

Every 11 Minutes – in the USA



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Gun Violence – A Public Health Epidemic

Nationwide:²

- Nearly 46,000 deaths annually in an average year:
 - 13.7 deaths/100,000 people
- Over 96,935 nonfatal injuries
- Cost to US: \$557.2 billion / year⁴

Massachusetts:³

- 259 deaths annually
3.6 deaths/100,000 people
- 648 nonfatal injuries
- Cost to MA: \$3.5 billion / year

- Millions face the trauma of losing a loved one or fear being shot.
- Millions witness gun violence.

Gun violence affects the well-being and safety of all Americans.⁵

Public Health Approach⁹

Addresses the different forms of gun violence and asks questions about:

- Firearm access
- Underlying risk factors that contribute to gun violence



Public Health is Proactive

Public Health seeks to:

- Prevent – death and injuries
- Protect - all, and especially vulnerable populations
- Promote – behaviors, actions and laws that improve public safety

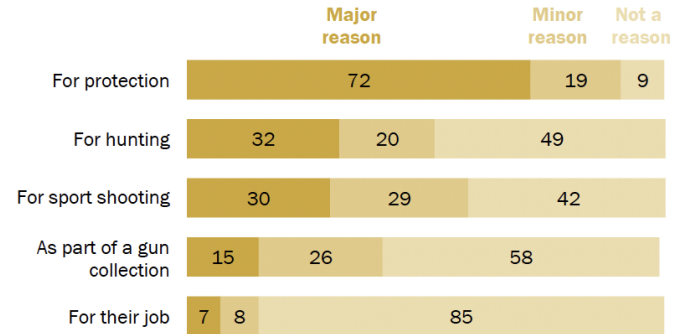


Gun Ownership in the USA

- ~400-500 million guns in circulation in the USA^{11, 12}
- Americans own 46% of the world's civilian-owned firearms, while comprising less than 5% of the world's population.^{13, 14}
- Most gun owners in the United States (~72%) say that protection is a major reason they own a gun.¹⁷
- Gun ownership varies widely by US state.^{18, 19}
- In MA, to find out gun ownership levels in each city or town: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/data-about-firearms-licensing-and-transactions#license-applications-&active-licenses>, click on Download: Active Firearm Licenses.

Nearly three-quarters of U.S. gun owners cite protection as a major reason they own a gun

% of gun owners saying each is a ___ why they own a gun



Note: No answer responses are not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted June 5-11, 2023.

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It has been well-documented that firearm ownership rates are associated with increased firearm-related death rates.²⁰

What is 'Gun Violence?'



- Firearm-related deaths:
 - suicides, homicides, unintentional shootings, other causes
- Firearm-related non-fatal injuries
- Firearm threats
- Witnessing gun violence

Firearm Suicides

*Nationwide:*²³

- 25,779 gun suicide deaths annually – 56% of gun deaths
 - Firearm suicides account for ½ of all suicides.
- 2,411 nonfatal gun suicide injuries
- White people are twice as likely as Black people to die by gun suicide.
- From 2014-2023, gun suicides increased by 21%.
- The firearm suicide rate among youth (ages 10-24) has reached its highest rate in over 20 years.²⁵

*Massachusetts:*²⁴

- 142 gun suicide deaths annually – 55% of gun deaths
- 12 nonfatal gun suicide injuries
- White people are 1.3 times as likely as Black people to die by gun suicide.
- From 2014-2023, gun suicides increased by 9%.

The majority of gun deaths are suicides.

