

## THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN HAWAII

Even though Hawaii has stronger gun safety laws than many other states, lawmakers should continue to act proactively to protect their constituents and save lives from gun violence.

### GUN SUICIDE

- More than 72% of gun deaths in Hawaii are suicides, and nearly 18% of all suicide deaths in Hawaii involve firearms.
- From 2008 to 2017, 358 people in Hawaii died by gun-related suicide.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Guns make domestic violence incidents far more likely to end in death.
- Nearly 43% of Hawaii's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.

### TRAFFICKING

- Hawaii's strong gun laws are undermined by gun trafficking. Guns are purchased in states with weaker gun laws and brought into Hawaii, where they end up in the hands of criminals and people unable to pass a background check.
- From 2013 to 2017, more than 57% of guns recovered at Hawaii crime scenes originated from out of state.

### 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, 54 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Hawaii.

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## PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN HAWAII

Hawaii has some of the strongest gun laws in the nation. The state has the lowest gun death rate and exports crime guns at the third-lowest rate. To further strengthen its gun laws, Hawaii could **regulate untraceable and undetectable firearms and direct funding to evidence-based, community-driven violence intervention strategies in underserved communities.** [Learn more about Hawaii's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/HI.](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/HI)



Hawaii earned an A- on our Annual Gun Law Scorecard. Visit [gunlawscorecard.org](http://gunlawscorecard.org) to learn how to raise your state's grade.

ANNUAL COST OF  
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$248  
MILLION**

\$179 PER RESIDENT



**8 DAYS**  
Someone is killed with a gun every eight days in Hawaii. That's 48 people every year.