

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN MASSACHUSETTS

Despite the state's strong gun laws and low gun death rate, hundreds of Massachusetts residents are killed or wounded by a gun each year. Lawmakers should continue to enact gun safety proactive laws and policies.

GUN SUICIDE

- More than 56% of gun deaths in Massachusetts are suicides, and nearly 21% of all suicide deaths in Massachusetts involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 652 people in Massachusetts 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 5% of Massachusetts's population, but account for nearly 48% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Massachusetts, black men ages 18–24 are nearly 19 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.
- 20% of Massachusetts's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 26 women were killed with a firearm by their intimate partner in Massachusetts.

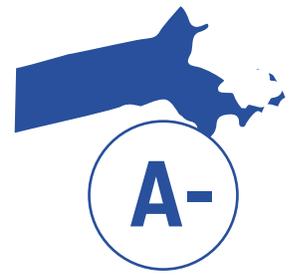
YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUNS

- Exposure to gun violence can cause lasting trauma in young people, leading to PTSD, chronic stress, and decreased future earnings.
- From 2008 to 2017, 587 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Massachusetts.

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts has some of the strongest gun laws in the nation, and one of the lowest gun death rates. Massachusetts continued to strengthen its effective gun laws in 2018 by adopting extreme risk protection legislation and substantially increasing its investment in violence intervention programs, which have been proven to significantly reduce gun homicides in the state. Massachusetts should continue to improve its laws by **maintaining these important investments and restricting bulk firearm purchases**. [Learn more about Massachusetts's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/MA](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/MA).



Massachusetts 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:

**\$1.5
BILLION**

\$221 PER RESIDENT



**Someone is killed with
a gun every 38 hours in
Massachusetts. That's
231 people a year.**