

## THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN MINNESOTA

While Minnesota has one of the lowest gun death rates in the nation, hundreds of Minnesotans are still killed with a gun each year. State lawmakers can and must do more to keep its residents safe.

### GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 80% of gun deaths in Minnesota are suicides, and more than 45% of all suicide deaths in Minnesota involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 1,648 people in Minnesota died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 27 hours.

### URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up less than 4% of Minnesota's population, but account for nearly 43% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Minnesota, black men ages 18–24 are more than 30 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.
- Over 50% of Minnesota's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2008 to 2017, 100 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Minnesota.

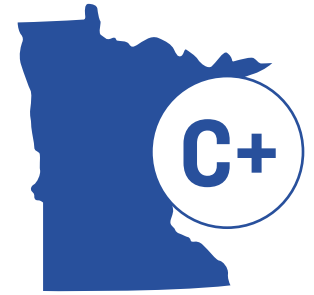
### YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUNS

- Exposure to gun violence can cause lasting trauma in young people, leading to PTSD, chronic stress, and decreased future earnings.
- From 2008 to 2017, 743 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Minnesota.

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## PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota has enacted modest gun safety measures in recent years. The state has the eighth-lowest gun death rate in the country and exports crime guns at less than half the national rate. Examples of policies lawmakers in Minnesota could enact to save lives include **requiring a permit to purchase a firearm, instituting point-of-sale background checks, and enacting an extreme risk protection order law.** [Learn more about Minnesota's gun laws at \[lawcenter.giffordslawcenter.org/MN\]\(https://www.giffordslawcenter.org/MN\).](https://www.giffordslawcenter.org/MN)



Minnesota earned a C+ on our Annual Gun Law Scorecard. Visit [gunlawscorecard.org](https://www.gunlawscorecard.org) to learn how to raise your state's grade.

ANNUAL COST OF  
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$2.2  
BILLION**

\$409 PER RESIDENT



Someone is killed with a gun every 21 hours in Minnesota. That's 422 people a year.