

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN NEW MEXICO

Gun violence exacts a serious toll in New Mexico, and the state has one of the highest gun death rates in the nation. State lawmakers can and must do more to keep their constituents safe from gun violence.

GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 68% of gun deaths in New Mexico are suicides, and more than 53% of all suicide deaths in New Mexico involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 1,245 people in New Mexico died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 35 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black and Hispanic men make up less than 24% of New Mexico's population, but account for nearly 52% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In New Mexico, Hispanic men ages 18–24 are nearly three 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 50% of New Mexico's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 44 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in New Mexico.

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

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN NEW MEXICO

New Mexico's weak gun laws endanger the lives of its residents, particularly those at high risk for suicide. New Mexico failed to enact any significant new gun laws in 2018, despite the fact that the state has one of the highest gun death rates in the country. Some of the many ways for New Mexico to save lives from gun violence **include enacting extreme risk protection legislation, passing universal background checks, and prohibiting domestic abusers from accessing guns.** [Learn more about New Mexico's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/NM.](https://www.lawcenter.giffords.org/NM)



New Mexico 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:

**\$1.8
BILLION**
\$852 PER RESIDENT



24 HOURS

Someone is killed with a gun every 24 hours in New Mexico. That's 367 people a year.