

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN INDIANA

Gun violence poses a serious health risk to the people of Indiana, claiming the lives of 907 residents each year. Lawmakers owe it to their constituents to strengthen their state's gun laws.

GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 61% of gun deaths in Indiana are suicides, and nearly 56% of all suicide deaths in Indiana involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 2,763 people in Indiana died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 16 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up just 5% of Indiana's population, but account for more than 57% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Indiana, black men ages 18–24 are 33 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 53% of Indiana's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 113 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Indiana.

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, 1,037 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Indiana.
- Guns are the second-leading cause of death for Indiana children ages 1–17.

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN INDIANA

Indiana has relatively weak gun laws that endanger the lives of residents. Fortunately, in 2018, advocates helped defeat dangerous bills allowing permitless carry and guns in K–12 schools in the state legislature. While the state does prohibit domestic abusers from purchasing or possessing firearms and require handgun dealers to obtain a state license, Indiana should strengthen its laws to **require background checks on all gun sales and regulate military-grade weapons and magazines**. [Learn more about Indiana's gun laws at \[lawcenter.giffords.org/IN\]\(http://lawcenter.giffords.org/IN\).](#)



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

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$4.4
BILLION**

\$671 PER RESIDENT



Someone is killed with a gun every 10 hours in Indiana. That's 907 people a year.