

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN MINNESOTA

While Minnesota has one of the lowest gun death rates in the nation, hundreds of Minnesotans are still killed with a gun each year. State lawmakers can and must do more to keep its residents safe.

GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 80% of gun deaths in Minnesota are suicides, and more than 45% of all suicide deaths in Minnesota involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 1,648 people in Minnesota died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 27 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up less than 4% of Minnesota's population, but account for nearly 43% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Minnesota, black men ages 18–24 are more than 30 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.
- Over 50% of Minnesota's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2008 to 2017, 100 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Minnesota.

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, 743 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Minnesota.

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota has made modest improvements to its gun laws in recent years, but much work remains to be done. To save lives from gun violence, state lawmakers should require **background checks on all gun sales** (supported by 90% of Minnesotans), enact an **extreme risk protection order law**, which removes guns from people at risk of harming themselves or others (supported by 87% of Minnesotans), and fund **urban violence intervention programs**, which have been shown to reduce gun violence by up to 70%. **Learn more about Minnesota's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/MN.**



Minnesota earned a C+ on our Annual Gun Law State Scorecard. Visit gunlawscorecard.org to learn how to raise your state's grade.

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$2.2
BILLION**
\$409 PER RESIDENT

