

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN INDIANA

Gun violence poses a serious health risk to the people of Indiana, claiming the lives of 907 residents each year. Lawmakers owe it to their constituents to strengthen their state's gun laws.

GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 61% of gun deaths in Indiana are suicides, and nearly 56% of all suicide deaths in Indiana involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 2,763 people in Indiana died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 16 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up just 5% of Indiana's population, but account for more than 57% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Indiana, black men ages 18–24 are 33 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 53% of Indiana's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 113 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Indiana.

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, 1,037 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Indiana.
- Guns are the second-leading cause of death for Indiana children ages 1–17.

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN INDIANA

Indiana has fairly weak gun laws, though it was one of the earliest states to enact a type of extreme risk protection order law. The state has the 20th-highest gun death rate and exports crime guns, particularly to neighboring Illinois, at the 11th-highest rate. To save lives from gun violence, Indiana could **require a background check and waiting period for all firearm sales**. [Learn more about Indiana's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/IN](https://www.lawcenter.giffords.org/IN).



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

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$4.4
BILLION**

\$671 PER RESIDENT



Someone is killed with a gun every 10 hours in Indiana. That's 907 people a year.