

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN OKLAHOMA

Gun violence has a devastating impact on Oklahoma, claiming the lives of 679 residents each year. State lawmakers can and must do more to keep their constituents safe.

GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 68% of gun deaths in Oklahoma are suicides, and nearly 61% of all suicide deaths in Oklahoma involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 2,292 people in Oklahoma died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 19 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up less than 5% of Oklahoma's population, but account for nearly 32% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Oklahoma, black men ages 18–24 are more than 8 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.
- More than 57% of Oklahoma's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 107 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Oklahoma.

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, 1,161 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Oklahoma.
- Guns are the second-leading cause of death for Oklahoma children ages 1–17.

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma has weak gun safety laws and a correspondingly high gun death rate. Legislators failed Oklahomans in 2018 by expanding the state's dangerous Stand Your Ground law, which now allows individuals to use deadly force in places of worship. To save lives from gun violence, the state should **require universal background checks, pass an extreme risk protection order law, and ban military-style weapons**. Other policies Oklahoma should consider include prohibiting bulk firearm purchases and regulating ammunition. [Learn more about Oklahoma's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/OK.](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/OK)



Oklahoma 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:

**\$3.5
BILLION**
\$911 PER RESIDENT

