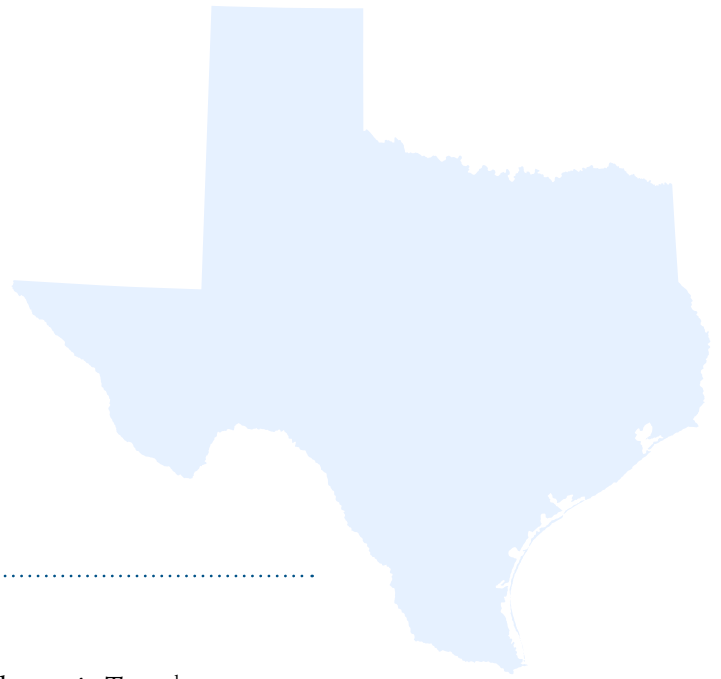




Texas Gun Violence

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Gun violence takes a devastating toll on Texas

- From 2008 through 2017, 29,040 people were killed with guns in Texas.¹
- From 2014 through 2018, there were 102 mass shootings in Texas. A total of 196 people were killed and 410 were injured.²

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

- From 2008 through 2017, a gun homicide occurred every nine hours.³
- Texas has high rates of aggravated assaults committed with a gun. From 2008 through 2017, there were 66.8 aggravated assaults with a gun per 100,000 people in Texas, giving it a rank of 15th highest among all states.⁴
- Law enforcement officers in Texas face an enormous risk of gun violence. From 2008 through 2017, 40 police officers were feloniously killed with a firearm in Texas.⁵

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

- Approximately 36 percent of the state's gun homicide victims are Black; however, only 12 percent of the state's population is Black.⁶

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

- From 2007 through 2016, 687 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Texas.⁷

- In Texas, 54 percent of female murder victims are killed by an intimate partner; out of those, 61 percent are killed with a gun.⁸

Gun suicides are a substantial problem in Texas

- From 2008 through 2017, 17,956 people in Texas died by gun-related suicide, meaning a gun suicide occurred every five hours.⁹

Young people are killed with guns in high numbers in Texas

- From 2008 through 2017, 3,031 people under the age of 21 were shot to death in Texas.¹⁰

Fatal unintentional shootings are also common in Texas

- From 2008 through 2017, 457 people in Texas were killed as a result of an unintentional shooting. Twenty-eight percent of these victims were under the age of 21.¹¹

Gun theft is a substantial problem in Texas

- From 2012 through 2018, close to 5,000 firearms were stolen from gun dealers in Texas.¹²
- Overall, an estimated 268,942 firearms were stolen in Texas from both individual gun owners and gun dealers from 2012 through 2017.¹³

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