

# THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire's weak gun laws endanger its residents, particularly those at risk for suicide. Legislators owe it to their constituents to take proactive measures to save lives from gun violence.

## GUN SUICIDE

- More than 90% of gun deaths in New Hampshire are suicides, and approximately half of all suicide deaths in New Hampshire involve firearms.
- From 2008 to 2017, 995 people in New Hampshire died by gun-related suicide.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Guns make domestic violence incidents far more likely to end in death.
- Nearly 55% of New Hampshire's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.

## TRAFFICKING

- Because of the state's weak gun laws, guns are purchased in New Hampshire and trafficked to states with stronger gun laws, where they end up in the hands of criminals and people unable to pass a background check.
- From 2013 to 2017, 1,769 guns originally purchased in New Hampshire were recovered after being used in crime in other states.

## 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, 157 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in New Hampshire.

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## PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire has relatively weak gun laws, which it further weakened in 2018 by repealing its prohibition on carrying firearms in vehicles. The state does currently have a few strong gun safety laws on the books, including requiring handgun dealers to obtain a state license and performing its own background checks for handgun sales from licensed dealers. New Hampshire could save lives from gun violence by **passing a concealed carry permitting law and instituting universal background checks**. [Learn more about New Hampshire's gun laws at \[lawcenter.giffords.org/NH\]\(http://lawcenter.giffords.org/NH\).](#)



New Hampshire 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:

**\$604  
MILLION**

\$457 PER RESIDENT



**3 DAYS**

Someone is killed with a gun every three days in New Hampshire. That's 123 people a year.