

## THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN **MICHIGAN**

Gun violence has a devastating impact on Michigan, claiming the lives of 1,163 residents each year. State lawmakers can and must do more to keep residents safe from this deadly public safety crisis.

### GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 60% of gun deaths in Michigan are suicides, and half of all suicide deaths in Michigan involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 3,436 people in Michigan died by gun-related suicide—one every 13 hours.

### URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up just 7% of Michigan's population, but account for nearly 72% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Michigan, black men ages 18–24 are more than 44 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 Michigan's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 133 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Michigan.

### 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, 1,195 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Michigan.
- Guns are the second-leading cause of death for Michigan children ages 1–17.

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## PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN MICHIGAN

Michigan has implemented a few key gun safety policies in recent years, but still has a long way to go to save lives. Lawmakers even recently considered a reckless bill that would have allowed concealed carry in schools and hospitals. To save lives from gun violence, Michigan's leaders need to stand up to the gun lobby and pass laws that **prohibit the transfer or possession of military-style weapons, regulate unsafe handguns, establish extreme risk protection orders, and require background checks on private sales of long guns.** [Learn more about Michigan's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/MI.](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/MI)



Michigan earned a C on our Annual Gun Law State Scorecard. Visit [gunlawscorecard.org](http://gunlawscorecard.org) to learn how to raise your state's grade.

ANNUAL COST OF GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$6.9  
BILLION**

\$696 PER RESIDENT



**8 HOURS**  
Someone is killed with a gun every eight hours in Michigan. That's 1,163 people a year.