

## THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN MISSISSIPPI

Gun violence exacts a serious toll in Mississippi, with 576 residents dying from gun violence each year. By failing to enact strong gun laws, Mississippi lawmakers continue to endanger their constituents.

### GUN SUICIDE

- Almost half of all gun deaths in Mississippi are suicides, and nearly 70% of all suicide deaths in Mississippi involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 1,385 people in Mississippi 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 18% of Mississippi's population, but account for nearly 66% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Mississippi, black men ages 18–24 are nearly 13 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 68% of Mississippi's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 63 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Mississippi.

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

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## PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi lacks a number of fundamental gun safety laws, including those that require adults to keep guns secure from children and mandate background checks for all firearm purchases. The state consistently has one of the highest gun death rates in the United States. Mississippi failed to pass any new gun safety laws in 2018. To save lives from gun violence, Mississippi should **pass universal background checks, prevent domestic violence offenders from accessing firearms, and repeal its dangerous permitless carry law.** [Learn more about Mississippi's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/MS.](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/MS)



Mississippi earned an F 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:

**\$3.2  
BILLION**  
\$1,076 PER RESIDENT



**15 HOURS**  
Someone is killed with a gun every 15 hours in Mississippi. That's 576 people a year.