

Firearm violence leads to cascading harm across society

● Those who **lose their lives to firearms**

In 2022, **48,204** people **died** from firearm injuries, over 8,000 more lives lost than in 2019.¹

● Those who are **injured**

From 2019 to 2022, the mean number of weekly ED visits for firearm **injuries** were **consistently highest** among young people (15–24 years).²

● Those who are **direct witnesses**

Mothers who **witness** at least one shooting in their community are up to **60%** more likely to meet criteria for depression.³

● Those who **lose their loved ones**

Siblings of children and adolescents who **died** from firearm injury exhibited a **2.3-fold** increase in **psychiatric disorders**, mothers exhibited a **3.6-fold** increase, and fathers exhibited a **5.3-fold** increase.⁴

● Those who are exposed in **affected communities**, including schools

51% of U.S. teens (ages 14-17) say they **worry** “about a shooting happening at my school or a local school near me.”⁵

● Those who experience **collective trauma and fear**

79% of U.S. adults report experiencing **stress** from the possibility of a mass shooting, while **33%** say **fear** prevents them from going to certain places or events.⁶

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