

U.S. FIREARM DEATHS and DEATH RATES PER 100,000 POPULATION BY YEAR GROUP AND INTENT, 1981-2007

YEAR	U.S. FIREARM DEATHS and DEATH RATES BY YEAR AND INTENT										All Intents	
	Homicide		Legal Intervention*		Suicide		Unintentional		Undetermined			
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate		
1981	15,089	6.3	272	0.1	16,139	7.1	1,871	0.8	679	0.3	34,050	14.6
1982	13,830	5.7	276	0.1	16,560	7.3	1,756	0.7	535	0.2	32,957	14.1
1983	12,040	4.9	257	0.1	16,600	7.2	1,695	0.7	507	0.2	31,099	13.1
1984	11,815	4.8	253	0.1	17,113	7.3	1,668	0.7	482	0.2	31,331	13.1
1985	11,836	4.7	242	0.1	17,363	7.4	1,649	0.7	476	0.2	31,566	13.0
1986	13,029	5.1	247	0.1	18,153	7.6	1,452	0.6	492	0.2	33,373	13.5
1987	12,657	4.9	257	0.1	18,136	7.5	1,440	0.6	405	0.2	32,895	13.2
1988	13,645	5.2	232	0.1	18,169	7.5	1,501	0.6	442	0.2	33,989	13.5
1989	14,464	5.5	305	0.1	18,178	7.4	1,489	0.6	340	0.1	34,776	13.7
1990	16,218	6.1	289	0.1	18,885	7.6	1,416	0.6	347	0.1	37,155	14.5
1991	17,746	6.6	240	0.1	18,526	7.4	1,441	0.6	364	0.1	38,317	14.8
1992	17,488	6.5	302	0.1	18,169	7.1	1,409	0.5	408	0.2	37,776	14.5
1993	18,253	6.8	318	0.1	18,940	7.3	1,521	0.6	563	0.2	39,595	15.0
1994	17,527	6.4	339	0.1	18,765	7.2	1,356	0.5	518	0.2	38,505	14.5
1995	15,551	5.7	284	0.1	18,503	7.0	1,225	0.5	394	0.1	35,957	13.4
1996	14,037	5.1	290	0.1	18,166	6.8	1,134	0.4	413	0.2	34,040	12.6
1997	13,252	4.8	270	0.1	17,566	6.5	981	0.4	367	0.1	32,436	11.8
1998	11,798	4.2	304	0.1	17,424	6.3	866	0.3	316	0.1	30,708	11.1
1999	10,828	3.8	299	0.1	16,599	6.0	824	0.3	324	0.1	28,874	10.3
2000	10,801	3.8	270	0.1	16,586	5.9	776	0.3	230	0.1	28,663	10.1
2001	11,348	3.9	323	0.1	16,869	5.9	802	0.3	231	0.1	29,573	10.3
2002	11,829	4.1	300	0.1	17,108	5.9	762	0.3	243	0.1	30,242	10.4
2003	11,920	4.1	347	0.1	16,907	5.8	730	0.2	232	0.1	30,136	10.3
2004	11,624	3.9	311	0.1	16,750	5.6	649	0.2	235	0.1	29,569	10.0
2005	12,352	4.2	330	0.1	17,002	5.6	789	0.3	221	0.1	30,694	10.2
2006	12,791	4.3	360	0.1	16,883	5.5	642	0.2	220	0.1	30,896	10.2
2007	12,632	4.2	351	0.1	17,352	5.6	613	0.2	276	0.1	31,224	10.2

* "Legal Intervention" is injury inflicted by police or other legal authorities, including security guards, during legal action or execution, or while attempting to enforce the law (e.g., arrest or restraint of arrested persons).

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