Mass Shootings

- **Second-deadliest** mass shooting at a U.S. public school after the 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary. ([The Washington Post](https://www.washingtonpost.com)).
- Deadliest **high school** shooting in U.S. history, surpassing the 1999 Columbine High school shooting which killed 13 ([Miami Herald](https://www.miamiherald.com)).
- “Of the 30 deadliest shootings in the US dating back to 1949, **19 have occurred in the last 10 years,**” ([CNN](https://www.cnn.com)).
  - Between 2014 and 2017, shootings claimed the lives of **2,710 children under the age of 12**.
  - Of the 49 months since January 2014, **only six** have passed without at least one instance of gun violence in a US school.
  - Between 2014 and 2017, **56,755** Americans were killed by guns.
  - Between 2014 and 2017, there has been **1,333** mass shootings.
  - Americans **are more likely to die from a gunshot** than from skin cancer or stomach cancer.
- The U.S. averages a school shooting **every 2.5 days** in 2018 ([Politico](https://www.politico.com)), equivalent to one school shooting **every 60 hours** ([The Telegraph](https://www.telegraph.co.uk)).

Prevalence of Gun Violence

- “The U.S. has the **31st highest rate** [of gun violence] in the world: **3.85 deaths due to gun violence per 100,000 people in 2016**. That was **eight times higher** than the rate in Canada, which had .48 deaths per 100,000 people — and **27 times higher** than the one in Denmark, which had .14 deaths per 100,000,” ([NPR](https://www.npr.org)).
- The U.S. has a gun homicide rate of **29.7 per million people** which is, “nearly six times the gun homicide rate of Canada, more than seven times that of Sweden, and nearly 16 times that of Germany,” ([Vox](https://www.vox.com)).
- Prior to the **1994 assault weapons ban**, between 1984 and 1994 there were 19 incidents of gun massacres (6+ deaths) which resulted in 155 deaths. In contrast, during the ban (1994-2004) there were 12 gun massacres with 89 total deaths. Most shockingly, **after the ban expired in 2004, there were 34 gun massacres from 2004-2014, resulting in 302 total deaths** ([The Washington Post](https://www.washingtonpost.com)).
  - That’s a **183% increase** in massacres and a **239% increase** in massacre deaths ([The Washington Post](https://www.washingtonpost.com)).

Guns

- Americans own nearly half (48%) of the estimated 650 million civilian owned guns worldwide ([CNN](https://www.cnn.com)).
- **Six of the 10** deadliest mass shootings in the U.S. over the past decade have used an **AR-15-style semi-automatic rifle** ([TIME](https://www.time.com)).