

2025 Data Show Continued Decline in Colorado's Firearm Homicides

The recently available 2025 mortality data from the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment shows that for the third year in a row, there was a decline in firearm homicide numbers and rates. The peak number since before 2000 was in 2022, when there were 309 such deaths. In 2025, the number was 159, representing an impressive 49% decrease. The age-adjusted rate in 2025 was 2.7 per 100,000, the lowest since 2015 when it was 2.5.

Unfortunately, the news isn't as good for firearm suicide. Both the number and age-adjusted rate increased slightly in 2025 (731, 11.5 per 100,00) compared to 2024 (710, 11.1). Both the number and age-adjusted rate in 2025 were the second highest since before 2000, with 2021 being the peak year.