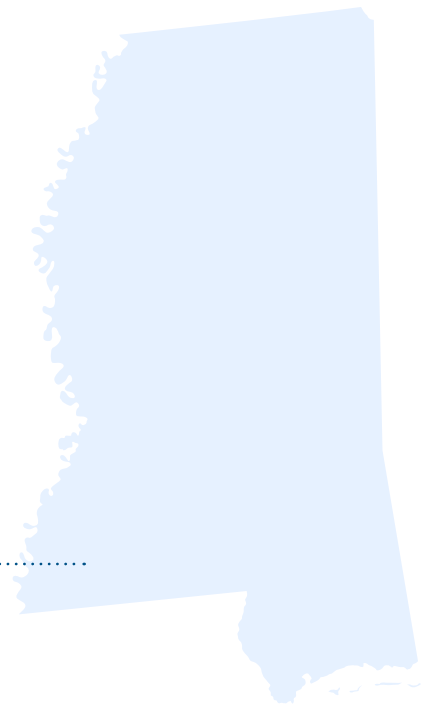




Mississippi Gun Violence

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Gun violence takes a devastating toll on Mississippi

- From 2008 through 2017, 5,475 people were killed with guns in Mississippi.¹
- Mississippi is among the deadliest states for gun violence. From 2008 through 2017, Mississippi had the fourth-highest rate of gun deaths of any state, with a rate of 18.39 gun deaths for every 100,000 people. This rate is 69 percent higher than the national average.²
- From 2014 through 2018, there were 29 mass shootings in Mississippi. A total of 41 people were killed and 103 were injured.³

Mississippi has some of the highest levels of gun-related crime in the country

- From 2008 through 2017, Mississippi had the second-highest rate of gun murders, with a rate of 8.06 gun homicides per 100,000 people. This rate is 109 percent higher than the national average.⁴

The burden of gun violence in Mississippi falls disproportionately on communities of color

- Approximately 73 percent of the state's gun homicide victims are Black; however, only 38 percent of the state's population is Black.⁵

Domestic violence and access to guns is a lethal combination in Mississippi

- From 2007 through 2016, 63 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Mississippi.⁶
- In Mississippi, 40 percent of female murder victims are killed by an intimate partner; out of those, 67 percent are killed with a gun.⁷

Young people are killed with guns in high numbers in Mississippi

- From 2008 through 2017, 549 people under the age of 21 were shot to death in Mississippi.⁸
- With a rate of 6.3 gun deaths for every 100,000 people among people under the age of 21, the state ranks fifth in the nation.⁹

Fatal unintentional shootings are also common in Mississippi

- From 2008 through 2017, 176 people in Mississippi were killed as a result of an unintentional shooting. Thirty-four percent of these victims were under the age of 21.¹⁰

Gun theft is a substantial problem in Mississippi

- From 2012 through 2018, close to 1,541 firearms were stolen from gun dealers in Mississippi.¹¹
- Overall, an estimated 22,593 firearms were stolen in Mississippi from both individual gun owners and gun dealers from 2012 through 2017.¹²

Weak gun laws make Mississippi a favorite state for illegal gun traffickers to purchase guns

- Mississippi has the second-highest rate of crime gun exports—guns sold in Mississippi that are later used in crimes in other states—in the country.¹³
- From 2010 through 2018, Mississippi had a rate of 57.7 crime gun exports for every 100,000 people—154 percent higher than the national average.¹⁴

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