

# How do alcohol & firearms policies affect suicide rates?

In our study, we found alcohol and/or firearms were involved in 63.9% of suicides in the US.



Stronger alcohol or firearm control policies reduced deaths.

10% stronger gun control policies associated with...

- **14% lower rate** of suicides involving firearms.
- **26% lower rate** of suicides involving alcohol *and* firearms.

10% stronger alcohol policies associated with...

- **28% lower rate** of suicides involving alcohol or firearms.
- **52% lower rate** of suicides involving alcohol *and* firearms.

Source: Coleman et al. Alcohol policies, firearm policies, and suicide in the United States: a lagged cross-sectional study, *BMC Public Health*, <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-021-10216-x>



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