

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN LOUISIANA

Gun violence has a devastating impact on Louisiana, claiming the lives of 946 residents each year. State lawmakers can and must do more to keep their constituents safe from gun violence.

GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 47% of gun deaths in Louisiana are suicides, and more than 65% of all suicide deaths in Louisiana involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 2,204 people in Louisiana died by gun-related suicide—one every 20 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up less than 16% of Louisiana's population, but account for nearly 72% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Louisiana, black men ages 18–24 are nearly 21 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 63% of Louisiana's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 172 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Louisiana.

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, 1,162 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Louisiana.
- Guns are the second-leading cause of death for Louisiana children ages 1–17.

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Louisiana 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:

**\$5.4
BILLION**
\$1,173 PER RESIDENT



9 HOURS
Someone is killed with a gun every nine hours in Louisiana. That's 946 people a year.

PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN LOUISIANA

Louisiana has some of the weakest gun laws in the nation. The state has the fourth-highest gun death rate and exports crime guns at the 16th-highest rate. Actions lawmakers should consider taking to save lives from gun violence include **funding evidence-based community violence intervention programs and requiring background checks on all gun sales.** [Learn more about Louisiana's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/LA.](https://lawcenter.giffords.org/LA)