

## THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN OHIO

Gun violence poses a serious public safety risk to residents of Ohio, over 1,400 of whom die from gun violence each year. By failing to enact strong gun laws, Ohio lawmakers continue to endanger their constituents.

### GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 61% of gun deaths in Ohio are suicides, and more than 52% of all suicide deaths in Ohio involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 4,249 people in Ohio died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 10 hours.

### URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up less than 7% of Ohio's population, but account for nearly 64% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Ohio, black men ages 18–24 are nearly 32 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 62% of Ohio's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 169 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Ohio.

### 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, 1,488 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Ohio.
- Guns are the second-leading cause of death for Ohio children ages 1–17.

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## PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN OHIO

Ohio moderately strengthened its gun laws in 2018 by expanding domestic violence protection orders to include dating partners. The state also requires that firearm owners report the loss or theft of firearms. Despite this progress, Ohio can and should do far more to save lives from gun violence. **Passing universal background checks and imposing a waiting period on firearm purchases would help keep residents safe.** The state should also consider prohibiting bulk firearm purchases and imposing a waiting period. [Learn more about Ohio's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/OH.](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/OH)



Ohio earned a D 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:

**\$7.3  
BILLION**

\$628 PER RESIDENT



**6 HOURS**

Someone is killed with a gun every six hours in Ohio. That's 1,402 people every year.