

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN **ARIZONA**

Gun violence poses a serious public safety risk to Arizonans, more than a thousand of whom die from gun violence each year. By failing to enact strong gun laws, Arizona lawmakers continue to endanger residents.

GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 71% of all gun deaths in Arizona are suicides, and more than 57% of all suicide deaths in Arizona involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 3,592 people in Arizona died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 12 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black and Hispanic men make up less than 17% of Arizona's population, but account for more than 48% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Arizona, black men ages 18–24 are nine 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 67% of Arizona's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 183 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Arizona.

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

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN ARIZONA

Arizona has some of the weakest gun laws in the nation. The state has the 18th-highest gun death rate and exports crime guns at more than twice the national rate. To protect its residents from gun violence, Arizona could **enact an extreme risk prevention law and require background checks on all gun purchases.** [Learn more about Arizona's gun laws at \[lawcenter.giffords.org/AZ\]\(http://lawcenter.giffords.org/AZ\).](#)



Arizona earned an F on our Annual Gun Law Scorecard. Visit gunlawscorecard.org to learn how to raise your state's grade.

ANNUAL COST OF GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$5.4
BILLION**

\$815 PER RESIDENT



9 HOURS

Someone is killed with a gun every nine hours in Arizona. That's 1,013 people a year.