Firearm Homicides

*Nationwide:*²⁷

- 19,050 gun homicides annually – 40% of gun deaths
- 35,451 nonfatal gun assaults
- Black people are 12 times as likely as White people to die by gun homicide.
- From 2014-2023, gun homicides increased by 57%. Most homicides are committed with a firearm.
- The firearm homicide rate is 25 times higher than in other industrialized countries.²⁹

*Massachusetts:*²⁸

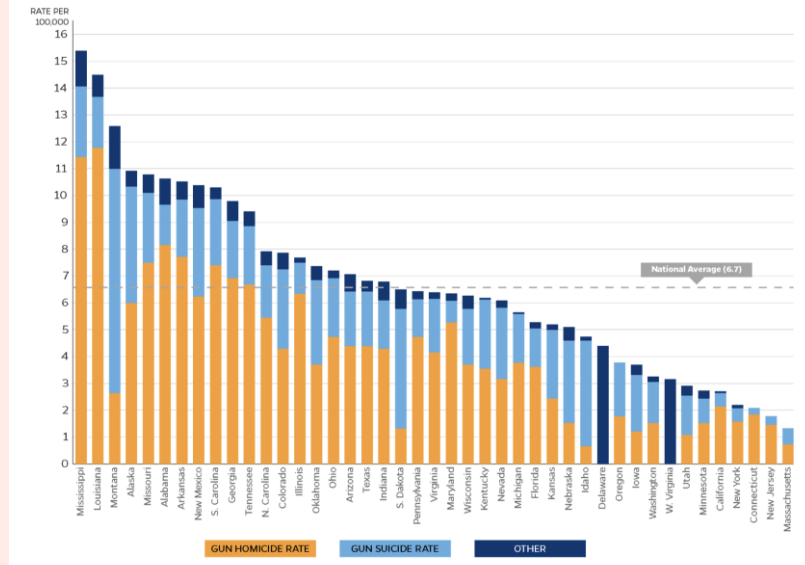
- 115 gun homicide deaths annually – 43% of gun deaths
- 244 nonfatal gun assaults
- Black people are 19 times as likely, and Latinx people are 6.8 times as likely as White people to die by gun homicide.
- From 2014-2023, gun homicides increased by 32%.

Children and Teens

Nationwide:

- Gun violence is now the leading cause of death of children and teens.³⁰ Over 4,000 children and teens are shot and killed, over 15,000 are shot and wounded yearly.³¹
- 3 million children witness gun violence each year.³³
- 4.6 million children live in homes with at least one unsecured, loaded firearm.³⁴
- Over 80% of minors who die by gun suicide access the firearm from their own home or that of family members.³⁵
- 76% of school shooters under age 18 who commit gunfire on school grounds access the firearm from their own home or that of close relatives.^{36, 37}
- There were at least 411 unintentional shootings by minors in 2023 resulting in 158 deaths and 269 injuries.³⁸

Gun Death Rate (Per 100,000) for Youth (Ages 1-19) by State in 2022*



* "Other" gun death rates include legal intervention, unintentional, and unclassified. Other states (Hawaii, Maine, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wyoming) were excluded because they had suppressed values for all gun death rates.

The Ethan Song Tragedy



Jan. 19, 2003 –
Jan. 31, 2018

Guilford, CT

"A Song Unsung"

The Jajuan McDowell Tragedy



March 7, 2002 –
April 7, 2016

Savannah, GA

Unintentional (Negligent) Shootings

Over 70% of unintentional shootings by children were committed with unsecured guns from the home.³⁹

- Occur in or around the own home or that of a relative or friend
- Involve guns that are loaded and accessible
- Occur when children or teens play with or handle the gun

Americans are four times more likely to die from an unintentional gun injury than people living in other high-income countries.⁴⁰

The Reality of Unsecured Firearms

In homes with children, even LOADED guns are often left UNSECURED.

