

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN CONNECTICUT

Connecticut has made important progress in strengthening its gun laws in recent years, yet too many residents lose their lives to gun violence. Lawmakers can and should do more to protect their constituents.

GUN SUICIDE

- More than 60% of gun deaths in Connecticut are suicides, and nearly 30% of all suicide deaths in Connecticut involve firearms.
- From 2008 to 2017, 1,074 people in Connecticut died by gun-related suicide.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up less than 6% of Connecticut's population, but account for more than 53% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Connecticut, black men ages 18–35 are nearly 39 times more likely than white men the same age to be murdered with a gun.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Guns make domestic violence incidents far more likely to end in death.
- Nearly 50% of Connecticut's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 39 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Connecticut.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUNS

- Exposure to gun violence can cause lasting trauma in young people, leading to PTSD, chronic stress, and decreased future earnings.
- From 2008 to 2017, 404 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Connecticut.

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN CONNECTICUT

Connecticut continued to strengthen its strong gun safety laws in 2018 by banning trigger activators such as bump stocks. After the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in 2012, Connecticut overhauled its gun laws, and today the state has one of the lowest gun death rates in the nation. It could strengthen its laws further by **imposing safety standards on firearms, limiting bulk firearms purchases, and requiring unattended guns to be stored safely.** [Learn more about Connecticut's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/CT.](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/CT)



Connecticut earned an A- on our Annual Gun Law State Scorecard. Visit gunlawscorecard.org to learn how to raise your state's grade.

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$1.2
BILLION**

\$333 PER RESIDENT



2 DAYS
Someone is killed with a gun every two days in Connecticut. That's 179 people a year.