

## FACT SHEET

# Ohio Gun Violence

*A person is murdered with a gun in Ohio more than once a day.*

- Over the last 10 years (2001-2010), 3,766 people were murdered with guns in Ohio. That is 286 more than the total number of U.S. combat deaths in the Iraq war.<sup>1</sup>
- There were 1,148 people killed by guns in Ohio in 2010, or around three people every day.<sup>2</sup>
- There were 3,688 aggravated assaults with a firearm in Ohio in 2011. That's an average of one aggravated assault with a firearm every two and a half hours.<sup>3</sup>

*Ohio has poor gun safety ratings and major gaps in its gun violence prevention laws.*

- Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence gave Ohio 7 out of 100 possible points for state gun laws in 2011.<sup>4</sup>
- Ohio is a net exporter of crime guns, exporting more than 400 more guns than it imports.<sup>5</sup>

*The NRA has been very supportive of Ohio's federal officeholders and its gun laws.*

- In the last ten years, the NRA has donated \$287,096 to federal candidates from Ohio.<sup>6</sup> All but one of Ohio's Republican officeholders get an 'A' grade from the NRA.<sup>7</sup>

*Polls show Ohio residents strongly support common sense gun violence prevention measures.*

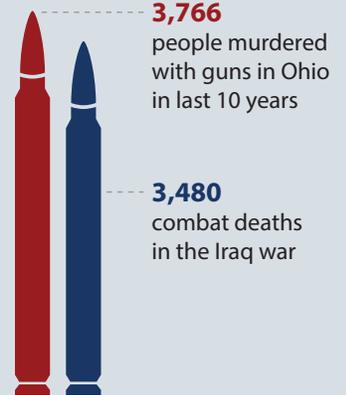
- Ohio residents overwhelmingly support universal background checks – 83 percent of Ohio residents want every gun buyer to pass a criminal background check.<sup>8</sup>

*Why meaningful gun-violence prevention laws matter:*

- Weak gun laws put guns in the hands of dangerous people: In 1999 police raided Robert Brazzon's home and seized 47 guns, 100,000 rounds of ammunition and homemade bombs, and illegal prescription painkillers. After his plea deal, Brazzon was sentenced to only two years of probation and Judge John Stuard ordered that his guns and ammunition be returned to him after the case. Then in 2012, Brazzon used one of the guns to kill his girlfriend, his ex-brother-in-law, the brother-in-law's wife, and her 15-year-old son.<sup>9</sup>
- Private gun sales without background checks are widespread: A 2009 undercover investigation at four Ohio gun shows found that on 14 of 21 attempts, unlicensed private sellers sold guns with no background checks even after the buyers said, "I probably couldn't pass a background check." One of the Ohio sellers admitted selling 348 assault rifles with no background checks over the course of a year.<sup>10</sup>

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286 more people were murdered with guns in Ohio between 2001-10 than killed in combat in Iraq



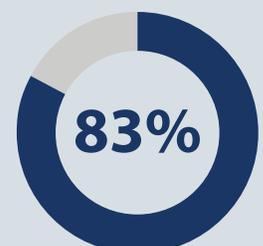
In Ohio, a person is killed by a gun every 8 hours



Ohio received 7 out of 100 on their 2011 state scorecard from the Brady Campaign



Ohians overwhelmingly support universal background checks



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## Endnotes

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