



Lethal Gun Violence in Minnesota, 2023

This summary offers an overview of the victims of lethal gun violence in Minnesota in 2023. It presents information from Minnesota death certificates as maintained by the Minnesota Department of Health. Data include information on the manner and location of death, characteristics of the deceased, and residence of the decedent. The data are the most complete source of information on gun deaths in the state and the most recent available at time of publication.

In 2023, 530 individuals died of gun violence in Minnesota. The majority of deaths were suicide (70.6%), followed by homicide (27.2%). Males made up the majority of both suicide and homicide victims. The majority of suicide decedents were white, while the majority of homicide decedents were Black. More detailed information can be found in the tables below.

Table 1. Gun deaths in Minnesota, 2023

	Death count (%)
Suicide	374 (70.6%)
Homicide	144 (27.2%)
Other	12 (2.2%)
Total gun deaths	530 (100.0%)

Table 2: Gun suicide in Minnesota, 2023

	Death count (%)
Total gun suicide deaths	374 (100.0%)
Sex	
Male	339 (90.6%)
Female	35 (9.4%)
Race/ethnicity	
White, non-Hispanic	333 (89.0%)
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	13 (3.5%)
Other race,* non-Hispanic	18 (4.8%)
Hispanic	--
Age	
0-19	10 (2.7%)
20-24	27 (7.2%)
25-44	121 (32.4%)
45-64	128 (34.2%)
65+	88 (23.5%)
Marital status	
Married	124 (33.2%)
Divorced or widowed	106 (28.3%)
Never married	144 (38.5%)

Table 2 (continued)

Education	
Less than high school	35 (9.4%)
Graduated high school	149 (39.8%)
Some college	117 (31.3%)
Graduated college	51 (13.6%)
Master's degree or higher	22 (5.9%)
Residence geography	
7-county metro**	153 (40.9%)
Greater Minnesota	215 (57.5%)
Out of state	--
Veteran	
Yes	71 (19.0%)
No	303 (81.0%)

*The Other race, non-Hispanic category includes American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and Multiracial.

**The 7-county metro area includes Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties.

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Table 3: Gun homicide in Minnesota, 2023

	Death count (%)
Total gun homicide deaths	144 (100.0%)
Sex	
Male	118 (81.9%)
Female	26 (18.1%)
Race/ethnicity	
White, non-Hispanic	31 (21.5%)
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	81 (56.3%)
Other race,* non-Hispanic	16 (11.1%)
Hispanic	16 (11.1%)
Age	
0-19	19 (13.2%)
20-24	27 (18.8%)
25-44	78 (54.2%)
45-64	14 (9.7%)
65+	--
Marital status	
Married	24 (16.7%)
Divorced or widowed	--
Never married	111 (77.1%)

Table 3 (continued)

Education	
Less than high school	33 (23.2%)
Graduated high school	80 (55.6%)
Some college	21 (14.6%)
Graduated college	--
Master's degree or higher	--
Residence geography	
7-county metro**	99 (68.8%)
Greater Minnesota	34 (23.6%)
Out of state	11 (7.6%)
Veteran	
Yes	--
No	138 (95.8%)

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