



FACT SHEET: Gun Safety Laws Work

CONCEALED CARRY LAWS WORK

Right-to-carry laws [increase](#) firearm homicides by **13%** and firearm violent crimes by **29%**.

States [weakening](#) concealed carry laws and allowing individuals convicted of violent misdemeanors to obtain a license to concealed carry was associated with a **24%** increase in the rate of assaults with firearms.

States with permitless carry laws saw a **22% increase** in gun homicide for the three years following the law's passage.

A 2022 [study](#) by leading researchers Philip Cook and John Donahue found that a state passing a right-to-carry (RTC) law "elevates gun thefts by roughly **35%**, introducing tens of thousands of guns into the hands of criminals or illegal gun markets each year. We also show RTC laws cause statistically significant increases in crime."

10 states that removed requirements to carry a concealed handgun from 2014 to 2020 experienced a **12.9% average increase** in officer-involved shootings.

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A May 2022 Marquette Law School [national survey](#), conducted before the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, found that **81%** of U.S. adults oppose laws allowing concealed carry without a licensing requirement.

Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, Alabama, and Louisiana law enforcement leaders [opposed](#) efforts to expand their respective state's permitless concealed carry.



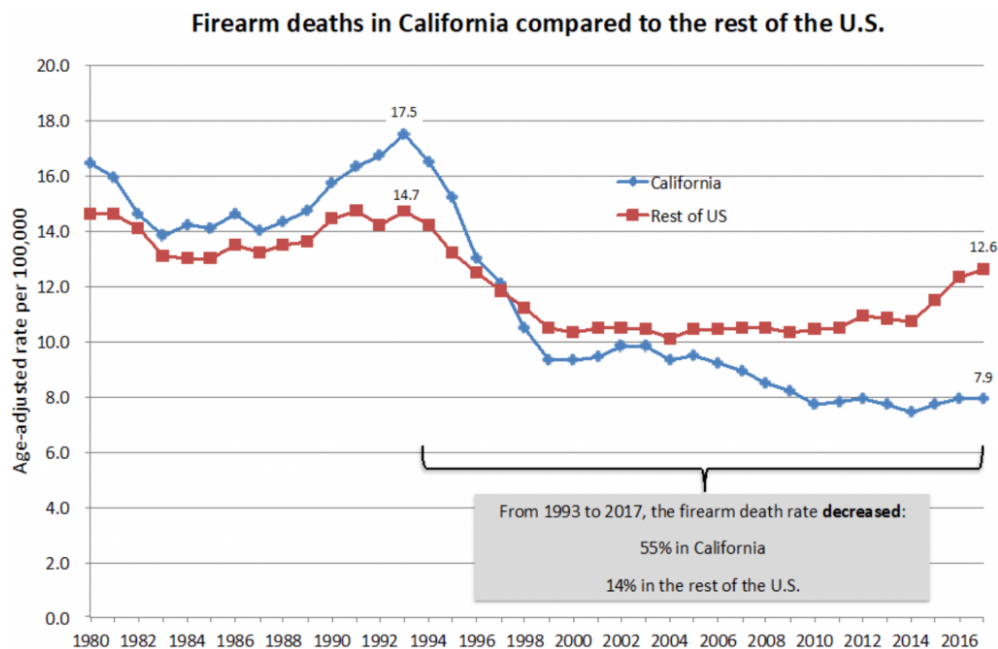
GUN SAFETY LAWS IN CALIFORNIA

In 2021, California was ranked as the **#1 state for gun safety** by [Giffords Law Center](#), and the state saw a **37% lower gun death rate** than the national average.

According to the [CDC](#), California's gun death rate was the **44th lowest in the nation**, with 8.5 gun deaths per 100,000 people – compared to 13.7 deaths per 100,000 nationally, 28.6 in Mississippi, 20.7 in Oklahoma, and 14.2 in Texas.

California's gun death rate for children is also lower than other states, and is **58% lower** than the national average.

Since the early 1990s, California has cut its gun death rate in half.



Courtesy of [Brady California](#)

More on California's gun safety laws on this [factsheet](#).