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2

GUN DEATH RATE
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WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Alabama did not pass any significant gun laws in 2017. Gun safety advocates defeated bills that would allow concealed carry without a permit and guns on college and university campuses. One of the many ways Alabama could raise its failing grade is by requiring background checks on all gun purchasers.

Learn more about Alabama's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/AL

KEY GUN POLICY CHECKLIST

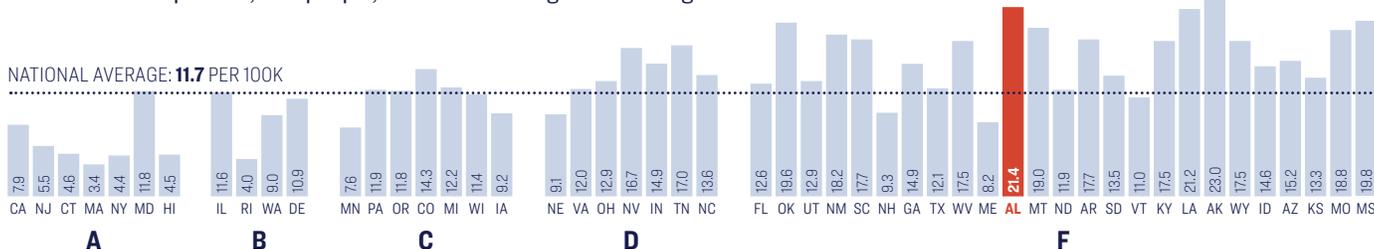
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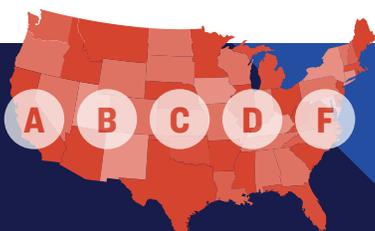
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NATIONAL AVERAGE: **11.7** PER 100K



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Alaska did not pass any significant gun laws in 2017. Despite its remote location, Alaska exports crime guns to other states at nearly twice the national average and has the highest gun death rate in the nation. Lawmakers could take steps to reduce these numbers and save lives by enacting gun safety laws including universal background checks and limits on bulk gun purchases.

Learn more about Alaska's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/AK

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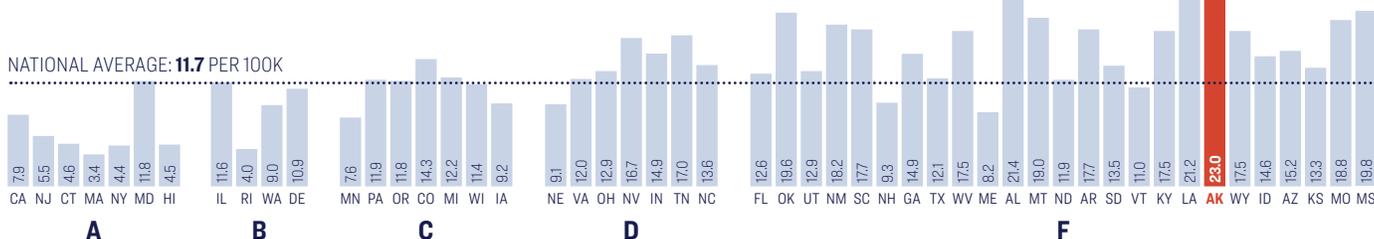
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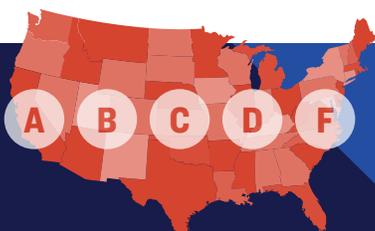
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Arizona enacted no notable gun laws in 2017, and in 2016 the state exported crime guns at a rate higher than 44 other states. Arizona could raise its F grade in a number of ways, including by requiring people to pass a background check and obtain a license in order to carry a hidden, loaded gun in public, banning large-capacity magazines, and requiring safe storage of guns.

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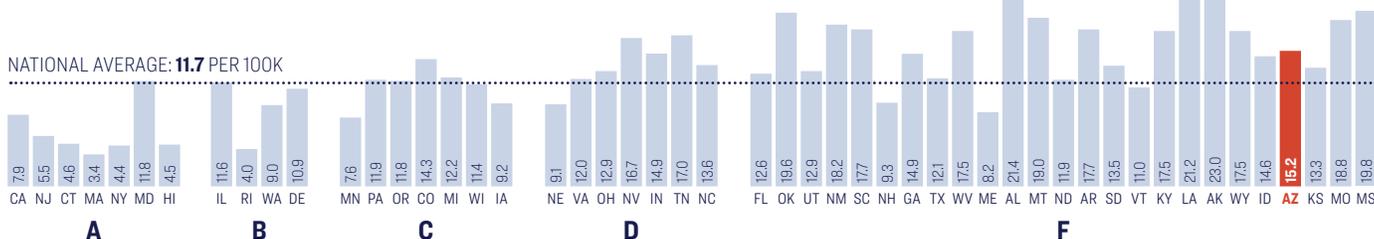
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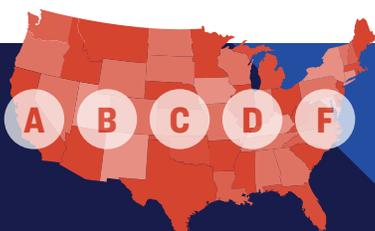
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WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

While gun safety advocates defeated a dangerous permitless carry bill in 2017, Arkansas still managed to weaken its already poor gun laws by forcing public universities to allow concealed, loaded guns on their premises. Ways to raise Arkansas's grade include enacting universal background checks, extreme risk protection order legislation, and laws to keep domestic abusers from accessing guns.

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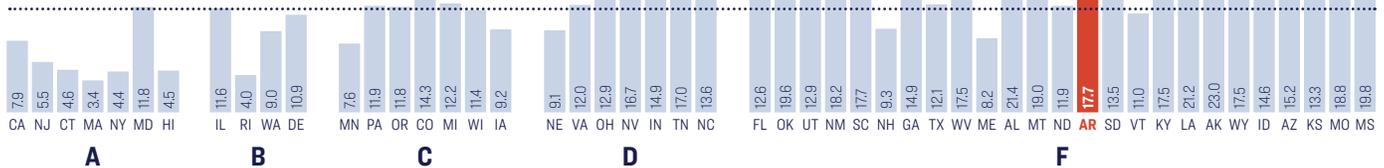
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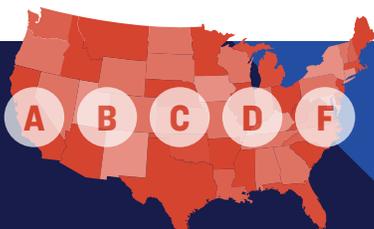
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California boasts the strongest gun laws in the nation and a correspondingly low gun death rate. The state further strengthened its gun laws in 2017 by prohibiting hate crime offenders from accessing guns and funding urban gun violence reduction programs. California should increase its investment in these lifesaving, community-based programs and pass laws that regulate the sale of dangerous DIY firearm assembly kits.

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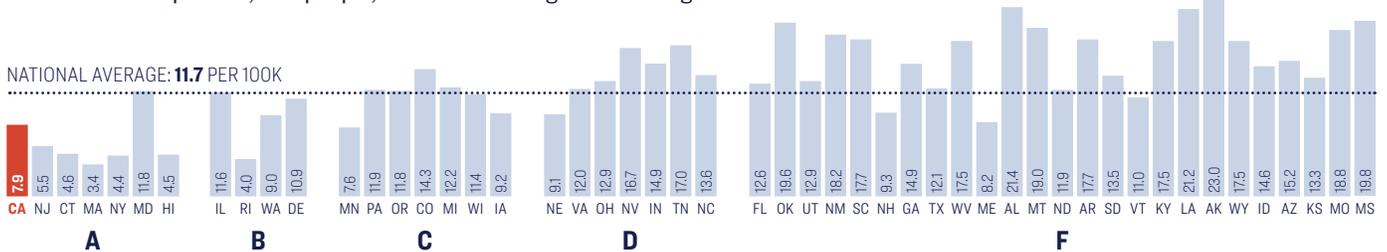
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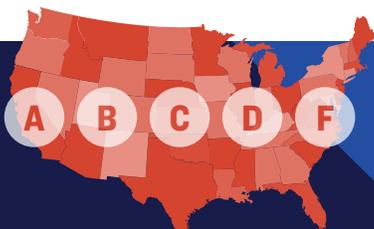
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Colorado did not pass any significant gun laws in 2017, maintaining its C grade after advocates helped defeat irresponsible bills that would have allowed guns in K-12 schools and concealed carry without a permit. Ways for Colorado to raise its grade include requiring gun dealers to obtain a state license and mandating reporting of lost or stolen firearms.

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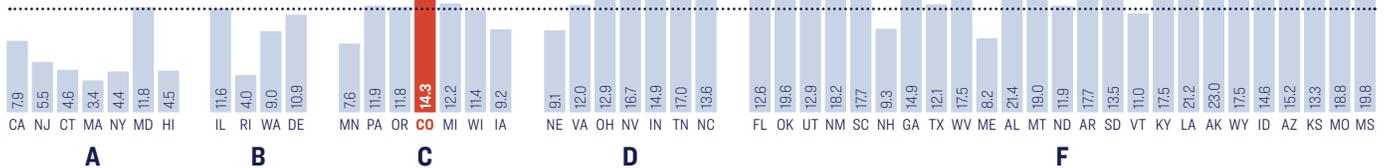
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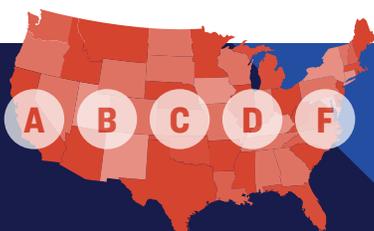
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In 2017, Connecticut protected funding for Project Longevity, a lifesaving violence intervention program. The state, which overhauled its gun laws following the mass shooting at Sandy Hook, consistently has one of the lowest gun death rates in the nation. It could further raise its grade by requiring safe storage of guns and limiting bulk firearms purchases.