CDC Report, June 2024 ⁴¹

In states with Child Access Prevention laws, only 1/3 of firearm owners are aware of their states' laws. ⁴²

It is estimated that 54% of gun owners do NOT store all of their guns securely. ^{43, 44}

Mass Shootings, Domestic Violence, School Violence, Threats

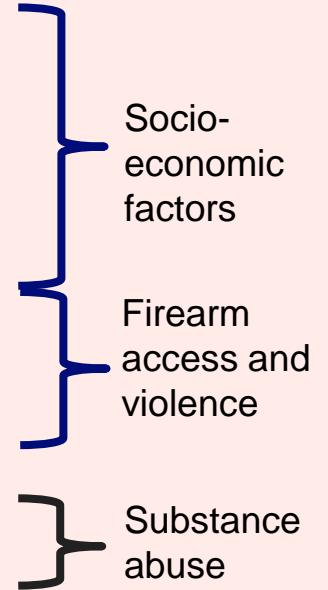
- Each year, there are an estimated 600 **mass shootings** with four or more people injured or killed in a single event, not including the shooter.⁴⁵
- There are about 4.5 million women in America who have been **threatened with a gun** and nearly 1 million women who have been shot or shot at **by an intimate partner**.⁴⁶
- The Gun Violence Archive (2024) has tracked 112 school shootings in which a victim was injured or killed.⁴⁷
- Threats to schools have caused traumatic lockdowns and disruptions to learning.



Root Causes of Gun Violence⁴⁸



- Poverty
- Income inequality
- Poor education
- Housing instability
- Lack of good employment
- Lack of affordable healthcare
- Gun availability
- Weak gun laws
- Gun trafficking
- Exposure to violence
- Poor mental health
- Drug involvement
- Alcohol abuse
- Violent misogyny
- Distrust of Law Enforcement



Mental Health

- Mental illness is not a predictor of violence towards others, but it is a predictor of suicide. ⁴⁹
- Studies show that mental illness contributes to only about 4% of all violence, and the contribution to gun violence is even lower. ⁵⁰
- People with mental health illnesses are more likely to be victims of gun violence rather than be perpetrators. ⁵¹
- Gun violence **may cause mental health issues for survivors**, including depression, anxiety, sleep problems, and personality changes. ^{52, 53}
- Expressions of hate, rage and threatening behavior are not mental illnesses but are predictors of violence. ⁵⁴
- **In spite of the above facts, The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (2022) has allocated federal funds for the expansion of mental health programs and community behavioral health clinics.**

Evidence-based Solutions

An "evidence-based solution"

- is supported by credible research and data
- has been proven effective through scientific studies and analysis
- does not rely on opinions or anecdotal evidence; it is objective
- prioritizes using the best available information to address a problem

In the following slides, we will learn about:

- 5 Evidence-based solutions for MA
- Facts as basis for each of the evidence-based solutions mentioned
- Survey Results (2023)⁵⁵, from the Johns Hopkins National Survey of Gun Policy. Surveys are fielded by the National Opinion Research Center (NORC), a non-partisan organization affiliated with the University of Chicago. Survey takes place every 2 years.

Survey respondents include gun owners and non-gun owners, and all major political party affiliations (Republicans, Democrats, Independents).

- Implementation activity ideas for each evidence-based solution

Evidence-Based Solutions for MA

1. Secure Gun Storage

FACT: [Secure firearm storage saves lives.](#)

SURVEY RESULT: 72% of Americans support laws that require a person to lock up the guns in their home when not in use. ⁵⁶


IMPLEMENTATION IDEAS:

- Raise awareness about MA Safe Storage Law, the risks of unsecured firearms, and behaviors that everyone can adopt to help reduce risk.
- Champion a culture of gun safety.

Secure Storage Saves Lives Program

- Empowers *everyone* in the community to help reduce risk of the tragedies that occur when unsupervised, unauthorized children and teens gain access to unsecured firearms.
- Seeks to create a culture of gun safety.
- Program:
 - **Secure** guns in homes and vehicles.
Hiding a gun is not securing a gun!
 - Responsible adults keep children safe.
*Model **responsible behavior**.*
 - **Talk** to your children about guns.
 - **Ask** about unsecured guns in other homes before children/teens visit.
 - Suicide and guns are a dangerous mix: **Prevent access** to lethal means of harm.
 - **Be a Messenger** to your family and friends.
- Invite Grassroots4GVP to present on 'Secure Storage Saves Lives' or provide a resource table at your community event.
- Ask community leaders, Boards of Health, other organizations, and schools to promote messaging about the importance of secure firearm storage.





