

FACT SHEET

Alaska Gun Violence

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

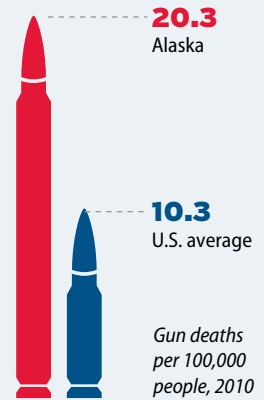
Those putting themselves in harm's way to protect Alaskans from criminal gun violence are at a higher risk to become victims of it.

- 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 gun-death rate is almost twice the national norm



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Alaska was ranked dead last and received 0 out of 100 on their 2011 state scorecard from the Brady Campaign



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



Exports per 100,000 inhabitants

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

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