Learn more about Connecticut's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/CT

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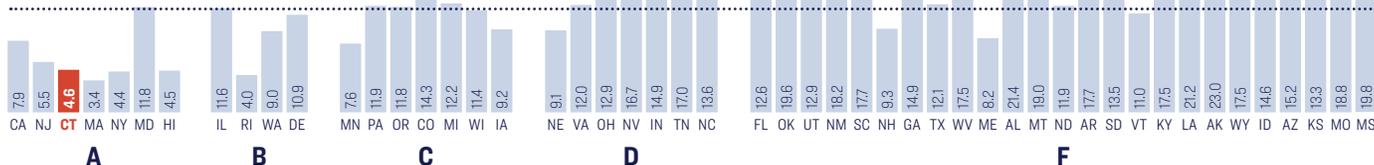
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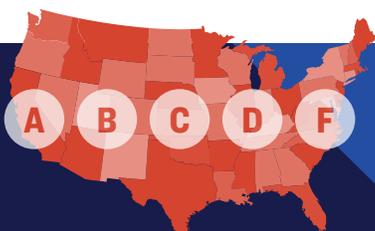
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WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Delaware did not pass any significant gun laws in 2017, maintaining its B grade, with both positive and negative firearm bills still pending. Delaware lawmakers could raise its grade and save lives from gun violence by passing the extreme risk protection order bill currently pending in the state's general assembly.

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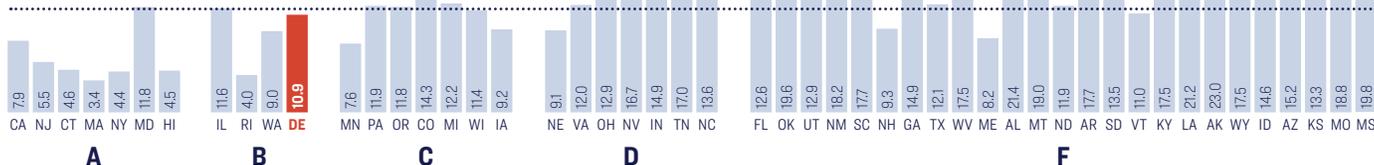
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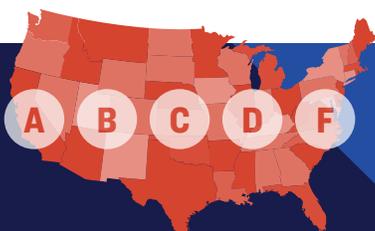
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In 2017, Florida legislators amended the state's already dangerous Stand Your Ground law, making the policy even more extreme. The amendment was struck down as unconstitutional but is currently on appeal. To raise its grade and save lives, Florida could enact universal background checks, regulate firearm dealers, and repeal Stand Your Ground.

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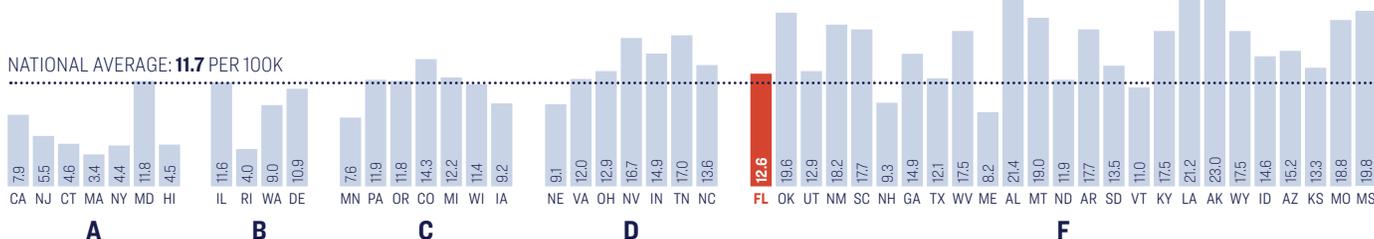
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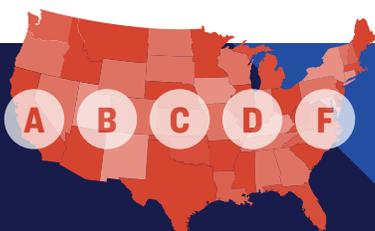
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In 2017, Georgia enacted a dangerous law to allow individuals with concealed carry permits to bring guns onto college and university campuses. Thanks to efforts by gun safety advocates, a bill to allow concealed carry without a permit failed to advance in the legislature. One of the many ways Georgia could raise its F grade is by requiring background checks on private sales of guns.

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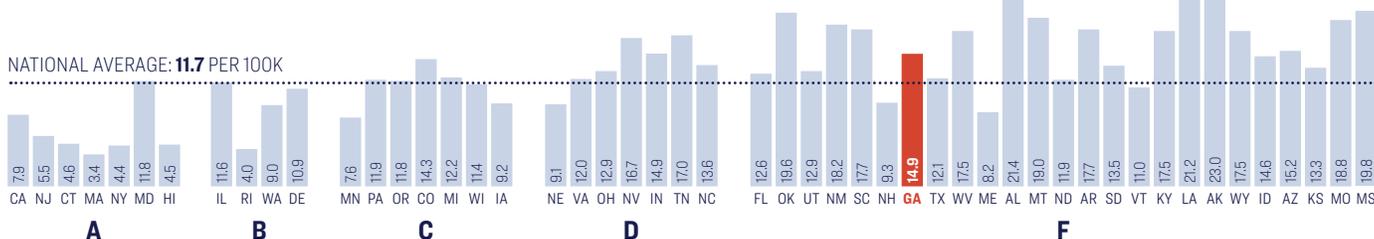
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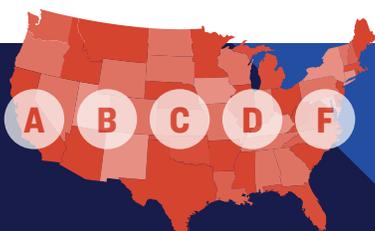
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In 2017, Hawaii improved efforts to keep guns out of dangerous hands by enacting a law that makes it easier for law enforcement to investigate individuals who lie on background check forms when trying to buy a gun. The state has some of the strongest gun laws in the nation and enjoys one of the lowest gun death rates as a result.

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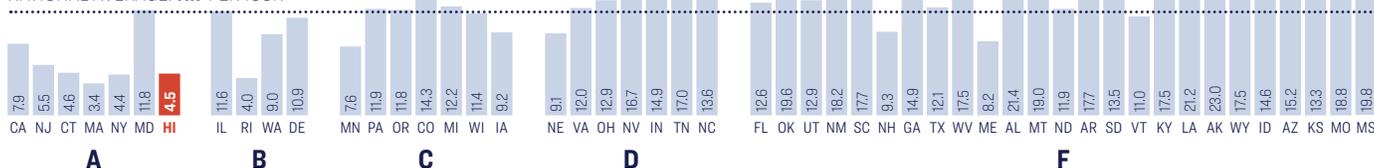
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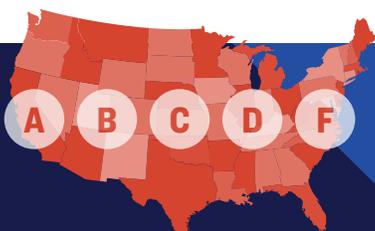
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Idaho did not pass significant gun safety legislation in 2017. Idaho exports twice as many crime guns as it imports, driving violence in other states. Ways lawmakers could raise Idaho's grade include enacting private-sale background checks, allowing local governments to pass gun laws, and reinstating concealed carry permits, which it eliminated in 2016.

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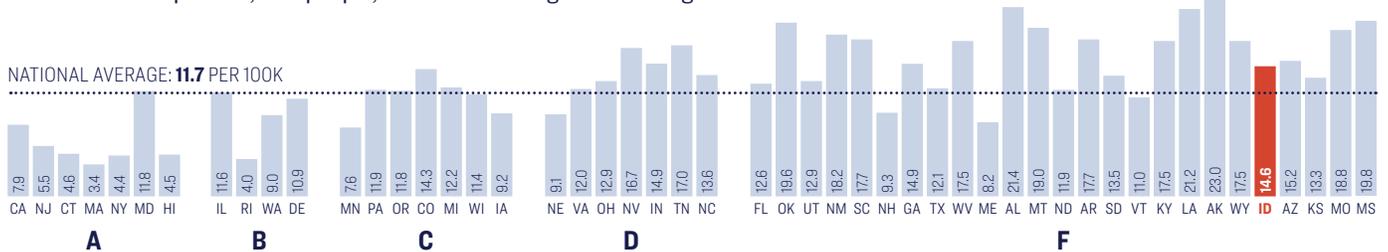
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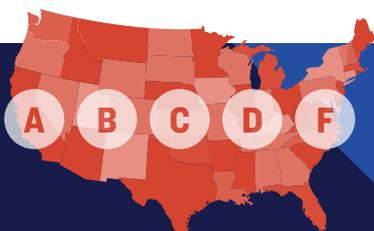
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B+

STATE RANKINGS

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8

GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

34

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Illinois did not enact any significant gun safety laws in 2017, maintaining its B+ with both positive and negative bills still pending. Gun violence in Illinois is driven in part by trafficking from neighboring states with weak gun laws, such as Indiana. Passing a gun dealer licensing law, a ban on large-capacity magazines, or an extreme risk protection order law would help Illinois raise its grade and save lives.

