

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN NEW JERSEY

While New Jersey has the sixth-lowest gun death rate in the nation, 482 New Jerseyans are still killed with a gun each year. State lawmakers must continue to enact proactive gun safety measures.

GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 40% of gun deaths in New Jersey are suicides, and nearly a quarter of all suicide deaths in New Jersey involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 957 people in New Jersey 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 8% of New Jersey's population, but account for more than 70% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In New Jersey, black men ages 18–24 are more than 90 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 40% of New Jersey's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 82 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in New Jersey.

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 New Jersey.
- Guns are the third-leading cause of death for New Jersey children ages 1–17.

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New Jersey earned an A on our Annual Gun Law Scorecard. Visit gunlawscorecard.org to learn how to raise your state's grade.

ANNUAL COST OF GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$3.3
BILLION**
\$368 PER RESIDENT



PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN NEW JERSEY

New Jersey has some of the strongest gun laws in the country. The state has the sixth-lowest gun death rate and the nation's lowest crime gun export rate. To further strengthen New Jersey's gun laws, legislators could **increase funding to proven community violence intervention programs and require firearms to be stored safely when not in use.**

Learn more about New Jersey's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/NJ.