



## GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA FACT SHEET AVERAGE 2003 – 2013

<u>EACH YEAR</u>			<u>EVERYDAY</u>	
ALL <u>AGES</u>	AGES <u>0-18</u>		ALL <u>AGES</u>	AGES <u>0-18</u>
549,380	----	ACTS OF GUN VIOLENCE	1,505	----
114,644	14,783	PEOPLE SHOT	314	41
34,668	2,277	DIE FROM GUN VIOLENCE	95	6
20,308	640	COMMIT SUICIDE	56	2
12,997	1,458	ARE MURDERED	36	4
682	129	ARE ACCIDENTALLY KILLED	2	<1
409	17*	BY POLICE INTERVENTION	1	<1*
273	32*	BY UNKNOWN INTENT	<1	<1*
79,976	12,506	ARE INJURED FROM GUN VIOLENCE	219	34
56,950	9,311	FROM ASSAULT	156	26
18,015	2,945	ACCIDENTALLY	49	8
4,036	186	SURVIVE SUICIDE ATTEMPT	11	<1
975	65*	FROM POLICE INTERVENTION	3	<1*

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS), Average of data 2003–2013. Retrieved August 2015 from [www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars](http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars). Numbers are rounded.

U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Statistics. Firearm Violence 1993 – 2011. Published May 2013. <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/fv9311.pdf>

\*Inquiry estimate is unstable due to sample size



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**MOST CRIMINAL GUN VIOLENCE IS COMMITTED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO LACK MENTAL WELLNESS (COPING SKILLS, ANGER MANAGEMENT AND OTHER SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SKILLS)**

**BETWEEN 4-6% OF CRIMINAL GUN VIOLENCE IS COMMITTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS MENTALLY ILL**

**MORE THAN 90% OF INDIVIDUALS WHO DIE FROM SUICIDE HAD A DIAGNOSABLE MENTAL DISORDER**

**MOST MASS SHOOTINGS ARE PLANNED FOR 6 MONTHS TO A YEAR. IN ALMOST EVERY DOCUMENTED CASE, WARNING SIGNS WERE GIVEN OFF THAT WERE NOT UNDERSTOOD, WERE NOT ACTED UPON QUICKLY OR WAS NOT SHARED WITH SOMEONE WHO COULD HELP**

**IN 4 OUT OF 5 SCHOOL SHOOTINGS, AT LEAST ONE OTHER PERSON HAD KNOWLEDGE OF THE ATTACKER'S PLAN BUT FAILED TO REPORT IT**

**70% OF PEOPLE WHO COMMIT SUICIDE TELL SOMEONE THEIR PLANS OR GIVE SOME OTHER TYPE OF WARNING SIGNS**

**GUNS USED IN ABOUT 80% OF ALL INCIDENTS AT SCHOOLS WERE TAKEN FROM THE HOME, A FRIEND OR A RELATIVE**

**APPROXIMATELY HALF OF ALL GUN OWNERS DON'T LOCK UP THEIR GUNS IN THEIR HOMES, INCLUDING 40% OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH KIDS UNDER AGE 18.**

**ANNUAL COST OF GUN VIOLENCE  
\$229 BILLION OR \$700 PER AMERICAN\***

Source: \*Mother Jones. What Does Gun Violence Really Cost? <http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2015/04/true-cost-of-gun-violence-in-America>. U.S. Secret Service's "Safe Schools Initiative,"