

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN OKLAHOMA

Gun violence has a devastating impact on Oklahoma, claiming the lives of 679 residents each year. State lawmakers can and must do more to keep their constituents safe.

GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 68% of gun deaths in Oklahoma are suicides, and nearly 61% of all suicide deaths in Oklahoma involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 2,292 people in Oklahoma died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 19 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up less than 5% of Oklahoma's population, but account for nearly 32% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Oklahoma, black men ages 18–24 are more than 8 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 57% of Oklahoma's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 107 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Oklahoma.

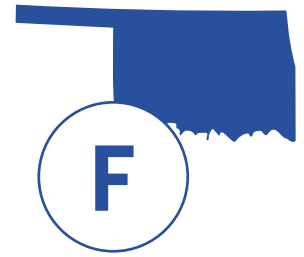
YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUNS

- Exposure to gun violence can cause lasting trauma in young people, leading to PTSD, chronic stress, and decreased future earnings.
- From 2008 to 2017, 1,161 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Oklahoma.
- Guns are the second-leading cause of death for Oklahoma children ages 1–17.

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma has very weak gun laws. The state has the 13th-highest gun death rate in the country and exports crime guns at the 24th-highest rate. To protect residents from gun violence, Oklahoma legislators could **require a background check and waiting period on all gun sales and require people who live with minors to store their firearms safely.** [Learn more about Oklahoma's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/OK.](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/OK)



Oklahoma 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:

**\$3.5
BILLION**
\$911 PER RESIDENT

