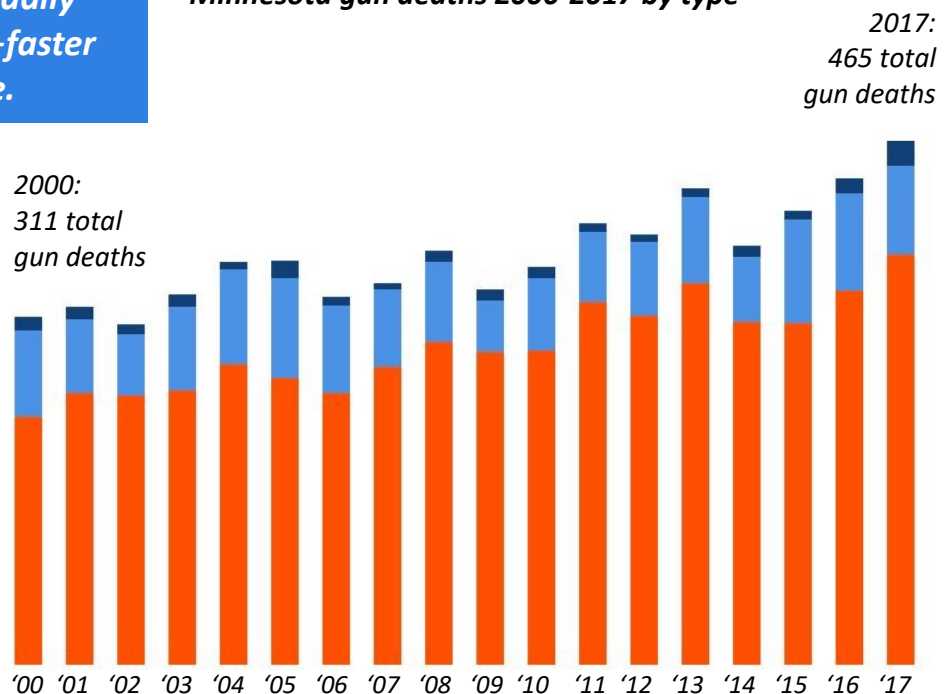
Gun violence has been steadily increasing in Minnesota—faster than the national average.

Between 2000 and 2017, deaths from firearms **increased 50%** in Minnesota.

During the same period, gun deaths increased **38%** nationally.



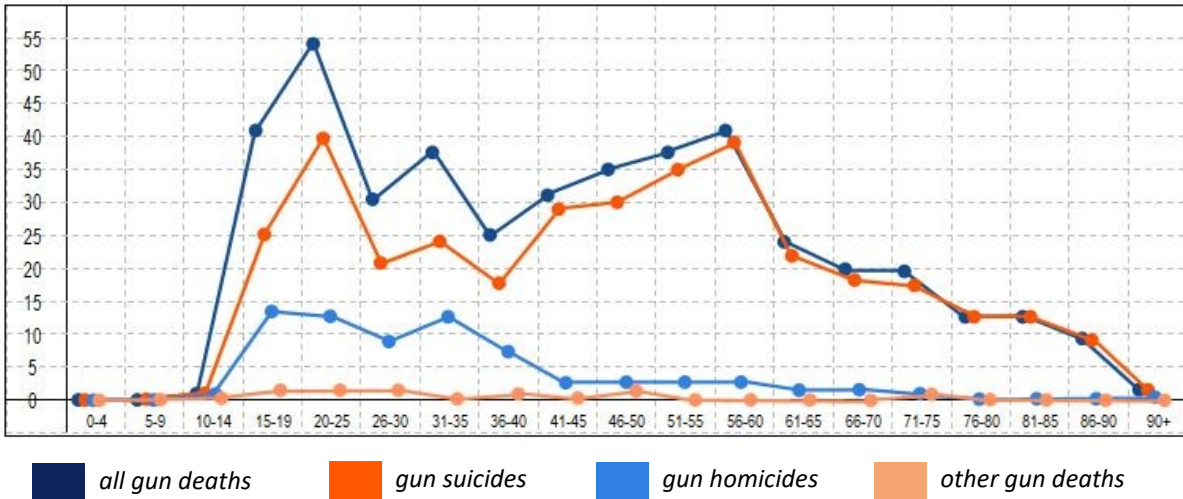
Minnesota gun deaths 2000-2017 by type



Gun violence affects all ages in Minnesota—especially the young.

Youth and young adults between the ages of 15-25 made up the largest percentage of gun deaths in 2017; both gun suicide and gun homicide peaked in that age range. There was another peak in gun suicides in the 56-60 age range.

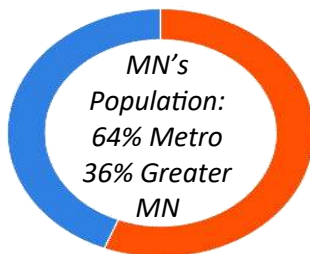
Minnesota gun deaths by age range and type in 2017



Calculated from 2017 Minnesota gun death statistics from the Minnesota Department of Health.

Gun violence impacts every Minnesota community, but takes different forms in different parts of the state.

