

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN **MISSISSIPPI**

Gun violence exacts a serious toll in Mississippi, with 576 residents dying from gun violence each year. By failing to enact strong gun laws, Mississippi lawmakers continue to endanger their constituents.

GUN SUICIDE

- Almost half of all gun deaths in Mississippi are suicides, and nearly 70% of all suicide deaths in Mississippi involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 1,385 people in Mississippi died by gun-related suicide.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up less than 18% of Mississippi's population, but account for nearly 66% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Mississippi, black men ages 18–24 are nearly 13 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 68% of Mississippi's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 63 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Mississippi.

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

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi has among the weakest gun laws in the country. The state has the fifth-highest gun death rate and the highest rate of crime gun exports. To protect lives from gun violence, Mississippi legislators could **require background checks and waiting periods before all gun sales, repeal the state's dangerous permitless carry law, and invest in proven community violence intervention programs.** [Learn more about Mississippi's gun laws at \[lawcenter.giffords.org/MS\]\(http://lawcenter.giffords.org/MS\).](#)



Mississippi 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:

**\$3.2
BILLION**
\$1,076 PER RESIDENT



15 HOURS
Someone is killed with a gun every 15 hours in Mississippi. That's 576 people a year.