Global Violent Deaths: Rates per 100,000 population, 2004–20

6.8 violent deaths per 100,000 in 2020 is the lowest violent death rate registered since 2004

531,000 PEOPLE DIED VIOLENTLY IN 2020

Global Violent Deaths in 2020: Women

83% (422,000) of victims were men; 17% (88,000) were women

24% of female victims of lethal violence were killed by a firearm

Global Violent Deaths in 2020: Firearms

40% (221,000) of violent deaths in 2020 were committed by firearm**

Of these, 90% (190,000) of victims were men; 10% (20,800) were women

Regions** with the highest proportion of firearms-related deaths

(Percentage of violent deaths inflicted by firearms)

North America (78%) South America (71%) Central America (63%) South-East Asia (60%) The Caribbean (55%) Southern Europe (51%) Western Asia (34%) Eastern Africa (31%) Western Africa (27%) Southern Asia (24%)

**The database refers to UN Statistics Division (UNSD)-designated subregions.

Rates of deaths by firearm, 2004–20

The rate of firearm killings in 2020 was 2.7 per 100,000 population which is the lowest rate registered since 2004

* Updated in July 2022