

## THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN **PENNSYLVANIA**

Gun violence has a devastating impact on Pennsylvania, claiming the lives of 1,503 residents each year and wounding even more. State lawmakers can and must act to strengthen gun laws and keep their constituents safe.

### GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 63% of gun deaths in Pennsylvania are suicides, and approximately half of all suicide deaths in Pennsylvania involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 4,716 people in Pennsylvania died by gun-related suicide—one every 9 hours.

### URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up just 6% of Pennsylvania's population, but account for nearly 64% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Pennsylvania, black men ages 18–24 are more than 36 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 55% of Pennsylvania's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 233 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Pennsylvania.

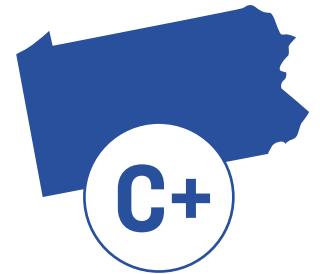
### YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUNS

- Exposure to gun violence can cause lasting trauma in young people, leading to PTSD, chronic stress, and decreased future earnings.
- From 2013 to 2017, 1,548 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Pennsylvania.
- Gun violence and car crashes are tied as the leading cause of death for Pennsylvania children ages 1–17.

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## PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania has enacted modest gun safety laws in recent years but still has significant room for improvement. The state has the 25th-lowest gun death rate in the country and exports crime guns at around the national average rate. In addition to expanding its background checks laws, Pennsylvania legislators should **consider funding community violence intervention programs and passing an extreme risk protection order law.** [Learn more about Pennsylvania's gun laws at \[lawcenter.giffords.org/PA\]\(http://lawcenter.giffords.org/PA\).](#)



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

ANNUAL COST OF  
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$8.5  
BILLION**

\$665 PER RESIDENT



**6 HOURS**  
Someone is killed with a gun every six hours in Pennsylvania. That's 1,503 people a year.