

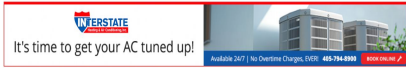
# Secure Storage Tax Exemptions

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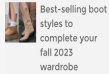
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# Who we are:





COMMENDED



8-year-old boy shot in chest by 14-year-old brother in Choctaw, officials say

An 8-year-old boy was shot in the chest by his 14-year-old brother in Choctaw, officials said.

8-year-old accidentally shot in chest by father in outheast Oklahoma City

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OVERVIEW

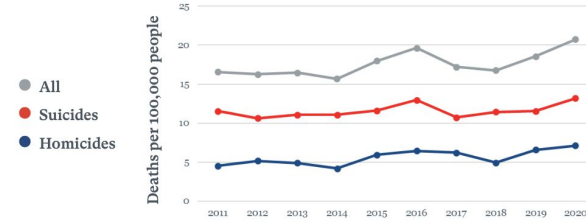
In an average year, **735** people die and **1,244** are wounded by guns in Oklahoma. Oklahoma has the **13th-highest** rate of gun violence in the US.



Data on states, congressional districts, and counties:  
[EveryStat.org](https://www.everystat.org)

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Oklahoma, the rate of gun deaths increased **25%** from 2011 to 2020, compared to a **33%** increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased **14%** and gun homicides increased **57%** compared to a **12%** increase and **70%** increase nationwide, respectively.



COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Oklahoma has the **13th-highest** societal cost of gun violence in the US at **\$2,595** per resident each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Oklahoma **\$10.3 billion** each year, of which **\$206 million** is paid by taxpayers.

- Safe storage measures, such as locked gun cabinets and secure gun safes, can reduce the likelihood of unauthorized access to firearms.
- Laws and initiatives promoting responsible gun ownership and storage are crucial in preventing school shootings.

# 76%

**The US Secret Service found that roughly three-quarters of school shooters acquired their firearm from the home of a parent or close relative.**

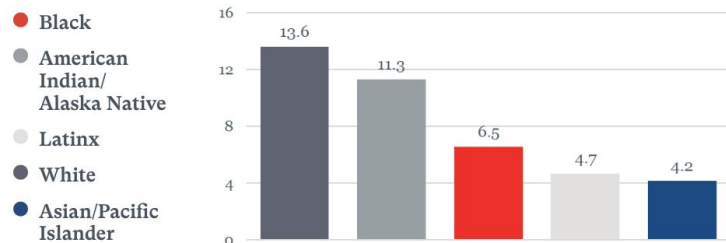
# 4.6M

4.6 million children in the US live in a home with at least one unlocked and loaded firearm.

## GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of **486** people in Oklahoma die by gun suicides and **44** are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of **12.0** suicides and **1.1** suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Oklahoma has the **7th-highest** rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

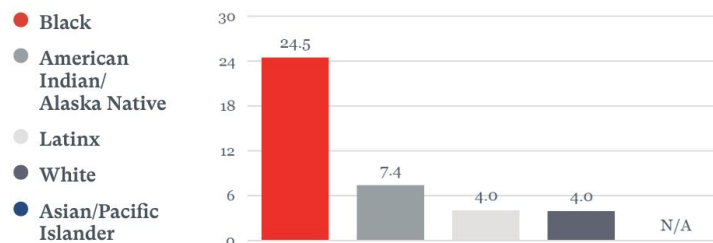
### Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in Oklahoma



## GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of **234** people in Oklahoma die by gun homicides and **469** are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of **6.2** homicides and **11.9** assaults per 100,000 people. Oklahoma has the **15th-highest** rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Oklahoma, **74%** of all homicides involve a gun, compared to **76%** nationwide.

### Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Oklahoma



## ❑ **Gun Storage Devices Tax Exemptions.**

- Creating financial incentives to purchase secure storage devices has the potential to create a ripple effect of positive change within the community. It encourages open conversations about firearm safety. It fosters a sense of community responsibility and underscores the idea that we are all in this together, working towards a safer, more compassionate society.
- A recent example of this growing trend can be seen in the state of Louisiana. In a significant move to incentivize responsible firearm storage, Louisiana passed a secure storage tax credit. This innovative legislation allows Louisiana residents to claim up to \$500 in tax credits for the purchase of secure storage devices. This forward-thinking approach not only encourages safer firearm practices but also provides a tangible benefit to those who take steps to protect their communities and loved ones.
- The passage of secure storage laws and initiatives like Louisiana's tax credit program exemplify the ongoing efforts of states to strike a balance between respecting Second Amendment rights and ensuring the safety of their citizens. As these laws continue to gain traction, they serve as a testament to our collective commitment to creating a safer and more responsible firearm ownership culture nationwide.

➤ Most recently, Louisiana, Tennessee and North Carolina passed secure storage tax credits.

➤ Several states have passed secure storage laws on a bipartisan basis.

## Which states have child-access and/or secure storage laws?





# Q&A and Thank You!