One Montanan dies... every 50 hours ...as a result of a gun-related suicide

Montana’s gun-related suicide rate is 4-8 times higher than states with enhanced firearm safety laws*

Montana has the 2nd highest gun-related suicide rate in the nation over the past decade

63% of all suicides in Montana involve firearms

1,743 suicides involving firearms occurred in Montana from 2012-2021

- 85% were men
- 94% were white
- 39% resided in rural counties

85% of firearm-related deaths in Montana are suicides compared with 60% nationally

For more information, visit: https://dphhs.mt.gov/suicideprevention

* Enhanced firearm safety laws include universal background checks for firearm purchase, extreme risk protection orders, domestic violence gun laws, open carry regulations, assault weapon restrictions, "may issue" concealed carry laws. Ratings from Giffords Law Center 2021 Gun Law Scorecard.

Data source (Montana): DPHHS Vital Statistics Data (data years 2012-2021)

Data source (National): National Center for Health Statistics Vital Statistics Data (data years 2011-2020)