

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN MISSOURI

Gun violence poses a serious public safety risk to residents of Missouri, 1,074 of whom die from gun violence each year. By failing to enact strong gun laws, Missouri lawmakers continue to endanger constituents.

GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 58% of gun deaths in Missouri are suicides, and more than 58% of all suicide deaths in Missouri involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 3,100 people in Missouri died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 14 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up just 6% of Missouri's population, but account for nearly 62% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Missouri, black men ages 18–24 are more than 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 60% of Missouri's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 159 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Missouri.

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, 1,116 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Missouri.
- Guns are the second-leading cause of death for Missouri children ages 1–17.

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN MISSOURI

Missouri has among the weakest gun laws in the nation, and a correspondingly high gun death rate. Missouri does not currently regulate military-style weapons or prohibit bulk firearm purchases. The state failed to pass any significant gun laws in 2018, endangering the hundreds of Missourians who lose their lives to gun violence each year. To reduce gun deaths and save lives, the state should **institute universal background checks, repeal its dangerous permitless carry law, and pass an extreme risk protection order law.** [Learn more about Missouri's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/MO.](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/MO)



Missouri earned an F on our Annual Gun Law State Scorecard. Visit gunlawscorecard.org to learn how to raise your state's grade.

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$5.5
BILLION**

\$917 PER RESIDENT



8 HOURS

Someone is killed with a gun every eight hours in Missouri. That's 1,074 people a year.