

FACT SHEET

# Alaska Gun Violence

*On key measures, Alaska has been hit harder by gun violence than any other state in the country.*

- As of 2010, Alaska had the worst gun death rate in the nation—20.3 deaths per 100,000 people, almost twice the national norm of 10.3 deaths per 100,000 people.<sup>1</sup>
- Alaska had more suicides per capita from guns than any other state in 2010, and almost two-and-a-half times the national average.<sup>2</sup>

*Among women and children, Alaska's rates of fatal gun violence remain extraordinarily high.*

- From 2001 through 2010 Alaska had the highest gun homicide rate among children ages 0–17 of any state in the country, at three times greater than the national average.<sup>3</sup>
- The gun homicide rate among women in Alaska from 2001 through 2010 was 12th worst in the country.<sup>4</sup>

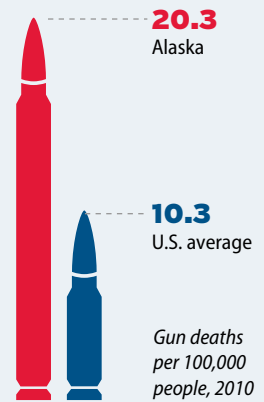
*Those putting themselves in harm's way to protect Alaskans from criminal gun violence are at a higher risk to become victims of it.*

- Law-enforcement officers were feloniously killed by guns at a rate higher than all but two other states between 2002 and 2011.<sup>5</sup>

*Alaska's gun-safety ratings are among the very worst in the nation.*

- Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence put Alaska dead last 2011 state scorecard of gun laws and gave the state 0 out of a possible 100 points for sensible gun-violence prevention measures.<sup>6</sup>
- The Daily Beast listed Alaska as the third “deadliest gun state” in America in 2011 because of its combination of permissive gun laws and a high rate of gun deaths.<sup>7</sup>
- The Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence gave Louisiana an “F” ranking it 39th out of the 50 states.<sup>8</sup>

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In 2009 Alaska exported crime guns at a rate more than two times the national average



Exports per 100,000 inhabitants

*Alaska's distance from other states does not stop it from contributing to illegal gun trafficking and crime in other states.*

- In 2009 Alaska had the fourth-highest rate of guns sold inside the state that went on to be used in crimes in other states—more than double the national average. These “crime-gun exports” are a key marker of illegal gun trafficking.<sup>9</sup>

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## Endnotes

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- 9 Mayors Against Illegal Guns, “Trace the Guns 2010,” available at <http://www.tracetheguns.org/#/states/AK/exports/> (last accessed March 2013).