In 2021, firearms were responsible for 48,830 deaths across the United States (14.7 per 100,000), a 6.7% increase from 2020.

Of those 1,544 deaths occurred in Michigan alone (15.4 per 100,000), a 5% increase from 2020. Since 2011, the number of deaths from firearms far exceeds the number of deaths from motor vehicle crashes in Michigan.

The number of all firearm deaths have been climbing nationwide since 2014.

In particular, in 2016-2020, firearm mortality rates were 19.2% higher than they were during the 16 year period just prior (2000-2015), which was followed by an additional 18.5% increase in 2021, relative to 2016-2020.

Firearm Mortality in the United States

Over 80% of states showed a >25% increase in firearm mortality from 2000 to 2021.
Firearm Mortality in Michigan (2012-2021) and Locations of U-M Firearm Prevention Research (2010-Current)

The Institute is committed to addressing firearm injury broadly across Michigan. Below is a map identifying Institute projects and programs addressing firearm injury in high-priority topic areas.