

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN ARKANSAS

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

GUN SUICIDE

- 64% of all gun deaths in Arkansas are suicides, and more than 61% of all suicide deaths in Arkansas involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 1,710 people in Arkansas died by gun-related suicide—one every 26 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up less than 8% of Arkansas's population, but account for half of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Arkansas, black men ages 18–24 are more than 16 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 60% of Arkansas's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 62 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Arkansas.

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

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Arkansas 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:

**\$2.8
BILLION**
\$939 PER RESIDENT



Someone is killed with a gun every 16 hours in Arkansas. That's 534 people a year.

PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN ARKANSAS

Arkansas has some of the weakest gun laws in the country and has enacted few meaningful gun safety laws in recent years. The state has the seventh-highest gun death rate and supplies crime guns to other states at the 14th-highest rate. To save lives from gun violence, Arkansas could **pass laws requiring background checks and waiting periods for all firearm sales and prohibit domestic violence misdemeanants from possessing firearms.** [Learn more about Arkansas's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/AR.](https://lawcenter.giffords.org/AR)