

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN UTAH

Utah's weak gun laws endanger vulnerable members of the population, particularly those at risk for suicide. Utah lawmakers can and must do more to address this public safety issue.

GUN SUICIDE

- More than 84% of gun deaths in Utah are suicides, and more than half of all suicide deaths in Utah involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 1,539 people in Utah died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 28 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Hispanic men make up less than 7% of Utah's population, but account for nearly 23% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Utah, Hispanic men ages 18–24 are more than 6 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 55% of Utah's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 35 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Utah.

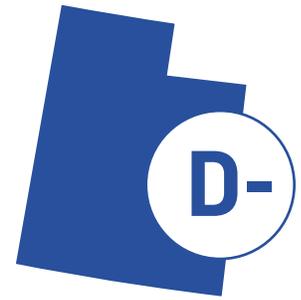
YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUNS

- Exposure to gun violence can cause lasting trauma in young people, leading to PTSD, chronic stress, and decreased future earnings.
- From 2008 to 2017, 601 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Utah.
- Guns are the second-leading cause of death for Utah children ages 1–17.

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN UTAH

Utah strengthened its gun laws in 2018 by expanding protections for domestic violence survivors. It offset this improvement by expanding its dangerous Stand Your Ground law. While Utah does conduct its own background checks on individuals purchasing firearms from licensed dealers, the state endangers its residents by failing to restrict bulk firearm purchases or significantly regulate ammunition. Utah could save lives from gun violence by **passing fundamental gun safety laws like universal background checks**. [Learn more about Utah's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/UT.](https://www.lawcenter.giffords.org/UT)



Utah 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:

**\$1.8
BILLION**

\$621 PER RESIDENT



24 HOURS

Someone is killed with a gun every 24 hours in Utah. That's 365 people a year.