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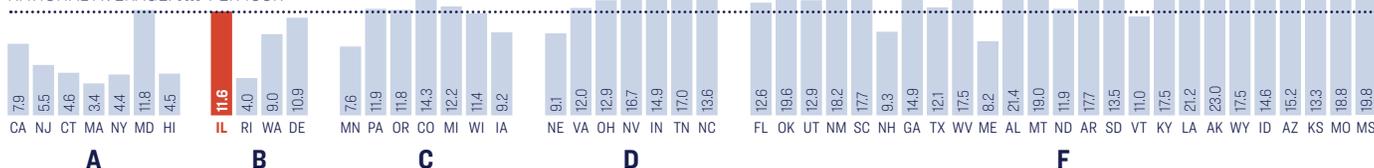
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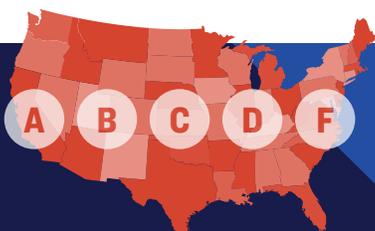
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GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

18

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

In 2017, Indiana weakened its restrictions on armor-piercing bullets. However, bills to compel colleges to allow concealed carry on campus and to remove Indiana's CCW permitting requirement were defeated. To raise Indiana's grade, legislators could enact universal background checks and laws that keep domestic abusers from accessing guns.

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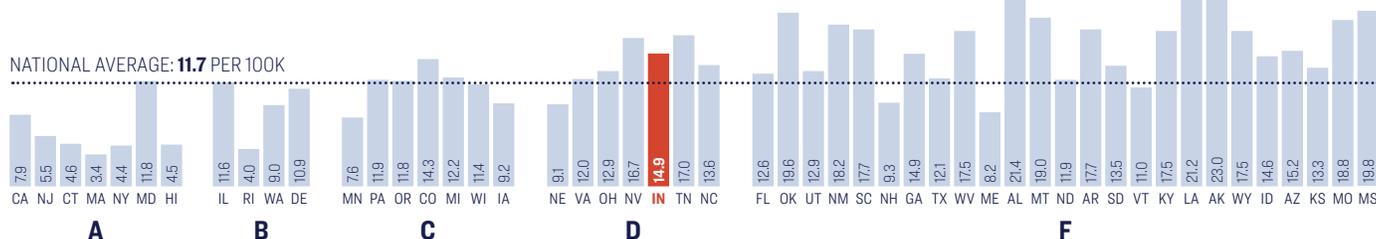
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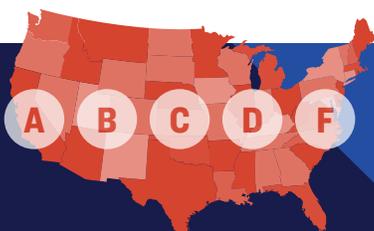
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Iowa's grade dropped to a C- after it enacted a deadly Stand Your Ground law, weakened handgun permit requirements, and allowed concealed carry in the state capitol. Iowa could raise its grade by immediately repealing the dangerous gun laws passed in 2017, requiring background checks for all gun purchases, or passing an extreme risk protection order law.

Learn more about Iowa's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/IA

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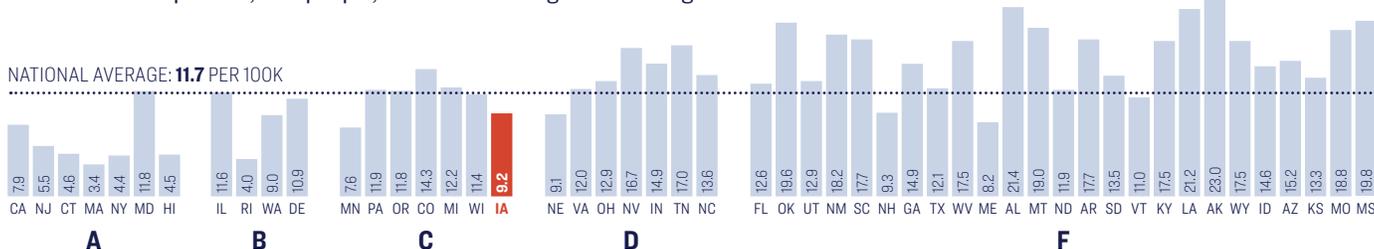
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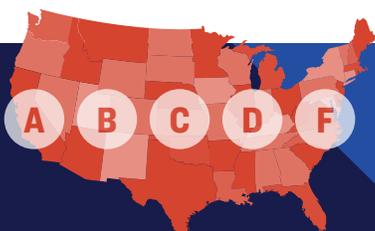
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GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

23

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

In 2017, a law went into effect that made Kansas the first state to force public universities to allow people who have never passed a background check or obtained any permit to carry concealed in campus buildings. Two ways Kansas could raise its grade include requiring private-sale background checks and acting to disarm domestic abusers.

Learn more about Kansas's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/KS

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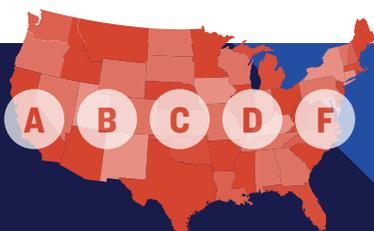
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42

GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

13

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Kentucky failed to enact significant gun safety laws in 2017, scoring an F yet again, and its weak laws have made it a leading exporter of crime guns to states with stronger laws. Two ways for Kentucky to raise its grade and save lives include requiring background checks on private gun sales and allowing local governments to regulate firearms.

Learn more about Kentucky's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/KY

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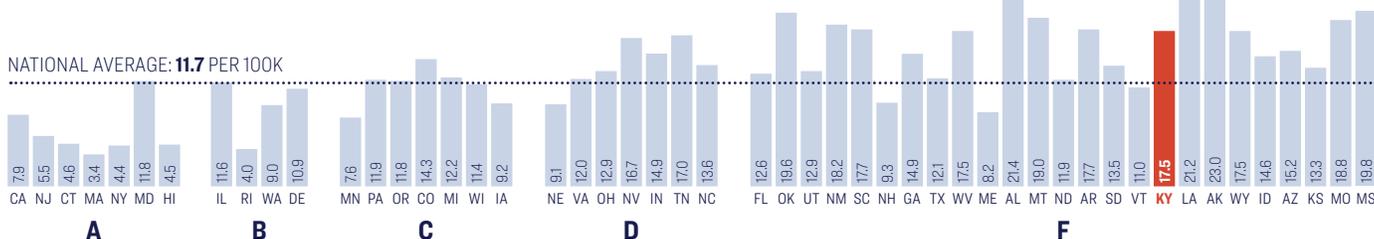
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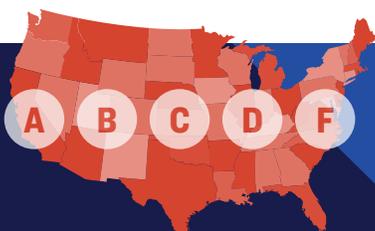
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43

GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

3

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Louisiana's weak laws earned the state another F, although in 2017 the state extended its gun possession restrictions for domestic abusers to cover same-sex and dating partners. Requiring private sale background checks and allowing local governments to regulate firearms are just two of the many ways Louisiana could raise its grade and save lives.

Learn more about Louisiana's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/LA

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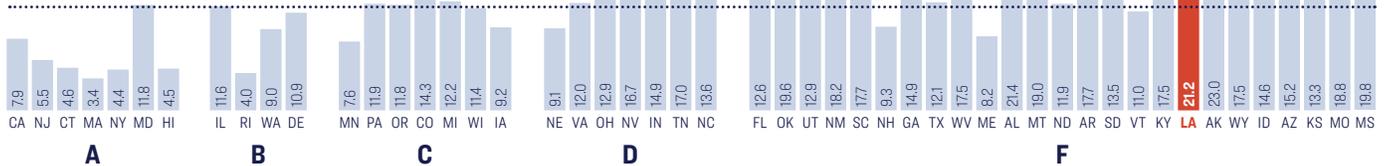
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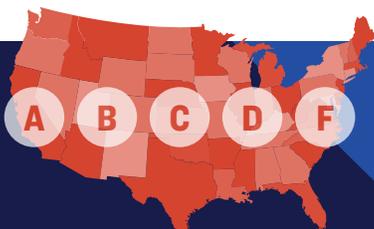
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35

GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

42

GUN DEATH RATE
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WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Maine did not pass any significant gun safety laws in 2017, earning another F this year.

Maine could raise its grade by enacting universal background checks, requiring a permit to carry concealed weapons, or allowing local governments to regulate firearms.

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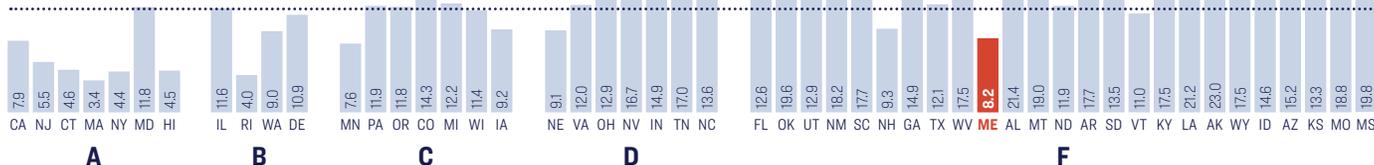
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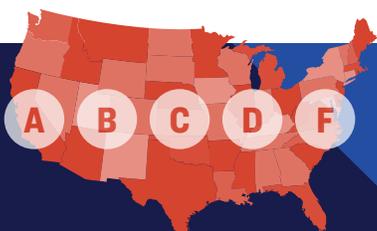
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6

GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

32

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Maryland improved its already strong gun laws after enacting a bill addressing guns and domestic violence. Gun violence in the state is in part driven by trafficking from nearby states, notably Virginia and Georgia, which earned a D and an F respectively. Legislators could further strengthen Maryland's gun laws by closing loopholes in the state's background check law.

