

## THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN NEW YORK

New York has made important progress strengthening gun laws in recent years and has the third-lowest gun death rate in the nation. Yet lawmakers can still do more to save the 852 New Yorkers killed with a gun each year.

### GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 54% of gun deaths in New York are suicides, and more than 27% of all suicide deaths in New York involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 2,283 people in New York died by gun-related suicide—one every 19 hours.

### URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up less than 9% of New York's population, but account for nearly 64% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In New York, black men ages 18–24 are more than 37 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 37% of New York's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 180 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in New York.

### 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, 910 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in New York.
- More than a third of New York's gun homicide victims are under the age of 25.

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## PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN NEW YORK

New York enacted a number of lifesaving policies in 2018, including strengthening laws that keep firearms away from domestic abusers and funding urban violence reduction programs. The state also extended its firearm relinquishment procedures to those who have committed felonies or serious offenses, an important step in keeping guns out of the hands of dangerous individuals. New York could further strengthen its gun laws by **passing a child access prevention law and an extreme risk protection order law**. [Learn more about New York's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/NY](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/NY).



New York earned an A- 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:

**\$5.6  
BILLION**

\$286 PER RESIDENT



Someone is killed with a gun every 10 hours in New York. That's 852 people a year.