

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN **DELAWARE**

Even though Delaware has stronger gun safety laws than many other states, lawmakers should continue to act proactively to protect their constituents and enact policies and programs that prevent shootings.

GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 54% of gun deaths in Delaware are suicides, and nearly half of all suicide deaths in Delaware involve firearms.
- From 2008 to 2017, 503 people in Delaware died by gun-related suicide.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up just 11% of Delaware's population, but account for more than 76% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Delaware, black men ages 18–35 are nearly 32 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 Delaware's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.

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

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN DELAWARE

Delaware has stronger gun laws than most states. The state has the 15th-lowest gun death rate and supplies crime guns to other states at the 21st-highest rate. To further strengthen its gun laws, Delaware could **require a license to purchase a firearm, direct funding to community-driven violence intervention strategies in underserved communities, and restrict undetectable and untraceable firearms.** [Learn more about Delaware's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/DE.](https://www.lawcenter.giffords.org/DE)



Delaware earned a B on our Annual Gun Law Scorecard. Visit gunlawscorecard.org to learn how to raise your state's grade.

ANNUAL COST OF GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$611
MILLION**

\$654 PER RESIDENT



4 DAYS

Someone is killed with a gun every four days in Delaware. That's 107 people a year.