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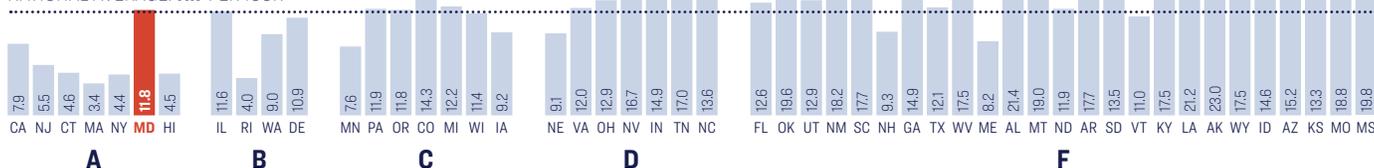
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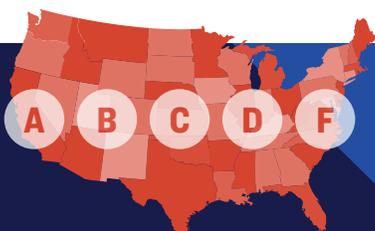
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4

GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

50

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

In 2017, Massachusetts became the second state to ban bump stocks. The state has the lowest gun death rate in the country and, correspondingly, some of the strongest gun laws. State legislators should continue to strengthen its laws by enacting an extreme risk protection order law and providing more stable funding for urban violence reduction programs.

Learn more about Massachusetts's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/MA

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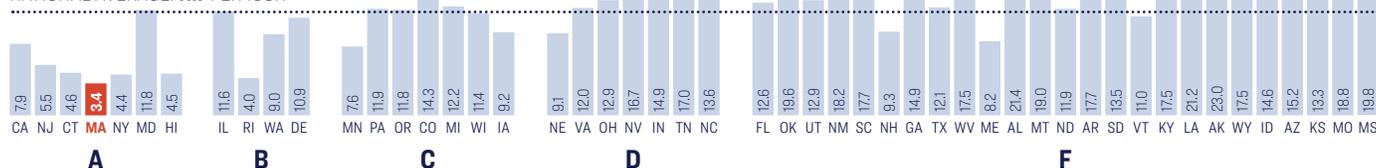
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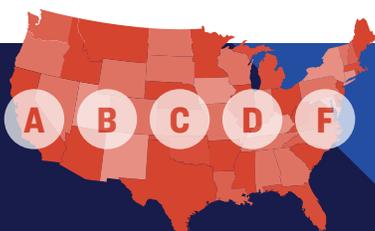
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GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

27
GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Michigan did not enact any significant gun laws in 2017, although a dangerous bill is pending to allow concealed carry in schools and hospitals. To raise its grade and save lives from gun violence, Michigan should reject this deadly bill, require private sale background checks, and allow local governments to regulate firearms.

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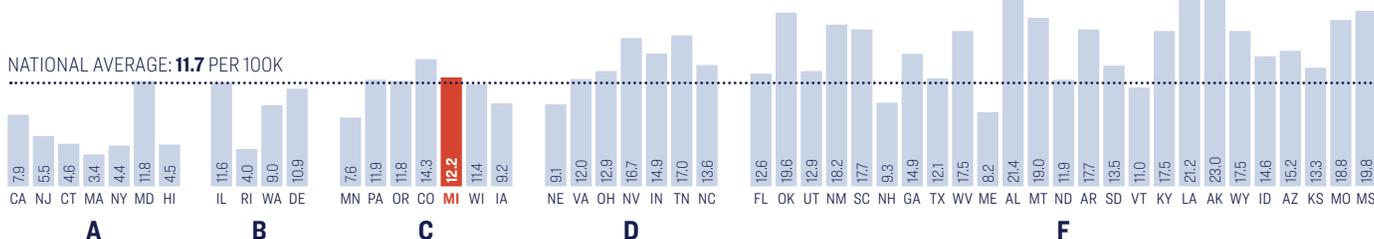
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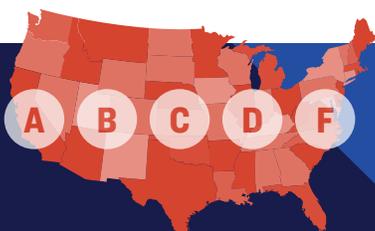
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GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

44
GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Minnesota did not pass any significant gun laws in 2017, maintaining a C+ grade with positive and negative firearm bills still pending. Ways for Minnesota to raise its grade and save lives include requiring background checks on private sales, enacting an extreme risk protection order law, and requiring reporting of lost and stolen guns.

Learn more about Minnesota's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/MN

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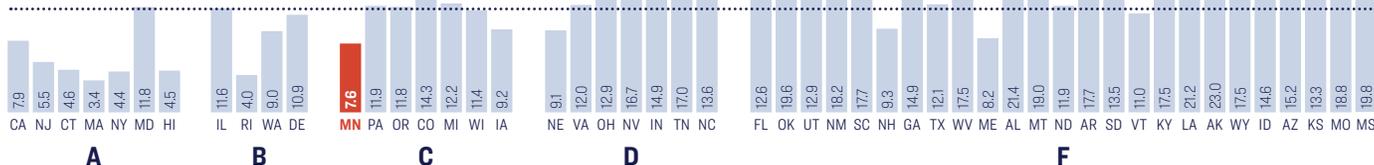
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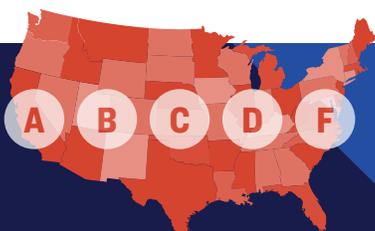
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GUN LAW STRENGTH
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4

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Not only did Mississippi earn an F again this year, it ranks 50th among the states, with the weakest gun laws in the nation. Not coincidentally, Mississippi is also the number one exporter of crime guns to other states and has the country's fourth-highest gun death rate. The quickest way for Mississippi to improve these numbers would be to require universal background checks.

Learn more about Mississippi's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/MS

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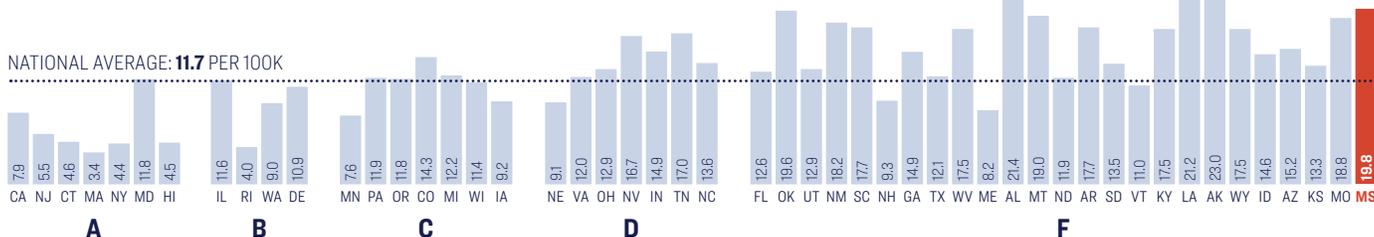
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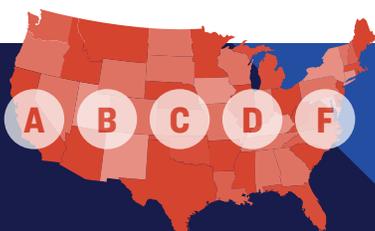
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GUN LAW STRENGTH
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7

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Missouri's weak gun laws earned the state another F grade. The state has seen a nearly 25% increase in firearm deaths and injuries since it repealed a permit-to-purchase law in 2007. To reduce gun deaths and raise its grade, Missouri should enact universal background checks, an extreme risk protection order law, and other lifesaving gun policies.

Learn more about Missouri's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/MO

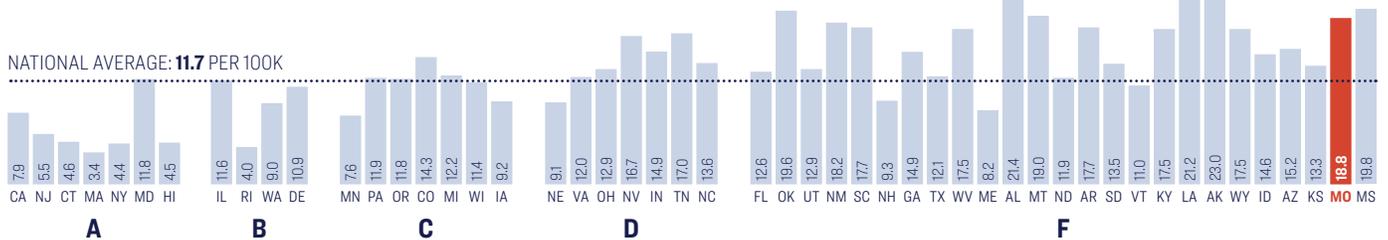
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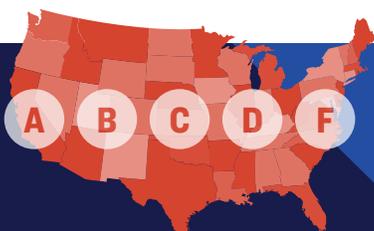
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Montana's governor vetoed two dangerous bills in 2017 that would have allowed guns into more public spaces. Legislators also defeated efforts to allow individuals to carry loaded guns in public without a background check or license. Laws that would improve the state's grade include universal background checks, safe storage requirements, and gun purchase waiting periods.

