One Montanan dies... every 54 hours ...as a result of a gun-related suicide

63% of all suicides in Montana involve firearms

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

1,613 suicides involving firearms occurred in Montana from 2010-2019
85% were men
94% were white
40% resided in rural counties

86% of firearm-related deaths in Montana are suicides compared with 61% nationally

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

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 2019 Gun Law Scorecard.
Data source (Montana): DPHHS Vital Statistics Data (data years 2010-2019)

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