

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN WISCONSIN

Gun violence exacts a serious toll in Wisconsin, claiming the lives of 592 residents a year and wounding hundreds more. State lawmakers can and must do more to keep their constituents safe from this deadly epidemic.

GUN SUICIDE

- More than 71% of gun deaths in Wisconsin are suicides, and nearly 50% of all suicide deaths in Wisconsin involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 2,103 people in Wisconsin died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 21 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up less than 4% of Wisconsin's population, but account for nearly 60% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Wisconsin, black men ages 18–24 are more than 50 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 50% of Wisconsin's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 63 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Wisconsin.

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

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Wisconsin earned a C- on our Annual Gun Law Scorecard. Visit gunlawscorecard.org to learn how to raise your state's grade.

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$2.9
BILLION**

\$514 PER RESIDENT



Someone is killed with a gun every 15 hours in Wisconsin. That's 592 people a year.

PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN WISCONSIN

While Wisconsin has enacted a handful of gun safety laws, the state still has significant room for improvement. Wisconsin has the 12th-lowest gun death rate in the country and exports crime guns to other states at the 15th-lowest rate. To save lives from gun violence, **Wisconsin legislators could fund community violence programs and require background checks for all gun sales.** [Learn more about Wisconsin's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/WI.](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/WI)