

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN FLORIDA

Florida has made progress strengthening its gun safety laws since the Parkland shooting, yet there remains much more for lawmakers to do to protect the thousands of Floridians who die from gun violence each year.

GUN SUICIDE

- More than 63% of gun deaths in Florida are suicides, and more than half of all suicide deaths in Florida involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 8,129 people in Florida died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 5 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up less than 9% of Florida's population, but nearly 53% of gun homicide victims.
- In Florida, black men ages 18–24 are 12 times more likely than white men the same age to be murdered with a gun.

GUN TRAFFICKING

- Because of the state's weak gun laws, guns are purchased in Florida and trafficked to states with stronger gun laws, where they end up in the hands of criminals and people unable to pass a background check.
- From 2013 to 2017, 16,630 guns originally purchased in Florida were recovered after being used in crimes in other states.

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, 2,224 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Florida.
- Guns are the third-leading cause of death for Florida children ages 1–17.

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

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$14
BILLION**

\$723 PER RESIDENT



3 HOURS

Someone is killed with a gun every three hours in Florida. That's 2,568 people a year.

PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN FLORIDA

In 2018, Florida passed a robust package of gun safety laws following the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The state has the 28th-highest gun death rate in the country and the 35th-highest rate of crime gun exports. To save lives from gun violence, Florida legislators could **require a background check on all firearm sales, expand domestic violence firearm prohibitions to include dating partners, and direct funding to community-driven violence intervention programs.** [Learn more about Florida's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/FL.](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/FL)