GLOBAL VIOLENT DEATHS IN 2021*

Global Violent Deaths: Rates per 100,000 population, 2004–21

580,000 PEOPLE DIED VIOLENTLY IN 2021

Global Violent Deaths in 2021: Women

84% (488,000) of victims were men; 16% (92,000) were women

24% of female victims of lethal violence were killed by a firearm

Global Violent Deaths in 2021: Firearms

45% (260,000) of violent deaths in 2021 were committed by firearm**

**Not including suicides

Regions*** with the highest proportion of firearms-related deaths
(Percentage of violent deaths inflicted by firearms)

- North America (81%)
- South America (71%)
- Central America (68%)
- The Caribbean (62%)
- Western Asia (49%)
- Western Africa (46%)
- Northern Africa (41%)
- Middle Africa (38%)
- South-eastern Asia (36%)
- Southern Asia (32%)

*** The database refers to UN Statistics Division (UNSD)-designated subregions.

Rates of deaths by firearm, 2004–21

The rate of firearm killings in 2021 was 3.3 per 100,000 population which is the first increase registered since 2016

* Updated in December 2023