



Texas earned an F on our Annual Gun Law State Scorecard. Visit gunlawscorecard.org to learn how to raise your state's grade.

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN TEXAS

Gun violence poses a serious health risk to the people of Texas, claiming the lives of 2,985 Texans each year and wounding even more. Lawmakers owe it to their constituents to pass lifesaving gun safety legislation.

GUN SUICIDE

- More than 60% of all gun deaths in Texas are suicides, and firearms are the most common means of suicide in the state.
- From 2012 to 2016, 9,323 people in Texas died from a gun-related suicide—one every five hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up less than 7% of Texas's population, but account for nearly 33% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Texas, black men ages 18–24 are 10 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.
- Over 61% of Texas's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 687 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Texas.

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 2012 to 2016, 2,933 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Texas.
- Guns are the third-leading cause of death for Texas children ages 1–17.

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ANNUAL COST OF GUN VIOLENCE:

\$16.6 BILLION

\$632 PER RESIDENT



3 HOURS

Someone is killed with a gun every 3 hours in Texas. That's 2,985 people a year.

PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN TEXAS

Texas lacks many of the most fundamental gun safety policies, and the state's weak gun laws have helped make Texas a significant source of crime gun exports. While gun safety advocates recently helped defeat dangerous permitless carry and campus carry bills, Texas legislators offset this victory by repealing restrictions on silencers. To save lives from gun violence, lawmakers in Texas should **repeal the state's campus carry law**, **pass universal background checks**, and **establish an extreme risk protection order law**. [Learn more about Texas's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/TX](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/TX).