

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN **NORTH DAKOTA**

North Dakota's lack of gun safety laws endanger its residents, particularly those residents at risk for suicide. Legislators owe it to their constituents to take proactive measures to save lives from gun violence.

GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 87% of gun deaths in North Dakota are suicides, and nearly 60% of all suicide deaths in North Dakota involve firearms.
- From 2008 to 2017, 680 people in North Dakota died by gun-related suicide.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Guns make domestic violence incidents far more likely to end in death.
- 50% of North Dakota's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.

TRAFFICKING

- Because of the state's weak gun laws, guns are purchased in North Dakota and trafficked to states with stronger gun laws, where they end up in the hands of criminals and people unable to pass a background check.
- From 2013 to 2017, 989 guns originally purchased in North Dakota were recovered after being used in crime in other states.

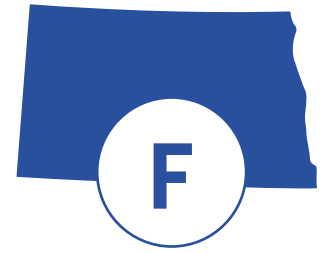
YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUNS

- Exposure to gun violence can cause lasting trauma in young people, leading to PTSD, chronic stress, and decreased future earnings.
- From 2008 to 2017, 164 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in North Dakota.
- Guns are the second-leading cause of death for North Dakota children ages 1-17.

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota has very weak gun laws. The state has the 25th-highest gun death rate in the country and the 15th-highest crime gun export rate. To save lives from gun violence, North Dakota could **require a background check and waiting period on all gun purchases and enact an extreme risk protection order law.** [Learn more about North Dakota's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/ND.](https://www.lawcenter.giffords.org/ND)



North Dakota 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:**

**\$421
MILLION**
\$598 PER RESIDENT



4 DAYS

Someone is killed with a gun every four days in North Dakota. That's 93 people a year.