

Facts About Gun Control: Overview

PROBLEM: There are too many victims of gun violence because we make it too easy for dangerous people to get dangerous weapons in America.

DID YOU KNOW? In one year, more than **100,000 people** in America were shot in murders, assaults, suicides, accidents, or by police intervention.

30,896 people died from gun violence

12,791 people murdered.

16,883 people killed themselves.

642 people killed accidentally.

360 killed by police intervention.

220 died but intent was not known

69,863 people survived gun injuries

48,676 people injured in an attack.

4,291 people injured in a suicide attempt.

15,698 people shot accidentally.

1,198 people shot in a police intervention.

DID YOU KNOW? In one year, more than 20,784 American children and teens, ages 0-19, were shot in murders, assaults, suicides, accidents, or by police intervention.

3,218 kids died from gun violence

2,225 children and teens murdered.

763 children and teens killed themselves.

154 children and teens killed accidentally.

34 killed by police intervention.

42 died but intent was not known

17,566 kids survived gun injuries

12,864 injured in an attack.

494 injured in a suicide attempt.

4,165 people shot accidentally.

43 shot in a police intervention.

DID YOU KNOW? On average, every day:

276 people in America, 57 of them children and teens were shot in murders, assaults, suicides, accidents, and police intervention.

85 people die from gun violence, 35 of them murdered.

9 children and teens die from gun violence.

191 people are shot, but survive their gun injuries.

48 children and teens are shot, but survive their gun injuries.

SOLUTION: Without stronger, sensible gun laws, thousands upon thousands of people will continue to die and be injured needlessly each year. The Brady Campaign fights for sensible gun laws to protect you, your family, and your community.

Source: CDC National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (2006 (deaths) and 2007 (injuries), most recent year available), www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars/. Calculations by Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, 5-05-2009. Numbers may not add to 100% because of rounding.