

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Gun violence poses a serious health risk to the people of North Carolina, claiming the lives of 1,311 residents each year. State lawmakers can and must do more to keep their constituents safe.

GUN SUICIDE

- More than 60% of gun deaths in North Carolina are suicides, and nearly 57% of all suicide deaths in North Carolina involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 3,946 people in North Carolina died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 11 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up less than 11% of North Carolina's population, but account for nearly 58% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In North Carolina, black men ages 18–24 are nearly 19 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 61% of North Carolina's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 209 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in North Carolina.

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, 1,217 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in North Carolina.
- Guns are the third-leading cause of death for North Carolina children ages 1–17.

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North Carolina earned a D on our Annual Gun Law State Scorecard. Visit gunlawscorecard.org to learn how to raise your state's grade.

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$7.4
BILLION**

\$754 PER RESIDENT



7 HOURS

Someone is killed with a gun every seven hours in North Carolina. That's 1,311 people a year.

PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina has weak gun laws overall, though it does require all handgun purchasers to first obtain a license after undergoing a background check. To strengthen its laws and save lives from gun violence, legislators should **expand the state's background check requirement to cover all gun sales, pass extreme risk protection legislation, invest in violence intervention programs, and strengthen prohibitions on domestic abusers purchasing firearms.** [Learn more about North Carolina's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/NC.](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/NC)