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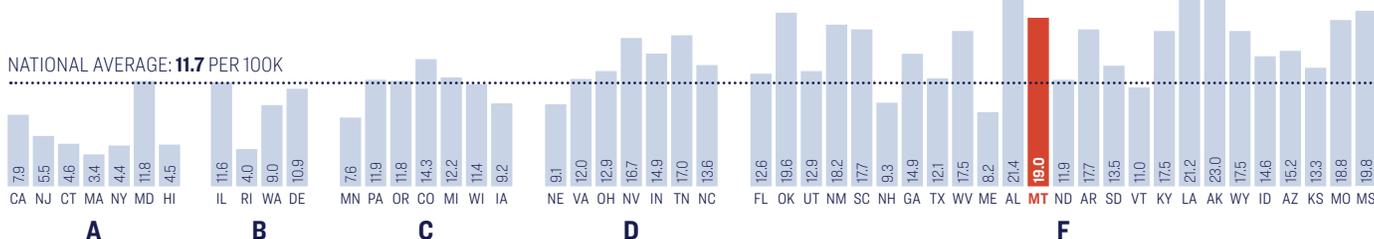
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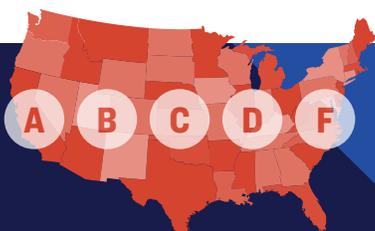
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19

GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

40

GUN DEATH RATE
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WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Nebraska expanded its list of people prohibited from buying guns to include those subject to a harassment protection order, but received a D again due to its lack of comprehensive gun safety laws. Ways to raise Nebraska's grade include requiring background checks on all gun sales, requiring gun dealers to obtain a state license, and passing an extreme risk protection order law.

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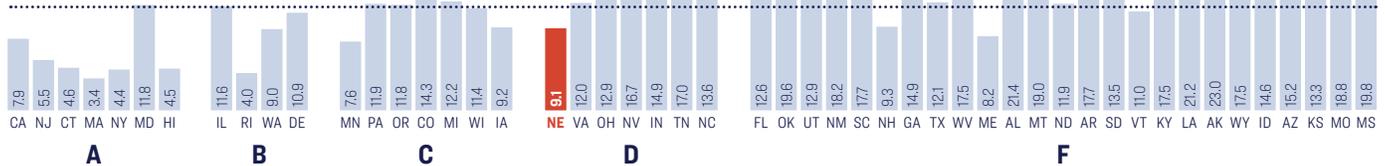
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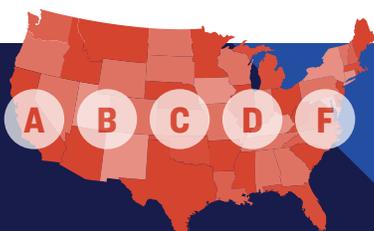
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GUN LAW STRENGTH
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15

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Nevada strengthened its laws in 2017 by prohibiting people convicted of domestic violence and stalking from buying a gun. However, its grade dropped from a C- to a D due to the state's failure to enforce a universal background checks law passed in a 2016 ballot measure. To raise its grade, Nevada should immediately implement this lifesaving policy.

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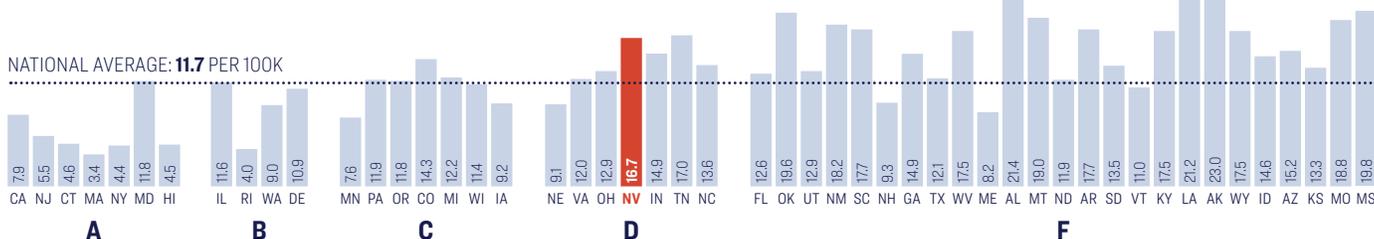
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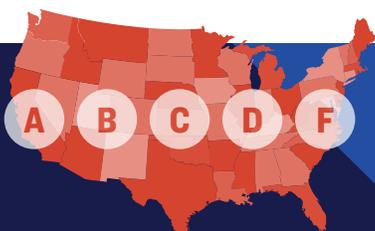
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GUN LAW STRENGTH
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38
GUN DEATH RATE
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WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

New Hampshire's grade fell from a D to an F in 2017 after enacting a reckless law that allows people to carry hidden, loaded guns in public without any sort of permit or license. New Hampshire also doesn't require background checks in private sales, making it all the easier for dangerous individuals buy a gun and bring it to public places.

Learn more about New Hampshire's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/NH

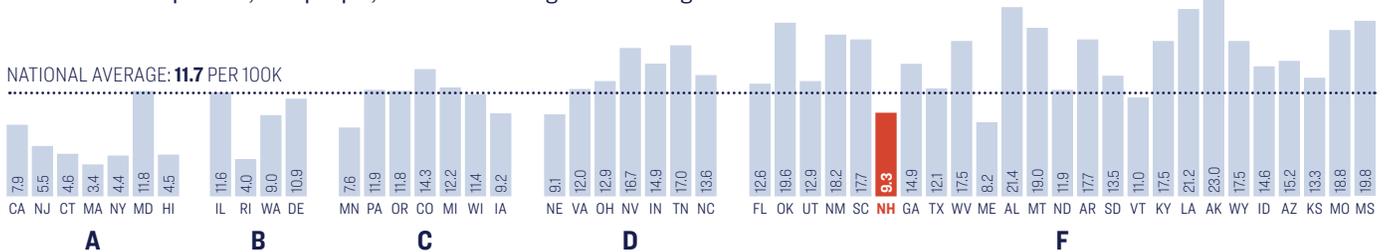
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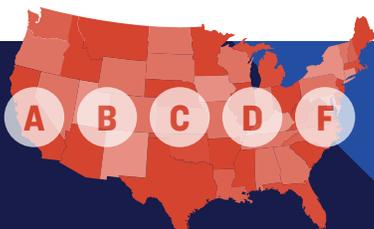
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2

GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

45

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

In 2017, New Jersey enacted a law that creates a process for convicted domestic abusers to relinquish their guns to law enforcement. New Jersey has some of the strongest gun laws in the country, a correspondingly low gun death rate, and exports crime guns at the lowest rate of all 50 states. It could further improve its laws by enacting extreme risk protection orders.

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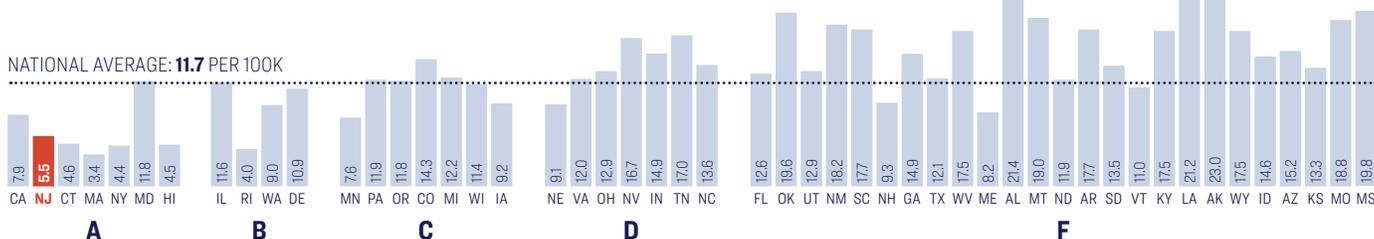
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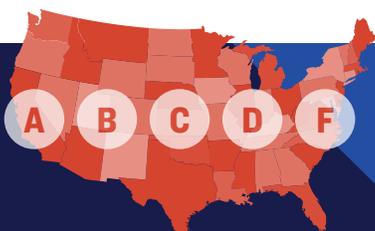
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29

GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

8

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

New Mexico failed to enact significant gun laws in 2017, and its governor vetoed bipartisan legislation to require domestic abusers subject to restraining orders to relinquish their firearms. Ways for the state to raise its grade include comprehensively restricting access to guns by domestic violence offenders and requiring background checks on all gun sales.

Learn more about New Mexico's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/NM

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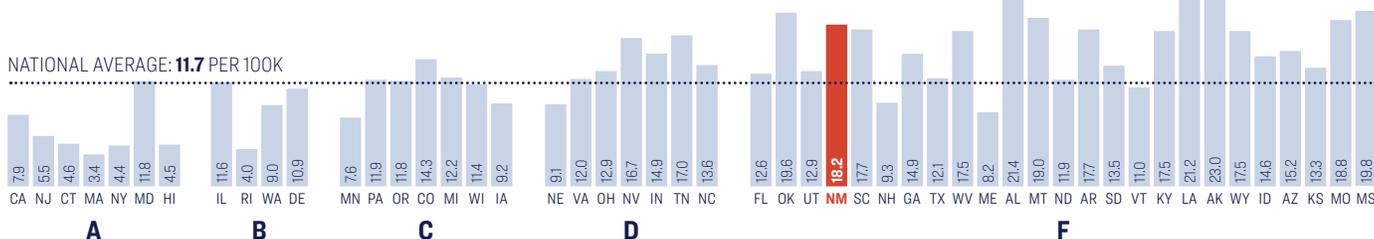
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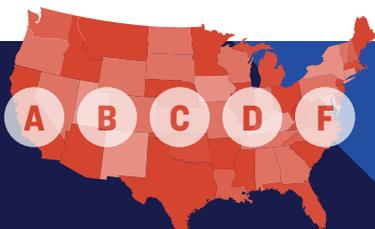
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5

GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

48

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

New York did not enact any significant gun laws in 2017, but has strong gun laws and a correspondingly low gun death rate. New York currently requires individuals living with people prohibited from possessing firearms to safely store their guns, but the state could further strengthen its safe storage law by making it a crime to leave a firearm accessible to a minor.

