



# THE TRUTH ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE IN PA



## 2 Hours

A Pennsylvanian is shot every 2 hours on average.

## 78%

## Homicides

In 2022, a firearm was used in 78 percent of all homicides.



## 1,905

The number of gun deaths in PA in 2021

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 leads 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 Pennsylvanians.



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 is 1 of among 10 states where 50 percent of all crime guns were recovered in a state other than from where the gun was originally purchased.

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