Guns in Circulation

According to the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), a firearm trade association, based on data from background checks for gunowners:

- 434 million guns in USA owned by civilians in 2020 with 214 million in market since 1991
- 19.8 million American Rifle or AR-15 and other semiautomatic weapons in 2020
- 5.4 million first time gun purchases or 30% of all firearm purchases in 2021

According to the NSSF 2021 Firearm Retailer Survey, in the first half of 2020, retailers saw these % Increases in gun purchases by race from previous year:

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Source: National Shooting Sports Foundation
Firearm Injuries and Deaths in USA

According to the CDC, in 2020:

> 45,000 firearm related deaths in the US or 124 daily deaths

2 in 10 medically treated firearm injuries due to unintentional firearm injuries.

Firearm homicide rates are highest among Black, American Indian and Hispanic individuals.

Men are over 8 in 10 victims of firearm death and nonfatal firearm injuries.

Firearm homicide rates are highest among adults between the ages of 15 and 34.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Firearm Violence Prevention
In 2021, Florida's death rate by firearm per 100,000 population was 13.91 with the highest rate of 49.57 in Hamilton County.

- Broward County's rate: 12.31
- Miami-Dade County's rate: 10.33
- Palm Beach County's rate: 13.33

Source: Florida Department of Health
More than half of firearm fatalities are suicides and the majority of individuals using a firearm for suicide die from their injuries.

According to the CDC, in 2020:

- Highest firearm suicide rates among those age 75 and over
- Highest firearm suicide rates among American Indian or Alaska Native populations

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Firearm Violence Prevention
According to a poll of over 5,000 adults conducted in April 2021 by Pew Research Center:

53% of Americans feel gun laws should be stricter with 81% of Democrats and 20% of Republicans agreeing.

According to a May 2022 poll conducted by Politico and Morning Consult, 59% of Americans feel it is somewhat/very important that elected officials pass stricter gun control legislation.
According to Gallup in 2020:

- 44% of adults who live in a household with a gun
- 32% of adults who personally own a gun
- 45% of men who personally own a gun
- 19% of women who personally own a gun
- 50% of Republicans own a gun
- 29% of Independents own a gun
- 18% of Democrats own a gun
- 25% of adults with HH income of <$40,000 own a gun
- 34% of adults with HH income of $40,000-$100,000 own a gun
- 38% of adults with HH income of >$100,000 own a gun

Source: Lydia Saad for Gallup
GUN SAFETY and CHILDREN

If you own a firearm, the AAP recommends it be stored unloaded, locked up (lock box, cable lock, or firearm safe), with the ammunition stored separately.

Every day, 78 children, teens and young adults are injured or killed by guns in the United States.

Source: CDC WISQARS database including data for all races, ages 0-21, from 2013-2016.

Children as young as 3 years may be strong enough to pull the trigger on a handgun.

About 1/3 of the homes with children in the United States have a gun. Many are stored loaded and/or unlocked.

The risk of dying by suicide is 4 to 10 times higher in homes with guns. If you have a teen who is at risk for suicide, remove guns and ammunition from your house.

The safest home for children and teens is one without guns.

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