

FACT SHEET

Alabama Gun Violence

Alabama has some of the worst rates of gun violence in the nation.

- As of 2010 Alabama had the third-worst gun murder rate in the nation, 65 percent higher than the national average. Out of every 100,000 people, 5.9 people are murdered by guns.¹
- Alabama experienced the fourth-most gun deaths per capita of the 50 states in 2010, with 16.4 gun deaths for every 100,000 inhabitants.²
- According to FBI data from 2002 to 2011, only three states had a higher rate than Alabama of law enforcement officers gunned down feloniously.³

Guns take the life of an Alabaman every 11 hours.

- In 2010, 782 people were killed by guns in Alabama, or one every 11 hours.⁴
- In the most recent 10-year period, 7,665 people were killed by guns in Alabama. That is almost 50 percent more than all U.S. combat deaths in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars combined.⁵

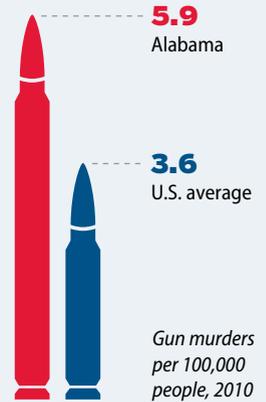
Women and children are at an especially high risk due to Alabama's rampant gun violence.

- In 2010 Alabama had the seventh-worst gun-death rate for children ages 0–18. During that year alone, 47 children were killed by guns in the state.⁶
- The gun murder rate for women in Alabama is fifth highest among all 50 states.⁷

Alabama's gun safety ratings are weak.

- The Daily Beast listed Arkansas as the seventh “deadliest gun state” in the United States in 2011 because of its combination of permissive gun laws and a high rate of gun deaths.⁸
- The Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence gives Alabama a gun safety rating of “D” for having enacted “few” gun-violence prevention laws.⁹

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



Exports per 100,000 inhabitants

Weak gun laws make Alabama among the worst states for illegal gun trafficking in the country.

- Alabama has the fifth-highest rate of crime-gun exports—guns sold in Alabama that are later used in crimes in other states—in the country. In this key marker of illegal gun trafficking, as of 2009, the state is more than twice as bad as the national norm.¹⁰
- Alabama exported 1,561 guns in 2009, more than two-and-a-half times more than the number of guns it imported.¹¹

Endnotes

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