

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN WISCONSIN

Gun violence exacts a serious toll in Wisconsin, claiming the lives of 592 residents a year and wounding hundreds more. State lawmakers can and must do more to keep their constituents safe from this deadly epidemic.

GUN SUICIDE

- More than 71% of gun deaths in Wisconsin are suicides, and nearly 50% of all suicide deaths in Wisconsin involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 2,103 people in Wisconsin died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 21 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up less than 4% of Wisconsin's population, but account for nearly 60% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Wisconsin, black men ages 18–24 are more than 50 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 50% of Wisconsin's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 63 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Wisconsin.

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

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN WISCONSIN

Wisconsin modestly improved gun safety laws in 2018 by making it harder for criminals to traffic firearms. Gun safety advocates also defeated dangerous bills to allow permitless carry and guns in K–12 schools. Yet Wisconsin still has a long way to go to protect its residents from gun violence. State legislators can take action to save lives by **passing universal background checks**, **banning military-style weaponry**, and **enacting an extreme risk protection order law**, which removes guns from people at risk of harming themselves or others. [Learn more about Wisconsin's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/WI](https://www.lawcenter.giffords.org/WI).



Wisconsin earned a C- on our Annual Gun Law State Scorecard. Visit gunlawscorecard.org to learn how to raise your state's grade.

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$2.9
BILLION**
\$514 PER RESIDENT



Someone is killed with a gun every 15 hours in Wisconsin. That's 592 people a year.