

“Homicides of teens and young adults were more likely to be committed with a gun than homicides of persons of other ages.” Homicides by guns “peaked at age 17 at 79%.”

From 1980–2008: “Homicides were most often committed with handguns” across all ages, but especially ages 14–17 and 18–24.

In 2008, there were 5300 homicides by guns among 18–24 year olds.

Approximate number of homicides committed 1980–2008 by type of weapon:

8000–14,000 by handgun (#1 method)  
3000–4000 by gun other than handgun  
2000–4000 by knives  
(from figure 42)

2010 Homicide Rate: 4.8 homicides per 100,000 for total U.S. population  
23.7 homicides per 100,000 for ages 14–24

\*Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, November 2011, Homicide Trends in the United States 1980–2008.

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In 2010, of the 6.0 homicides per 100,000, 5.2 homicides per 100,000 were by firearm.

In 2010, 15–24 year olds had the highest number of homicides (4678); 3889 of the homicides were by firearms. Of the 4600 suicides by 15–24 year olds, 2046 were by firearm. (Table 10)

Source: National Vital Statistics Reports, Volume 61, No. 4, May 8, 2013; Deaths: Final Data for 2010.

