

Violent Deaths in Oregon: Data by Year

The Oregon Violent Death Reporting System (ORVDRS) is a statewide, active surveillance system that collects detailed information on all homicides, suicides, deaths of undetermined intent, deaths resulting from legal intervention, and deaths related to unintentional firearm injuries. The goals of this system are to generate public health information on violent deaths and to work with partners to develop prevention strategies. Since 2003, ORVDRS has collected data from Oregon medical examiners, local police, death certificates, and the Homicide Incident Tracking System. Below are some summary data by year.

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Table 1. Violent deaths by year, Oregon, 2003-2011

Type of Incident	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Unintentional Firearm Injury	4	8	3	2	6	3	4	4	3
Shot by self	3	5	2	2	4	3	2	3	3
Shot by other	1	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	0
Unknown who inflicted	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Homicide	93	112	104	113	84	99	102	114	110
Suicide	588	554	560	573	590	581	641	685	656
Legal Intervention	7	10	17	11	8	8	7	21	6
Undetermined	94	91	80	103	102	77	93	103	87
<i>Total</i>	786	775	764	802	790	768	847	927	862

Table 2A. Violent deaths by mechanism and year, Oregon, 2003-2006

Mechanism	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Firearm	396	50	385	50	403	53	384	48
Poisoning	170	22	167	22	160	21	212	26
Hanging, Strangulation, Suffocation	113	14	115	15	98	13	105	13
Sharp instrument	24	3	28	4	26	3	28	3
Fall	18	2	15	2	16	2	24	3
Blunt instrument	11	1	8	1	14	2	10	1
Drowning	9	1	8	1	13	2	13	2
Personal weapons (fist, feet, hand)	9	1	7	1	8	1	9	1
Fire or Burns	3	<1	5	<1	2	<1	1	<1
Other transport vehicle (trains, boats)	4	<1	4	<1	1	<1	2	<1
MV, including buses, motorcycles	6	1	4	<1	4	1	1	<1
Shaking (shaken baby syndrome)	1	<1	3	<1	1	<1	3	<1
Other	4	<1	4	<1	8	1	4	<1
Unknown	18	2	22	3	10	1	6	<1

Table 2B. Violent deaths by mechanism and year, Oregon, 2007-2011

Mechanism	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Firearm	391	49	387	50	417	49	457	49	421	49
Poisoning	190	24	150	20	169	20	192	21	165	19
Hanging, Strangulation, Suffocation	103	13	123	16	138	16	140	15	158	18
Sharp instrument	24	3	28	4	41	5	35	4	34	4
Fall	23	3	20	3	16	2	25	3	21	2
Blunt instrument	7	1	9	1	9	1	12	1	6	<1
Drowning	22	3	14	2	17	2	15	2	22	3
Personal weapons (fist, feet, hand)	9	1	10	1	8	<1	8	1	10	1
Fire or Burns	1	<1	4	<1	5	<1	2	<1	4	<1
Other transport vehicle (trains, boats)	9	1	2	<1	1	<1	6	<1	4	<1
MV, including buses, motorcycles	5	<1	3	<1	2	<1	10	1	4	<1
Shaking (shaken baby syndrome)	1	<1	2	<1	1	<1	1	<1	1	<1
Other	3	<1	10	1	9	1	7	1	2	<1
Unknown	2	<1	6	<1	13	2	17	2	9	1

