



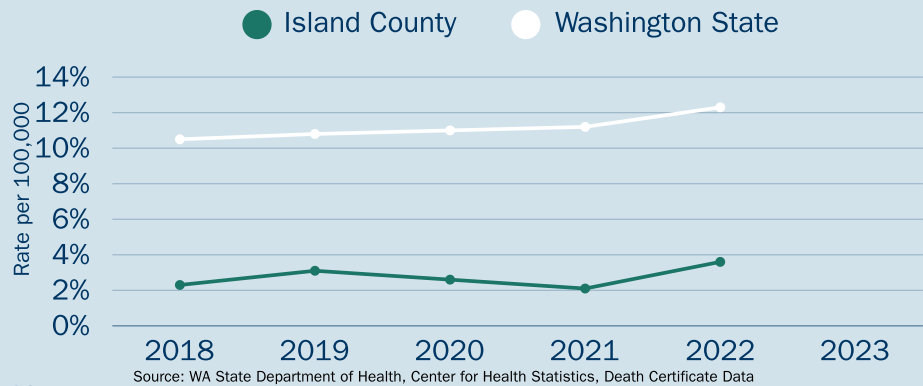
Impact of Firearms in Island County

Deaths and injuries from firearms are lower in Island County than Washington State

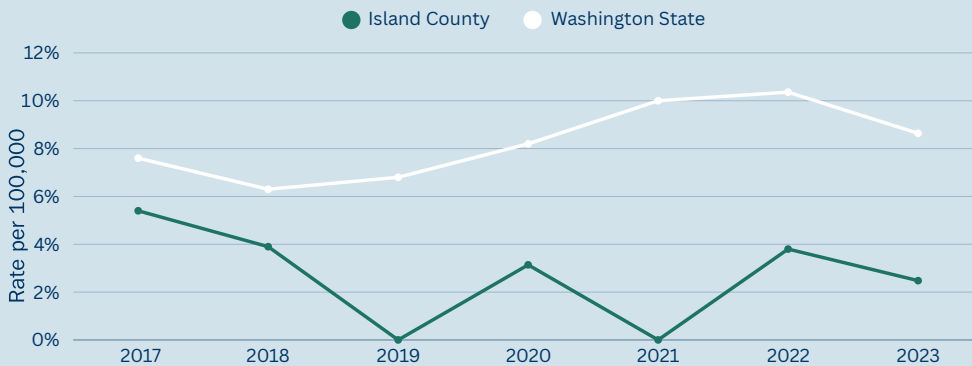
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Number of firearm deaths in Island County from 2018-2023.

Firearm Death Rates



Firearm Hospitalizations



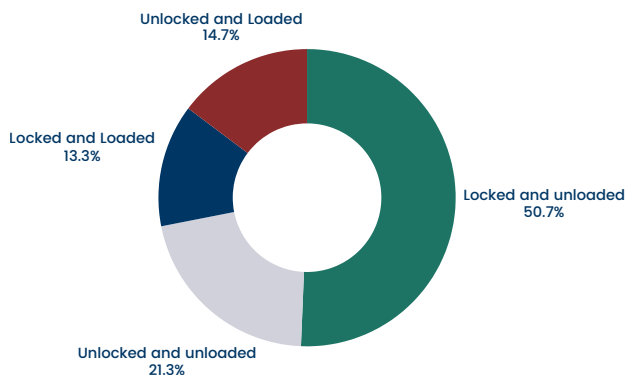
Source: WA Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System.

*Does not include patients who went to the emergency department and were treated and released.

From 2017 - 2021, there was an average of 3 hospitalizations each year due to firearm related injuries in Island County.*

More than half of Island County firearm owners practice the safest storage method: **locked and unloaded.**

Firearm Storage Practices in Island County

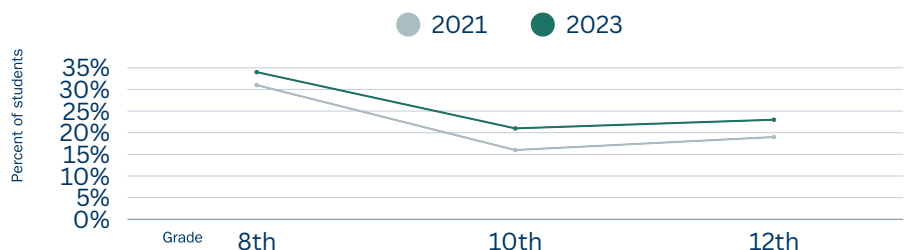


Source: WA DOH Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey, 2020 and 2022

About **38%** of Island County adults report having a firearm in their home, which is higher than the Washington State estimate of 33%.

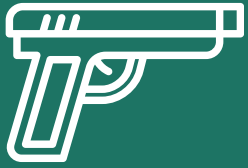
More 8th graders report having easy access to handguns, compared to 10th and 12th graders

The percent of youth who report easy access to handguns increased across all grades from 2021 to 2023



Source: WA Healthy Youth Survey, 2023

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firearms in Island County
from 2018-2022.

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**Keeping firearms
unloaded and locked
IS**

injury prevention

38%

of Island County adults
report having a firearm
in their home.



18%

Of injury deaths were caused
by self-inflicted firearms in
Island County in 2022, tied
for the second leading cause
of injury death.