Learn more about New York's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/NY

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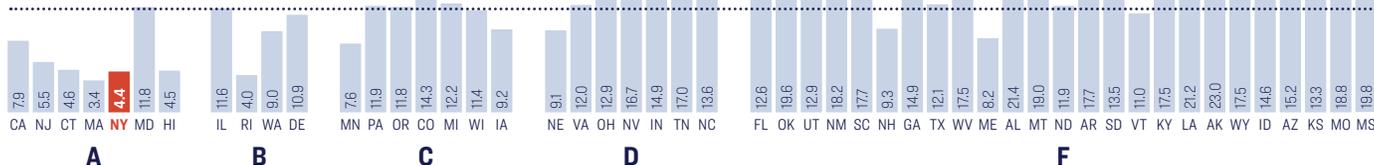
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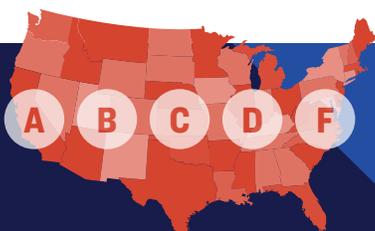
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25

GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

21

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

North Carolina was the site of multiple defensive victories by gun safety advocates in 2017, as campus carry and permitless carry bills failed to advance, as did efforts to repeal the state's background check requirement for handgun purchases. To raise the state's grade, legislators could expand the background check requirement to cover all gun sales, not just handguns.

Learn more about North Carolina's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/NC

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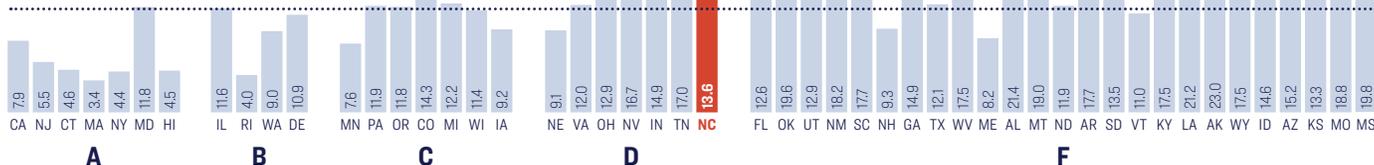
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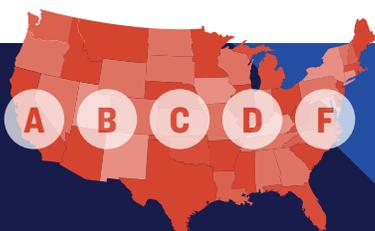
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30

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

In 2017, North Dakota repealed its requirement that people obtain a license to carry concealed firearms in public, earning the state another F. Some of the many ways North Dakota could raise its grade include enacting universal background checks, preventing substance abusers from purchasing or possessing guns, and regulating ammunition sales.

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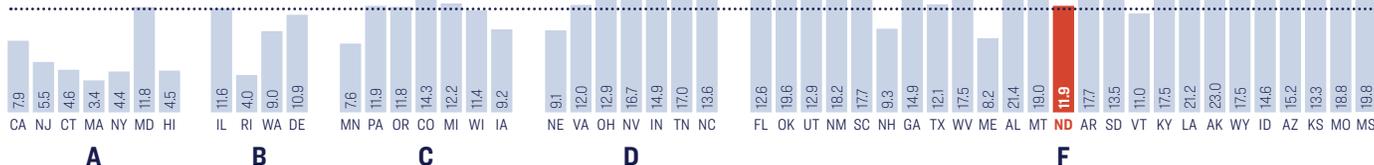
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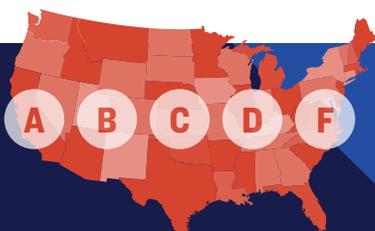
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GUN LAW STRENGTH
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25
GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Ohio did not enact any significant gun laws in 2017. The state does not require firearms dealers to obtain a state license, limit the number of firearms that may be purchased at one time, impose a waiting period on firearm purchases, or regulate ammunition sales. Enacting any of these policies would raise Ohio's grade and save lives.

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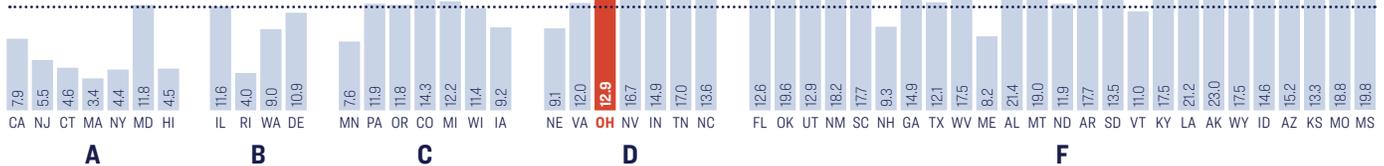
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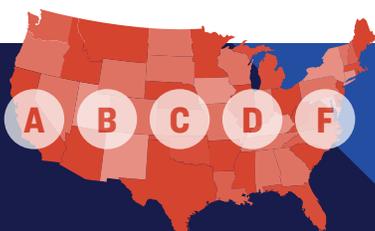
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27

GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

5

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Oklahoma did not enact any significant gun laws in 2017. Bills allowing individuals to carry guns on college and university campuses and in public without a permit did not move forward thanks to concerted efforts by local gun safety advocates. Ways Oklahoma could improve its grade include enacting universal background checks, requiring gun dealers to obtain a state license, and banning large-capacity magazines.

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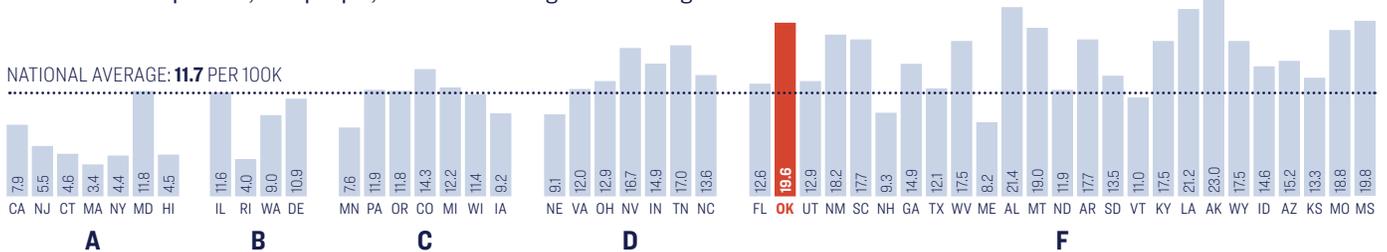
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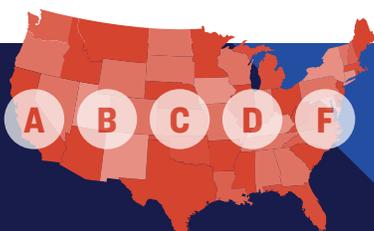
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GUN LAW STRENGTH
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WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

In 2017, Oregon enacted an extreme risk protection order law that allows family members and law enforcement to temporarily prevent a dangerous person from accessing guns. It could further raise its grade and save lives by limiting bulk purchases of firearms, regulating ammunition purchases, and requiring safe storage of firearms in the home.

Learn more about Oregon's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/OR

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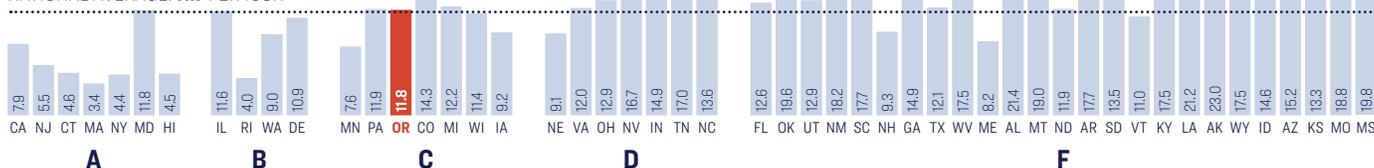
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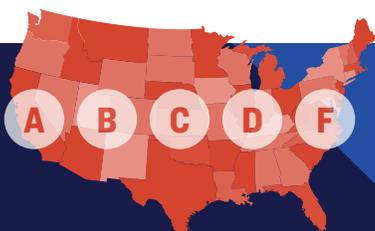
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WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Pennsylvania did not enact significant gun laws in 2017, maintaining its C grade with positive and negative firearm bills still pending. Pennsylvania could raise its grade and save lives by requiring background checks on private sales of long guns, not just handguns, allowing local governments to regulate firearms, and requiring gun owners to report lost or stolen firearms.

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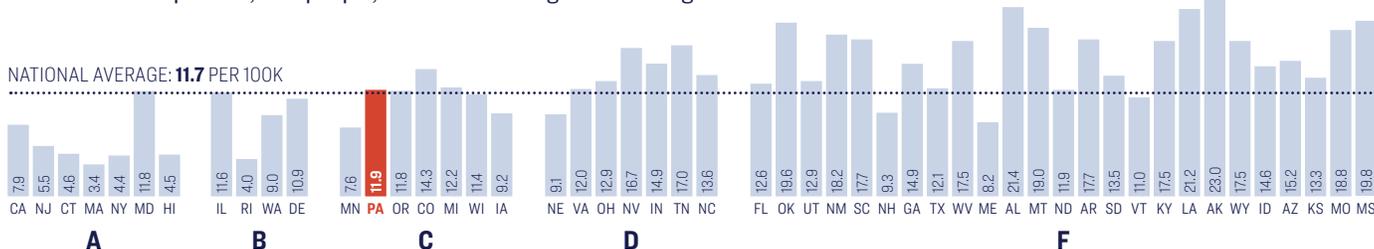
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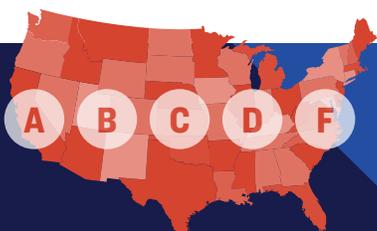
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B+

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GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

49

GUN DEATH RATE
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WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

In 2017, Rhode Island strengthened its laws to keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers. To raise its grade from a B+, Rhode Island lawmakers should continue to pass new gun safety measures, including restrictions on the sale of military-style firearms, extreme risk protection order laws, and prohibitions on hate crime offenders accessing guns.

