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. ¹
- Alaska had more suicides per capita from guns than any other state in 2010, and almost two-and-a-half times the national average. ²

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. ³
- The gun homicide rate among women in Alaska from 2001 through 2010 was 12th worst in the country. ⁴

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. ⁵

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. ⁶
- 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. ⁷
- The Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence gave Louisiana an “F,” ranking it 39th out of the 50 states. ⁸
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.9

Endnotes

2 Ibid.
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