Michigan Gun Violence
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Gun violence takes a devastating toll on Michigan

• From 2008 through 2017, 11,447 people were killed with guns in Michigan.¹

• From 2014 through 2018, there were 49 mass shootings in Michigan. A total of 46 people were killed and 193 were injured.²

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

• From 2008 through 2017, Michigan had the 11th-highest rate of gun murders, with a rate of 4.82 gun homicides per 100,000 people. This rate is 25 percent higher than the national average.³

• From 2008 through 2017, a gun homicide occurred every 18 hours.⁴

• Michigan has high rates of aggravated assaults committed with a gun. From 2008 through 2017, there were 84.8 aggravated assaults with a gun per 100,000 people in Michigan, giving it a rank of 10th highest among all states.⁵

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

• Approximately 79 percent of the state’s gun homicide victims are Black; however, only 15 percent of the state’s population is Black.⁶
Domestic violence and access to guns is a lethal combination in Michigan

- From 2007 through 2016, 133 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Michigan.\textsuperscript{7}

- In Michigan, 38 percent of female murder victims are killed by an intimate partner; out of those, 52 percent are killed with a gun.\textsuperscript{8}

Gun suicides are a substantial problem in Michigan

- From 2008 through 2017, 6,424 people in Michigan died by gun-related suicide, meaning a gun suicide occurred every 14 hours.\textsuperscript{9}

Young people are killed with guns in high numbers in Michigan

- From 2008 through 2017, 1,327 people under the age of 21 were shot to death in Michigan.\textsuperscript{10}

- In Michigan, shootings are the leading cause of death for young people.\textsuperscript{11}

Fatal unintentional shootings are also common in Michigan

- From 2008 through 2017, 106 people in Michigan were killed as a result of an unintentional shooting. Twenty-nine percent of these victims were under the age of 21.\textsuperscript{12}

Gun theft is a substantial problem in Michigan

- From 2012 through 2018, close to 1,218 firearms were stolen from gun dealers in Michigan.\textsuperscript{13}

- Overall, an estimated 33,780 firearms were stolen in Michigan from both individual gun owners and gun dealers from 2012 through 2017.\textsuperscript{14}
Endnotes


2 Gun Violence Archive, “Past Summary Ledgers,” available at https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/past-tolls (last accessed June 2019). Mass shootings are defined as incidents where four or more people are shot or killed, not including the perpetrator.

3 Center for American Progress analysis of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “Injury Prevention and Control: Data and Statistics (WISQARS): Fatal Injury Data.”

4 Ibid.


7 Center for American Progress analysis of Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, “Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program Data: Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976–2016,” available at https://doi.org/10.3886/E100699V5. The authors only included cases with one victim and one aggressor. In the FBI’s Supplementary Homicide Reports, “intimate partners” include boyfriends, girlfriends, husbands, wives, ex-wives, ex-husbands, common-law wives, common-law husbands, and same-sex couples.

8 Ibid.


10 Ibid.

11 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “About Compressed Mortality, 1999–2016,” available at https://wonder.cdc.gov/cmfr-icd10.html (last accessed June 2019). The authors only considered 2016, the year with the latest available data. The authors considered ages 15 to 24 for this statistic.


14 Center for American Progress analysis of Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, “Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program Data: Property Stolen and Recovered (Supplement to Return A) 1960–2017,” available at https://doi.org/10.3886/E105403V2 (last accessed July 2019). Estimations are based on the value of stolen and recovered guns. These figures are based on an average price of $450 per gun, consistent with data from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics from 2005 to 2010.