Table 3. Suicide deaths and rates by sex and age group, Oregon, 2003-2011

Year	Sex	10-24		25-44		45-64		>=65		All ages >=10	
		Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate
2003	Female	9	2.5	38	7.7	45	9.9	18	7.0	110	7.0
	Male	53	13.9	144	27.8	174	39.3	107	54.9	478	31.1
	All	62	8.4	182	18.0	219	24.4	125	27.6	588	18.9
2004	Female	13	3.6	53	10.8	59	12.5	13	5.0	138	8.7
	Male	57	15.2	120	23.4	147	32.0	92	46.2	416	26.9
	All	70	9.6	175	17.2	203	22.1	105	22.8	554	17.7
2005	Female	4	1.0	36	7.9	61	12.8	15	6.2	116	7.2
	Male	57	14.9	126	23.9	154	33.2	107	52.3	444	28.1
	All	61	8.0	162	15.8	215	22.9	122	27.4	560	17.6
2006	Female	14	4.0	39	7.8	64	12.7	18	6.7	135	8.3
	Male	61	16.3	139	26.4	150	30.7	85	40.7	438	27.2
	All	75	10.3	178	17.3	214	21.5	103	21.6	573	17.7
2007	Female	13	3.7	40	7.9	56	10.8	19	6.9	128	7.7
	Male	45	12.0	143	26.8	173	34.6	101	47.1	462	28.5
	All	58	7.9	183	17.6	229	22.5	120	24.5	590	18.0
2008	Female	11	3.0	49	9.8	54	10.3	9	3.2	123	7.4
	Male	54	13.4	132	25.4	193	38.3	79	35.6	458	28.0
	All	65	8.7	181	17.8	247	24.0	88	17.5	581	17.6
2009	Female	13	3.5	49	9.7	79	14.9	15	5.2	156	9.2
	Male	46	12.0	144	27.4	198	38.7	96	42.0	484	29.4
	All	59	7.9	193	18.8	277	26.6	111	21.5	640	19.2
2010	Female	9	2.5	47	9.3	70	13.1	24	8.1	150	8.8
	Male	45	11.7	174	33.6	214	41.7	102	42.9	535	32.4
	All	54	7.2	221	21.6	284	27.1	126	23.6	685	20.4
2011	Female	13	3.5	47	9.2	64	11.8	16	5.2	140	7.2
	Male	61	15.8	188	36.0	163	31.4	104	42.0	516	26.9
	All	74	9.8	235	22.8	227	21.4	120	21.7	656	16.9

Rates are per 100,000.

Table 4. Homicide deaths and rates by sex and age group, Oregon, 2003-2011

Year	Sex	0-14		15-24		25-64		>=65		All ages	
		Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate	Deaths	Rate
2003	Female	1	0.3	4	1.7	20	2.1	3	1.5	28	1.6
	Male	5	1.4	18	7.1	40	4.2	2	1.1	65	3.7
	All	6	0.9	22	4.5	60	3.1	5	1.3	93	2.6
2004	Female	4	1.1	2	0.8	14	1.5	4	1.5	24	1.3
	Male	7	2.0	23	9.2	52	5.3	6	3.0	88	4.9
	All	11	1.6	25	5.1	66	3.4	10	2.2	112	3.1
2005	Female	7	2.0	5	1.9	17	1.7	6	2.5	35	1.9
	Male	3	0.8	18	7.0	46	4.6	2	1.0	69	3.8
	All	10	8.0	23	4.5	63	3.2	8	1.8	104	2.9
2006	Female	6	1.7	5	2.1	17	1.7	5	1.9	33	1.8
	Male	10	2.8	21	7.2	45	4.1	4	1.9	80	4.0
	All	16	2.3	26	4.7	62	2.9	9	1.9	113	2.9
2007	Female	3	0.9	7	2.9	9	0.9	2	0.7	21	1.1
	Male	4	1.1	7	2.7	49	4.6	3	1.4	63	3.3
	All	7	1.0	14	2.9	58	2.8	5	1.0	84	2.2
2008	Female	3	0.9	4	1.6	11	1.1	2	0.7	20	1.0
	Male	5	1.4	15	5.7	58	5.7	1	0.5	79	4.2
	All	8	1.1	19	3.7	69	3.4	3	0.6	99	2.6
2009	Female	2	0.6	8	3.2	21	2.0	4	1.4	36	1.8
	Male	5	1.4	14	5.3	44	4.2	3	1.3	66	3.5
	All	7	1.0	22	4.3	65	3.1	7	1.4	102	2.6
2010	Female	7	2.0	2	0.8	34	3.3	6	2.0	49	2.5
	Male	6	1.6	12	4.6	44	4.3	3	1.3	65	3.4
	All	13	1.8	14	2.8	78	3.8	10	1.7	114	3.0
2011	Female	4	1.1	2	0.8	17	1.6	6	2.0	29	1.5
	Male	11	3.0	18	6.9	51	4.9	1	0.4	81	4.2
	All	15	2.1	20	3.9	68	3.3	7	1.3	110	2.8

Rates are per 100,000.

Table 5. Firearm fatalities by intent, Oregon, 2003-2011

Year	Suicide		Homicide		Legal intervention		Unintentional injury		Undetermined		Total
	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total	
2003	330	83.3	52	13.1	7	1.8	4	1.0	3	0.8	396
2004	301	77.8	65	16.8	10	2.6	7	1.8	2	0.5	385
2005	322	80.3	56	14.0	16	4.0	3	0.7	6	1.5	403
2006	308	80.2	61	15.9	11	2.9	2	0.5	2	0.5	384
2007	328	85.4	46	12.0	8	2.1	6	1.6	3	0.8	391
2008	324	82.9	47	12.0	8	2.0	3	0.8	5	1.3	387
2009	343	82.3	57	13.7	7	1.7	3	0.7	7	1.7	417
2010	376	82.3	59	12.9	14	3.1	3	0.7	5	1.1	457
2011	342	81.2	65	15.4	6	1.4	3	0.7	5	1.2	421

