

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN KANSAS

Gun violence exacts a serious toll in Kansas, claiming the life of a resident every day. Lawmakers can and should do more to keep their constituents safe and save lives from gun violence.

GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 70% of gun deaths in Kansas are suicides, and nearly 53% of all suicide deaths in Kansas involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 1,276 people in Kansas died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 34 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up less than 4% of Kansas's population, but account for nearly a third of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Kansas, black men ages 18–24 are nearly 15 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 60% of Kansas's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 53 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Kansas.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUNS

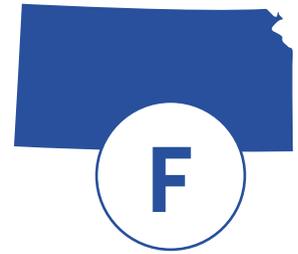
- Exposure to gun violence can cause lasting trauma in young people, leading to PTSD, chronic stress, and decreased future earnings.
- From 2008 to 2017, 707 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Kansas.
- Guns are the third-leading cause of death for Kansas children ages 1–17.

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN KANSAS

Kansas recently strengthened its weak gun laws by prohibiting certain domestic abusers from acquiring or possessing guns. The state is still lacking a number of fundamental gun safety laws, including waiting periods on firearm purchases and a requirement that firearms dealers obtain a state license. To save lives from gun violence, the state should **pass universal background checks, repeal its dangerous permitless carry and campus carry laws, and enact extreme risk protection order legislation.**

Learn more about Kansas's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/KS.



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

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$1.9
BILLION**

\$665 PER RESIDENT



24 HOURS

Someone is killed with a gun every 24 hours in Kansas. That's 368 people a year.