

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN NEW JERSEY

While New Jersey has the sixth-lowest gun death rate in the nation, 482 New Jerseyans are still killed with a gun each year. State lawmakers must continue to enact proactive gun safety measures.

GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 40% of gun deaths in New Jersey are suicides, and nearly a quarter of all suicide deaths in New Jersey involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 957 people in New Jersey 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 8% of New Jersey's population, but account for more than 70% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In New Jersey, black men ages 18–24 are more than 90 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 40% of New Jersey's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 82 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in New Jersey.

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 New Jersey.
- Guns are the third-leading cause of death for New Jersey children ages 1–17.

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN NEW JERSEY

New Jersey currently has the second-strongest gun laws in the nation, which contributes to its relatively low gun death rate. In 2018, New Jersey further improved its gun safety policies by strengthening its background checks law, banning bump stocks, and enacting an extreme risk protection order law. The state could continue to strengthen its gun laws by **regulating unsafe handguns, banning the transfer or possession of 50 caliber rifles, and prohibiting the open carrying of firearms in public.**

Learn more about New Jersey's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/NJ.



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

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$3.3
BILLION**

\$368 PER RESIDENT



18 HOURS

Someone is killed with a gun every 18 hours in New Jersey. That's 482 people a year.