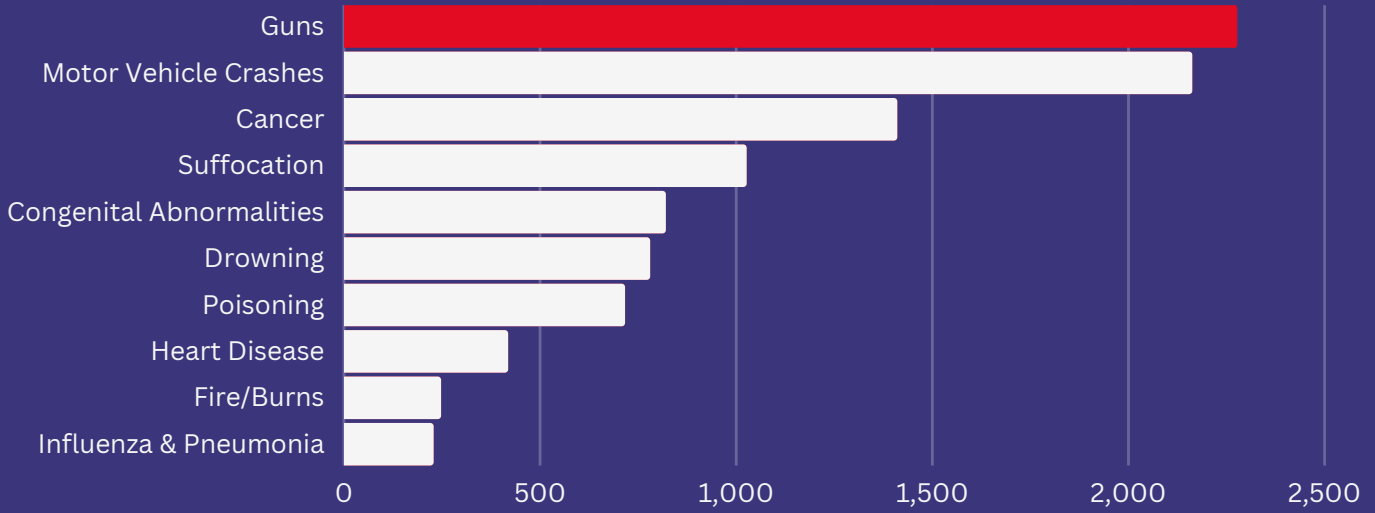


# The Impact of Gun Violence on Children

Each year, thousands of children are wounded or killed by gunfire, and millions are exposed to gun violence

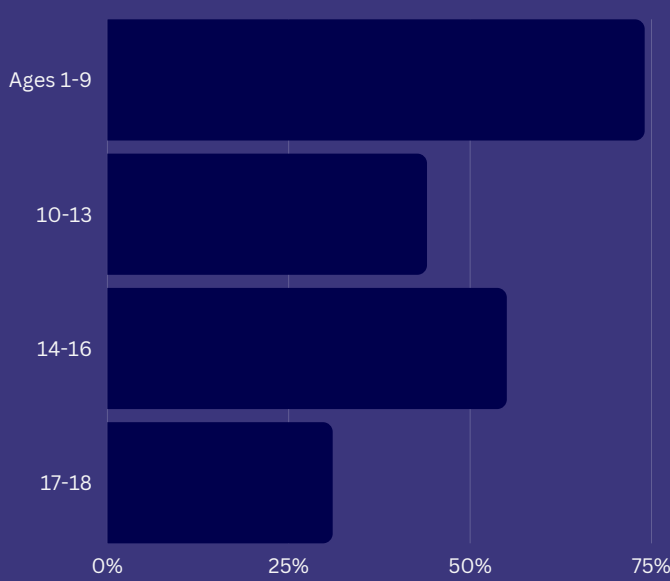
## GUNS ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18

Total Deaths (2020)



## THE PROBLEM IS GETTING WORSE

Increase in gun deaths by age group, 2019-21

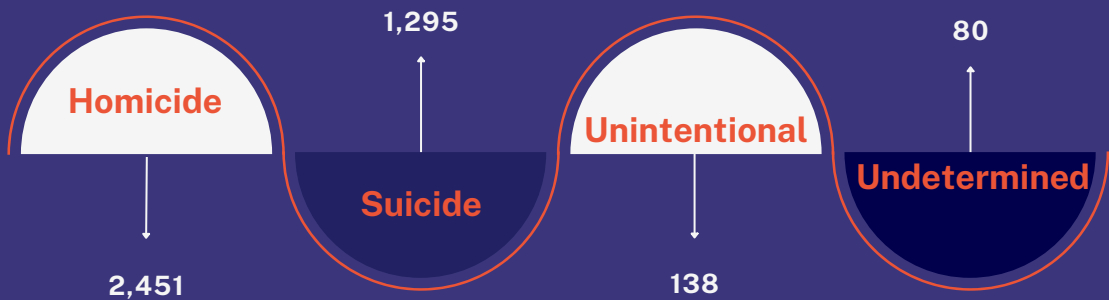


Among similarly large and wealthy nations, the United States accounted for 46% of the child population, but 97% of all child gun deaths.

Among children who die by gunfire, Black and Hispanic children are more likely to be killed by others, and white children are more likely to kill themselves

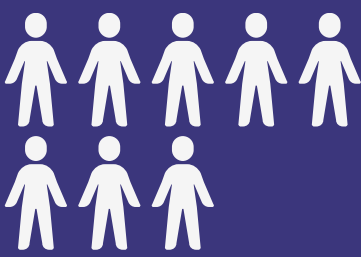
## CHILD AND TEEN GUN DEATHS PER YEAR

62% of child and teen gun deaths are homicides  
(<https://everytownresearch.org/issue/child-and-teens/>)



## DAILY IMPACTS

Everyday 8 children and teens are killed or injured by guns found in the home



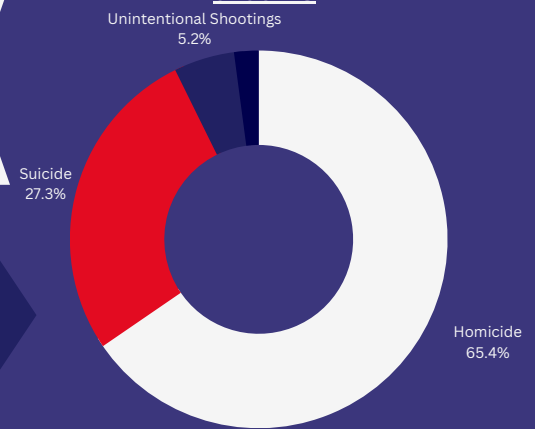
## CALIFORNIA

On average, someone is killed with a gun every 3 hours in California

Gun Deaths by Intent for CA Children under 18

Gun violence is the 2nd leading cause of death for children in CA

582 children died by gunfire in California from 2016-2020



## CHILD AND TEEN GUN SAFETY BY THE NUMBERS

More than 80 percent of child suicides involve a gun that belong to a family member.

**4.6M**  
4.6 million American children live in homes with at least one gun that is loaded and unlocked.

**66%**  
Over the past decade, the firearm suicide rate among children and teens has increased by 66 percent.



**17x**  
Black children and teens are 17 times more likely than white children and teens of the same age to die by gun homicide.

**3M**  
Approximately three million American children witness gun violence every year.

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