Table 6A. Numbers of suicide and homicide by county, Oregon 2003-2006

County	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Suicide	Homicide	Suicide	Homicide	Suicide	Homicide	Suicide	Homicide
Baker	7	0	1	0	6	1	2	0
Benton	10	0	3	1	13	1	10	0
Clackamas	66	5	33	5	42	8	46	11
Clatsop	7	0	5	1	11	0	3	1
Columbia	7	0	12	2	8	0	8	2
Coos	11	2	24	1	11	1	23	1
Crook	1	0	3	0	5	0	6	1
Curry	6	1	6	0	9	0	5	1
Deschutes	21	1	24	4	23	3	27	2
Douglas	16	4	18	4	24	1	26	3
Gilliam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grant	4	0	2	0	4	1	1	0
Harney	4	0	2	0	2	0	1	0
Hood River	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	0
Jackson	47	6	42	4	37	5	37	6
Jefferson	1	3	1	2	4	2	3	1
Josephine	25	2	14	8	16	3	21	2
Klamath	9	0	13	5	19	2	10	7

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County	2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Suicide	Homicide	Suicide	Homicide	Suicide	Homicide	Suicide	Homicide
Lake	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Lane	58	10	57	9	59	13	55	16
Lincoln	9	0	10	1	8	2	14	0
Linn	16	2	14	3	20	3	14	2
Malheur	5	0	5	1	2	2	8	1
Marion	50	15	48	9	39	7	38	12
Morrow	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Multnomah	109	27	96	37	96	33	107	29
Polk	9	0	7	1	8	2	10	0
Sherman	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Tillamook	7	2	11	0	5	0	5	1
Umatilla	9	4	19	6	9	1	8	2
Union	4	0	5	1	7	0	6	1
Wallowa	1	0	4	0	1	1	1	0
Wasco	3	1	4	0	5	2	4	0
Washington	49	5	54	6	49	8	59	9
Wheeler	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Yamhill	12	1	14	0	13	2	10	2

Table 6B. Numbers of suicide and homicide by county, Oregon 2007-2011

County	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Suicide	Homicide	Suicide	Homicide	Suicide	Homicide	Suicide	Homicide	Suicide	Homicide
Baker	3	0	9	1	6	0	3	1	3	0
Benton	14	2	6	0	11	1	10	0	12	3
Clackamas	44	5	51	11	57	5	65	8	55	5
Clatsop	8	0	6	0	7	1	3	1	2	0
Columbia	4	2	7	2	6	3	11	0	10	2
Coos	15	0	22	1	19	4	24	3	14	4
Crook	6	0	2	0	4	1	7	0	7	0
Curry	4	0	10	1	10	0	11	0	5	0
Deschutes	25	2	35	1	25	4	40	6	35	3
Douglas	24	1	20	3	23	2	17	5	24	4
Gilliam	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Grant	2	0	3	1	1	0	2	1	2	0
Harney	2	1	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	0
Hood River	3	0	1	2	4	1	1	0	3	1
Jackson	45	5	41	3	54	3	33	6	44	11
Jefferson	2	1	2	4	6	2	5	3	4	2
Josephine	18	6	10	3	21	2	17	2	26	4
Klamath	16	7	15	1	20	5	22	3	12	2

Table 6B. Numbers of suicide and homicide by county, Oregon 2007-2011

County	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Suicide	Homicide	Suicide	Homicide	Suicide	Homicide	Suicide	Homicide	Suicide	Homicide
Lake	1	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	2	0
Lane	52	5	62	11	67	9	71	12	70	8
Lincoln	11	1	12	0	10	0	13	2	7	3
Linn	17	0	16	2	22	2	20	2	19	2
Malheur	4	0	6	3	2	1	2	1	8	1
Marion	45	8	33	12	48	9	50	7	44	10
Morrow	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
Multnomah	109	28	105	30	113	21	107	31	112	24
Polk	13	1	5	0	11	1	11	2	10	2
Sherman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tillamook	6	0	2	0	4	0	9	3	3	0
Umatilla	9	3	16	1	13	3	16	4	13	5
Union	7	0	5	1	3	3	6	0	3	0
Wallowa	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0
Wasco	2	0	4	1	3	2	4	2	2	1
Washington	65	5	61	3	54	14	71	6	82	8
Wheeler	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Yamhill	10	0	6	1	14	2	15	2	18	3