Learn more about Rhode Island's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/RI

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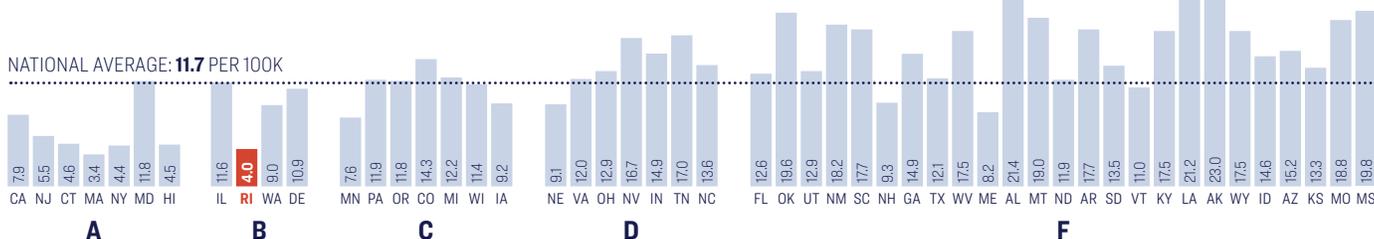
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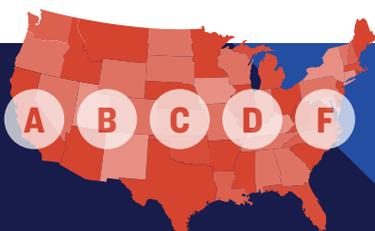
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10

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WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

South Carolina did not enact any significant gun laws in 2017. Thanks to efforts by gun safety advocates, bills to allow individuals to carry guns in public without a permit or background check, as well as on college campuses, failed to advance. The quickest way for the state to raise its grade and save lives would be to enact universal background checks.

Learn more about South Carolina's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/SC

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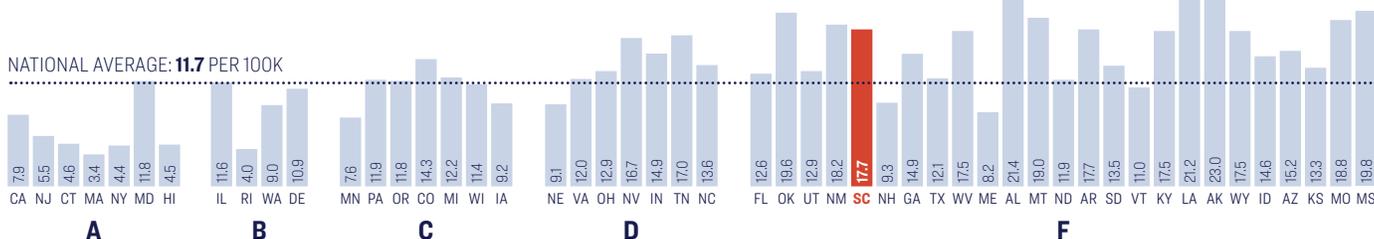
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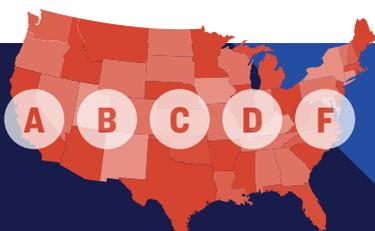
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40

GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

22

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

South Dakota has very few gun safety laws and did not make improvements in 2017. Ways South Dakota could raise its grade and save lives include enacting universal background checks, requiring the reporting of mental health records to the federal background checks database, regulating ammunition sales, and allowing local governments to pass gun laws.

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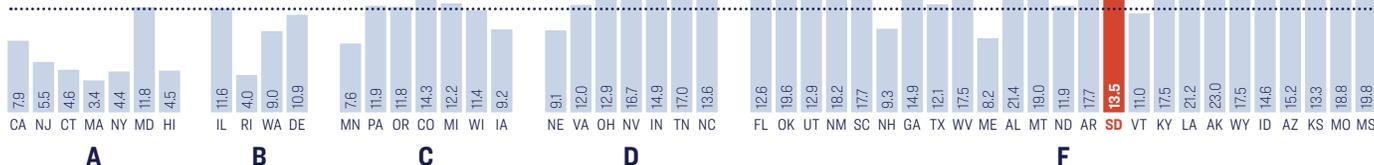
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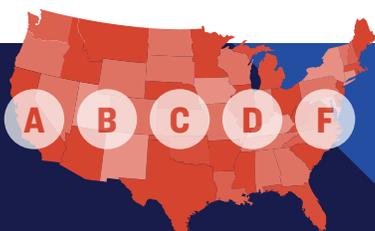
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GUN LAW STRENGTH
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14

GUN DEATH RATE
OF 50 STATES

WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Tennessee created a procedure for domestic violence offenders to relinquish their firearms, raising the state's grade from an F to a D-. Ways for the state to make further improvements and continue to raise its grade include requiring background checks on private sales, requiring gun dealers to obtain a state license, and imposing a waiting period on gun purchases.

Learn more about Tennessee's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/TN

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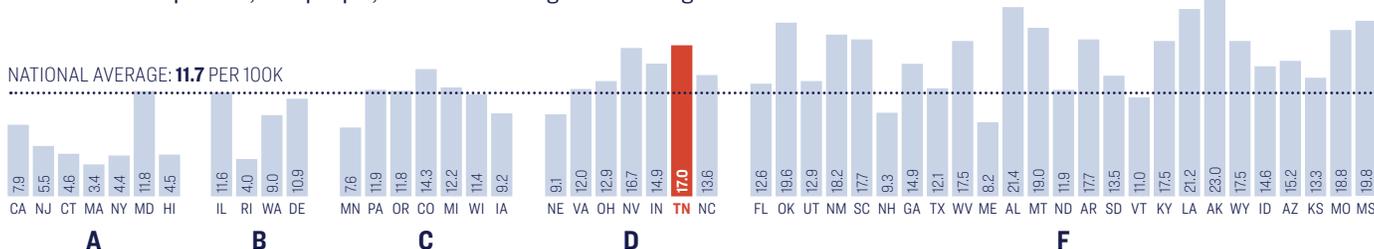
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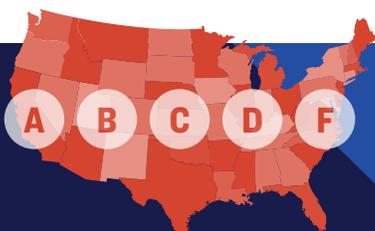
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WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Texas repealed restrictions on silencers and removed school districts' authority to prohibit weapons out of vehicles in school parking lots. However, permitless carry and campus carry bills were defeated thanks to gun safety advocates. Ways for Texas to raise its grade include adopting universal background checks and repealing its dangerous campus carry law.

Learn more about Texas's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/TX

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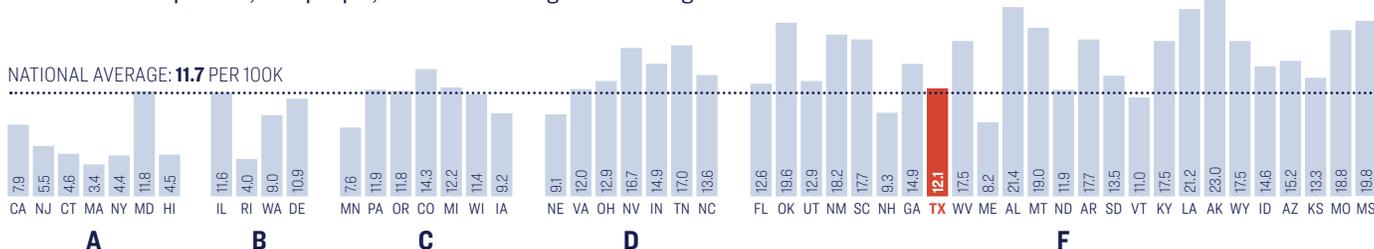
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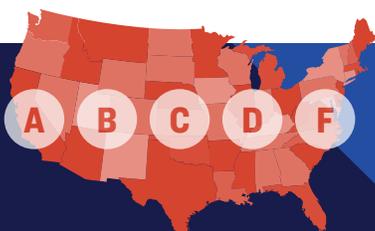
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WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

In 2017, Utah improved its gun laws by prohibiting firearm possession by domestic violence misdemeanants and by subjects of restraining orders. Utah could do even more to prevent domestic gun violence, and raise its grade, by creating a process for abusers to relinquish their guns to law enforcement when they become prohibited.

