

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN MARYLAND

Despite the state's relatively strong gun laws, 656 lives are lost to gun violence in Maryland each year. Firearms trafficked in from states with weaker gun laws play a major role in these deaths.

GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 40% of gun deaths in Maryland are suicides, and more than 44% of all suicide deaths in Maryland involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 1,300 people in Maryland 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 15% of Maryland's population, but account for 82% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Maryland, black men ages 18–24 are nearly 38 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.
- More than 46% of Maryland's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 88 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Maryland.

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 2013 to 2017, 812 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Maryland.

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN MARYLAND

In recent years, the state of Maryland has taken decisive action to save lives from gun violence. Maryland strengthened its gun laws in 2018 by enacting an extreme risk protection order law, banning devices like bump stocks that increase firing rate, and allocating millions of dollars to violence prevention programs. The state also currently has laws on the books requiring waiting periods and reporting lost or stolen firearms. Maryland should continue to strengthen its already strong gun laws by **expanding its background check and gun storage laws**. [Learn more about Maryland's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/MD](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/MD).



Maryland 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:

**\$3.6
BILLION**

\$612 PER RESIDENT



13 HOURS

Someone is killed with a gun every 13 hours in Maryland. That's 656 people a year.