



THE TRUTH ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE IN PA



2 Hours

A Pennsylvanian is shot every 2 hours in PA on average.



Grade

for gun laws according to Giffords annual scorecard.



1,752

The number of gun deaths in PA in 2017

Gun violence is a uniquely American catastrophe and it impacts every Pennsylvanian. It is preventable. There are few requirements to own a firearm in Pennsylvania. While almost every purchase requires a background check, there is no requirement to know how to use a firearm or prove you have training first. You can walk into a gun store and buy multiple firearms within minutes. Studies show lack of these protections, lead to more violence.

The Commonwealth has a gun violence problem—and it's one we've created through policy action and inaction.

MORE FACTS



Access to a firearm in your home triples the risk of suicide. The reason: Studies reveal that when a firearm is the method for suicide, it is fatal 9 out of 10 times.



Black Pennsylvanians are 21 times more likely to be killed by a gun than white residents.



A mass shooting is defined as four or more people being injured or killed with a firearm. There is one every 10 days in PA on average.



Firearms are the leading cause of death for Pennsylvanian children. Over the course of five years, more than 1,100 children were shot before turning 18--313 were killed.



Pennsylvania ranked 8th in the nation from 2012 to 2014, for highest number of guns exported to other states and recovered in crimes, with a total of 5,844 such guns

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