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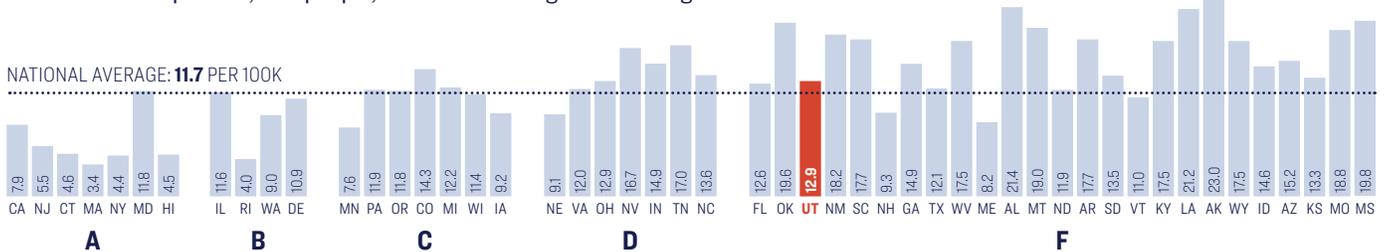
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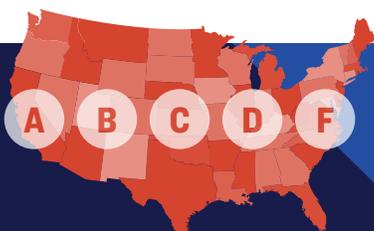
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WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Vermont did not adopt any significant gun legislation in 2017. State lawmakers can raise Vermont's F grade by enacting universal background checks, passing an extreme risk protection order law, requiring a permit to carry guns in public, regulating firearm dealers, or restricting firearm access by domestic abusers.

Learn more about Vermont's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/VT

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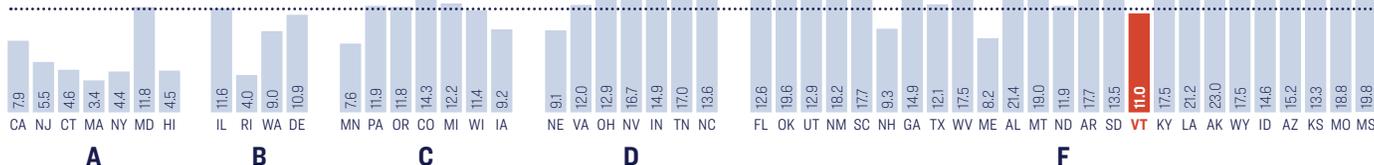
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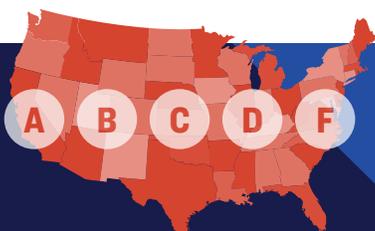
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29

GUN DEATH RATE
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WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Virginia did not enact any significant gun laws in 2017. However, irresponsible campus carry and permitless carry bills failed thanks to efforts by gun safety advocates. Ways for Virginia to raise its grade include enacting universal background checks, passing laws aimed at preventing gun trafficking, and funding urban gun violence reduction programs.

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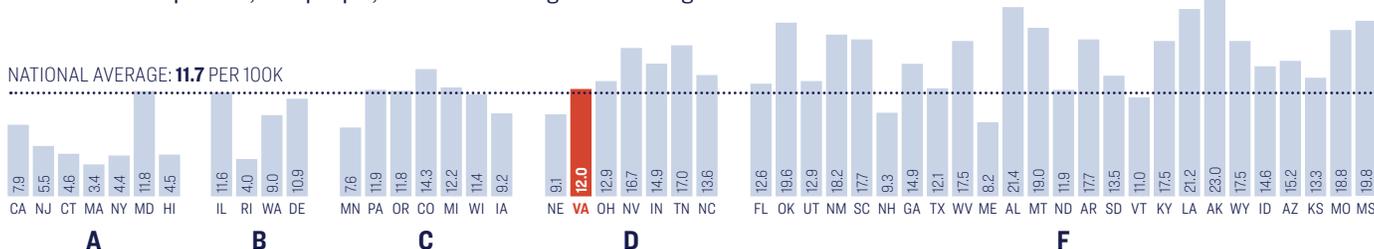
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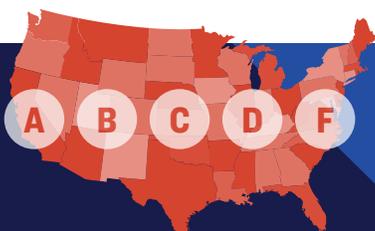
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41
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WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

In 2017, Washington passed a law to allow temporary transfers of guns without a background check to prevent suicide and made it easier for law enforcement to investigate those who lie on background check forms. To further raise its grade, it could regulate ammunition sales, limit bulk firearm purchases, and fund urban gun violence reduction programs.

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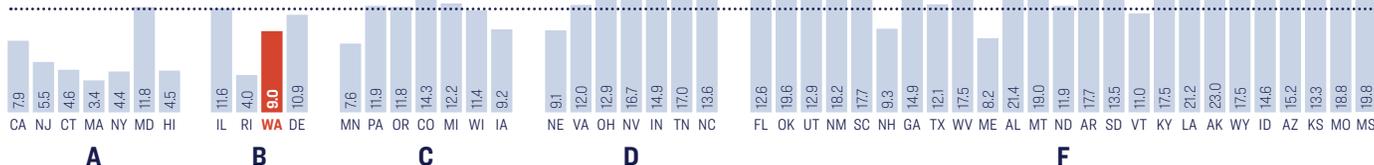
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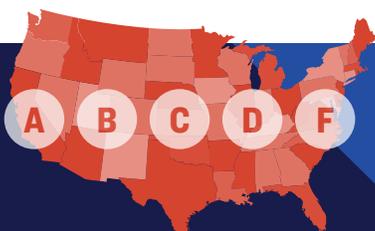
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WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

In 2017, West Virginia passed a law allowing concealed carry permittees to keep guns in cars parked on K-12 school property. Despite this, gun safety advocates helped defeat a bill that would have let guns on college and university campuses. Ways for the state to raise its grade include enacting private-sale background checks and gun purchase waiting periods.

Learn more about West Virginia's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/WV

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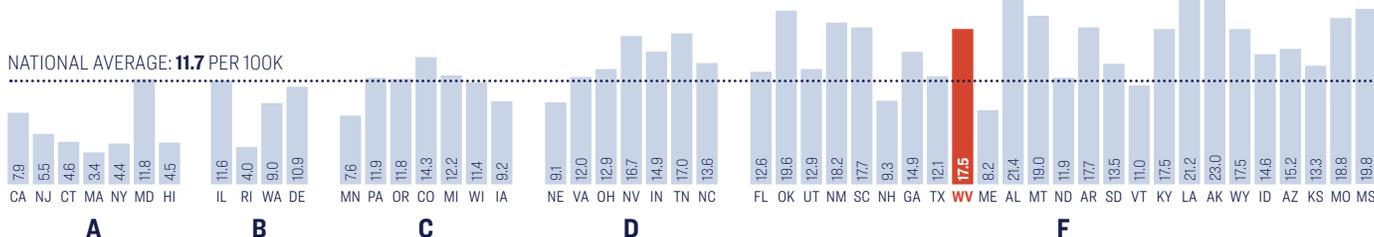
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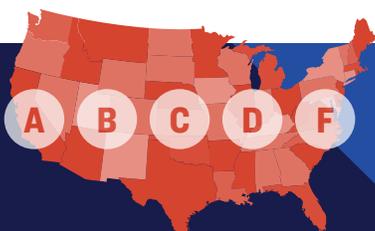
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WAYS TO RAISE YOUR STATE'S GRADE

Wisconsin did not enact any significant gun laws in 2017. Two bills to eliminate the state's concealed carry license requirement are still pending. Ways Wisconsin could raise its grade include enacting universal background checks, strengthening the permitting system for carrying concealed weapons in public, and funding urban violence reduction programs.

Learn more about Wisconsin's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/WI

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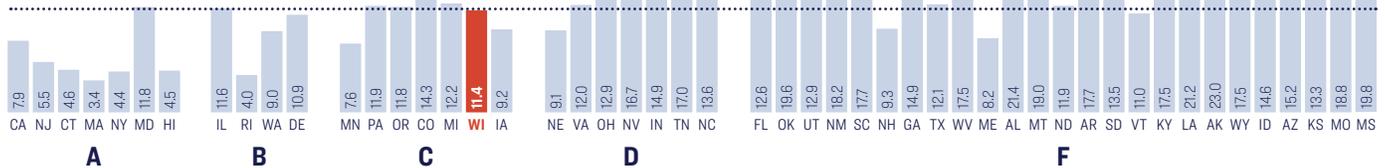
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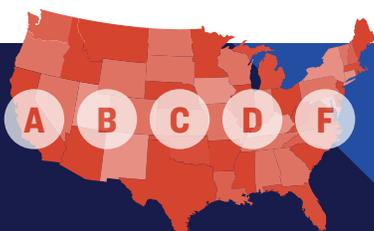
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STATE RANKINGS

The majority of states with weak gun laws have higher gun death rates than average. Here's how this state ranks:

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GUN LAW STRENGTH
OF 50 STATES

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Wyoming enacted a law in 2017 that allows K-12 school employees with concealed carry permits to carry guns in buildings and on school grounds. Some of the ways Wyoming could raise its grade and save lives include imposing waiting periods on gun purchases, requiring safe storage of firearms, and enacting an extreme risk protection order law.

Learn more about Wyoming's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/WY

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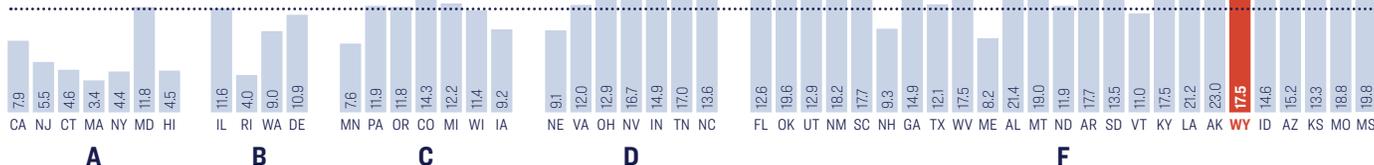
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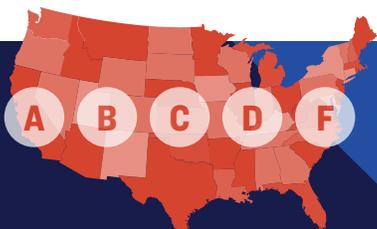
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