Destiny is so excited about coming to your house today!

Great! We are too. Does she have any allergies? Bring her over around 3pm. The girls will have fun!

Thanks for asking! No allergies. I too am very focused on safety. I've read some terrible stories lately in the news. I have to ask you: If you have guns in the house, how do you secure them? Destiny can be very curious you know.

Oh! No worries, and what a great question! We don't have guns in the house, but I will need to start asking this question. You never know nowadays.

Evidence-Based Solutions for MA

2. Firearm Removal Laws: Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)

FACT: ERPOs reduce suicides or other dangers to the public.

SURVEY RESULT: 76% of Americans support allowing family members to ask the court to temporarily remove guns from a relative who they believe is at risk of harming themselves or others.⁵⁷

IMPLEMENTATION IDEAS:

- Advocate for better ERPO systems and training of stakeholders in MA.
- Raise awareness about MA ERPO Law.
- Raise awareness about suicide warning signs, risks, and intervention strategies.

Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) and Suicides

An [extreme risk protection order \(ERPO\)](#) is a civil order with due process protections issued by a court when someone is at risk of violence (including suicide and assault).

ERPO is, at minimum, a suicide prevention tool.

- Suicide attempts by firearm are almost always deadly: 90% of these attempts result in death.^{58, 59}
- 90% of individuals who attempt suicide and survive do not go on to die by suicide.⁶⁰

Access to a gun in the home increases the risk of suicide by more than three times.⁶¹

Policies and practices that temporarily restrict access to someone at elevated risk for suicide can save lives. These interventions include [Extreme Risk Protection Orders](#), safe and secure firearm storage practices, and [lethal means safety counseling](#).



Evidence-Based Solutions for MA

3. Firearm Removal Laws: Domestic Violence Prevention Orders

FACT: Research shows that the stronger the protections of Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs), the clearer the life-saving benefits. DVPOs that require firearm removal are associated with a 12% reduction in intimate partner homicide.

SURVEY RESULT: 81% of Americans support prohibiting a person subject to a temporary domestic violence protection order from having a gun for the duration of the order.⁶²

IMPLEMENTATION IDEAS:

- Raise awareness about MA DVPO Law.
- Raise awareness about domestic violence and gun violence.
- Raise awareness about the similarities and differences between MA ERPO Law and MA DVPO law as they relate to gun violence.

Evidence-Based Solutions for MA – *cont.*

4. Community Violence Intervention (CVI) and Prevention Programs

FACT: CVI's reduce gun violence in the most impacted neighborhoods through localized outreach by credible messengers who work with individuals involved in gun violence.

SURVEY RESULT: 69% of Americans support funding community-based gun violence prevention programs that provide outreach, conflict mediation, and social support for people at high risk of gun violence.⁶³

IMPLEMENTATION IDEAS:

- Violence Interrupter Programs
- Focused deterrence
- Cognitive behavioral interventions with wraparound supports
- Violence reduction councils
- Change environmental risk factors for violence, *e.g.*, support community beautification projects, address vacant lots, inadequate street lighting
- Support and magnify local community-based violence intervention programs.
- Provide resources to under-resourced communities, *e.g.*, youth programs.
- Provide healing supports to survivors.

Evidence-Based Solutions for MA – *cont.*

5. Commonsense Public Safety Laws and Enforcement

FACT: Strong gun laws save lives.

SURVEY RESULT (GALLUP, 2023): A majority of Americans (56%) continue to favor strengthening gun laws.⁶⁴

IMPLEMENTATION IDEAS:

- Support measures that will help police solve gun crimes, prevent criminals from accessing guns, prevent trafficking from other states, prevent straw purchasing, *etc.*
- Educate ourselves and others about the recently enacted comprehensive MA gun law.