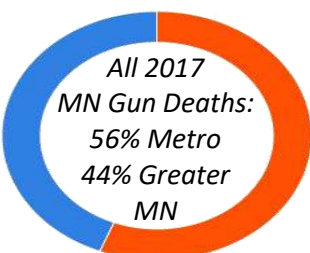
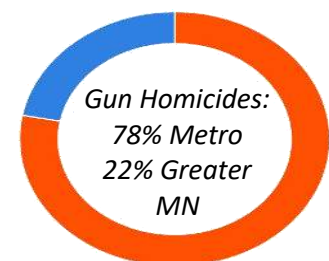
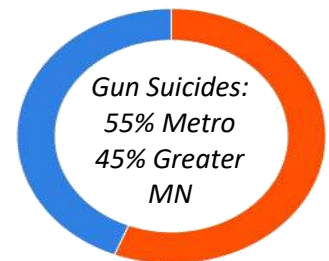
Minnesota gun deaths by region in 2017



Although two-thirds of Minnesotans live in the Twin Cities, nearly half of all gun deaths in 2017 occurred in Greater Minnesota.

A disproportionate number of gun suicides took place in Greater Minnesota, while more than three-quarters of gun homicides occurred in the metro area.

Over 80% of unintentional and uncategorized shootings happened in Greater Minnesota.



■ Twin Cities Metro
 ■ Greater Minnesota

Calculated from data from 2017 gun death statistics from the Minnesota Department of Health and *United States: Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington Metro Area, 213 Zip Codes.*

More Minnesotans die from guns than from car accidents or opioids.

Once again in 2017, more Minnesotans lost their lives to guns than either car accidents or opioids.

¹dps.mn.gov Crash Facts 2017

²"Minnesota's Corporate Leaders Join Fight Against Opioids", Star Tribune, September 18, 2018

³Minnesota Department of Health 2017 gun death statistics.

2017 Cause of death comparison

358 Minnesotans died in car accidents¹

401 Minnesotans died from opioids²

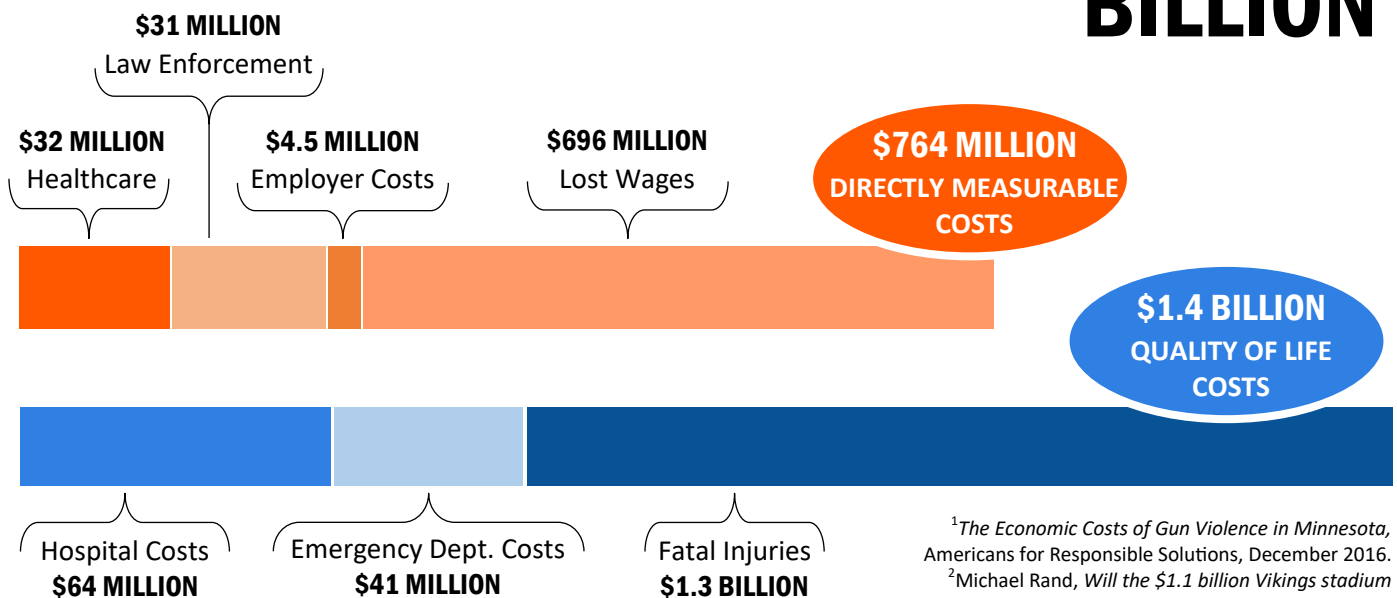
465 Minnesotans died from firearms³

Gun violence in Minnesota steals more than lives.

Based on expenses that can be directly measured, the initial price tag of gun violence in Minnesota is **\$764 million** per year. When the reduced quality of life attributable to pain and suffering is taken into account, the estimate rises to **\$2.2 billion** per year¹ — as much as two new Vikings stadiums!²

\$2.2 BILLION

The High Costs of Gun Violence in Minnesota



¹The Economic Costs of Gun Violence in Minnesota, Americans for Responsible Solutions, December 2016.

²Michael Rand, Will the \$1.1 billion Vikings stadium look like a bargain?, Star Tribune, March 28, 2018.