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Death Count in Lewiston, Maine Mass Shooting Exceeds Annual Firearm Homicide Death Count in Maine for Four of the Last Five Years

The mass shooting that occurred in Lewiston, Maine on October 25 left 18 victims dead and 13 injured. The current death toll from this one incident exceeds the total number of annual firearm homicide deaths in Maine for four of the past five years. According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 19 individuals died from firearms homicide in Maine in 2022, 12 died in 2021, 15 died in 2020, 13 died in 2019, and fewer than 10 died in 2018 (resulting in the total number for that year being suppressed by the CDC).

HOMICIDES IN MAINE, 2018 TO 2022

	All homicides	Firearm homicides
2018	19	--
2019	23	13
2020	21	15
2021	20	12
2022*	32	19

-- Data are suppressed due to deaths totaling fewer than 10
*2022 mortality data is provisional

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Vital Statistics System, Provisional Mortality on CDC WONDER Online Database. Data are from the final Multiple Cause of Death Files, 2018-2021, and from provisional data for 2022, as compiled from data provided by the 57 vital statistics jurisdictions through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program. Accessed at http://wonder.cdc.gov/mcd-icd10-provisional.html on Oct 26, 2023.