Language That We Use⁶⁵

Respect Diversity of Experience

The language we use to describe our work must be inclusive of all of us.

- Focus on a shared value: Our mission is to keep all our communities safe.
- Say “gun safety” instead of “gun control.”
- Do not refer to unintentional shootings as “accidents” because they are preventable.
- Respect how victims of gun violence wish to be called: “victims,” “survivors,” or other.
- Responsible gun ownership is not the problem. Responsible gun owners must be part of the solution.
- Mass shootings represent only the tip of the iceberg of this country’s gun crisis. Daily gun violence — such as city gun violence, domestic violence, firearm suicide, or unintentional shootings — account for most of the gun violence in this country yet tend to be underrepresented in our national dialogue.

Language That We Use – *cont.*

- There are different definitions for a “mass shooting.” Several organizations use this definition: A mass shooting is defined as any incident in which four or more people are shot and wounded or killed, excluding the shooter.
- Avoid naming the shooters. Focus on the victims and survivors so as not to give shooters the notoriety they may seek to gain from their acts.
- Avoid the term “anniversary” when acknowledging the date of a traumatic event.
- Emphasize that many instances of gun violence against children and teens can be prevented with secure firearm storage.
- Whenever we talk about gun suicide, domestic or intimate partner violence, provide support resources.
- Avoid the term “[person] committed suicide” and instead talk about people who “died by gun suicide.”
- Emphasize that suicide is a preventable crisis.
- Do not refer to gun suicide attempts that resulted in death as “successful.”
- Recognize the emotional connection survivors have to gun violence prevention work.

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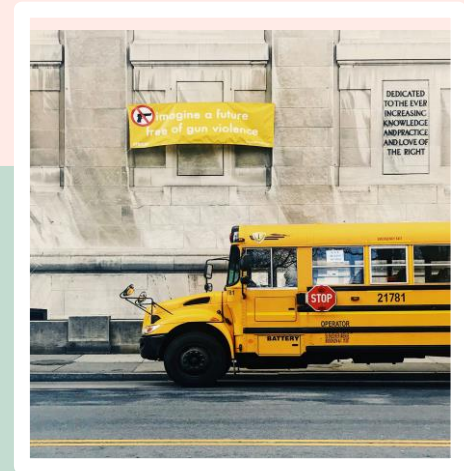
Raising Awareness through Public Education

Importance of Secure Firearm Storage

Secure Storage Notification Resolutions in MA School Districts

Implementation Activities

MASC passed a statewide resolution urging all MA school districts to provide this outreach to their local school communities.



Over 10 million children and teens nationwide attend public schools where secure firearm safety notification policies are in place.⁶⁶

Selected Resources

Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions:

<https://publichealth.jhu.edu/center-for-gun-violence-solutions>

National ERPO Resource Center: <https://ERPO.org>

Everytown for Gun Safety: <https://everytownresearch.org>

Be SMART for Kids: <https://besmartforkids.org>

End Family Fire: <https://www.bradyunited.org/programs/end-family-fire>

ASK Day: <https://www.bradyunited.org/resources/campaigns-toolkits/ask-day-is-june-21>

US Secret Service: https://www.secretservice.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/Protecting_Americas_Schools.pdf

American Academy of Pediatrics: <https://www.aap.org/en/news-room/campaigns-and-toolkits/gun-safety/>

Project ChildSafe: <https://projectchildsafe.org>



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“For the first time, the U.S. Surgeon General in 2024 issued an advisory officially recognizing firearm violence as a critical public health crisis.” ⁶

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⁷ One in Five Adults Say They've Had a Family Member Killed by a Gun, Including Suicide, and One in Six Have Witnessed a Shooting; Among Black Adults, a Third Have Experienced Each. (2023). KFF. <https://www.kff.org/other/press-release/one-in-five-adults->

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