

# UTAH

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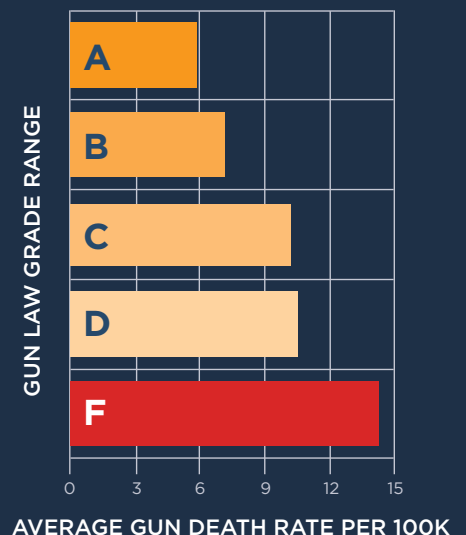
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## HOW UTAH STACKS UP



## WEAK GUN LAWS & HIGH DEATH RATES



# UTAH'S GUN LAWS

## THE FACTS ABOUT UTAH

- In 2013, Utah had the 19th highest number of gun deaths per capita among the states.
- Utah had the 19th lowest crime gun export rate (guns purchased in Utah but recovered after criminal use in other states) in 2009.
- Utah had a total of 1,622 deaths from firearms between 2010 and 2014.
- Utah has 1,316 licensed gun dealers.

## WHAT UTAH DOES RIGHT

- Utah conducts its own background checks on firearm purchasers from licensed dealers.
- Utah requires a law enforcement officer who responds to an allegation of domestic violence to confiscate the weapon(s) involved in the alleged domestic violence incident.

## HOW TO STRENGTHEN STATE GUN LAWS

### *Utah should enact laws that require:*

- Prohibitions on the purchase or possession of firearms for those convicted of domestic abuse.
- Background checks prior to the transfer of a firearm between private, unlicensed parties.
- The licensing of gun owners and dealers, the regulation of firearms, or the reporting of lost or stolen firearms.
- Reporting of mentally ill individuals to the firearm purchaser background check system.

## GUN VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

- According to the FBI, there were 73 domestic violence homicides in Utah from 2003 to 2012 involving family members or intimate partners.
- 56% of these domestic violence victims were killed with guns.
- From 2003 to 2012, 60 of all 170 female homicide victims in Utah were killed in a domestic violence incident.
- Firearms accounted for the murders of 90 women in Utah from 2002 to 2011.

## LEARN MORE

For comprehensive information on Utah's gun laws and the commonsense solutions the state can adopt to save lives from gun violence, as well as citations for the above information, visit our Utah state page at [smartgunlaws.org/UT](http://smartgunlaws.org/UT).

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Led by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and Navy combat veteran and retired NASA astronaut Captain Mark Kelly, Americans for Responsible Solutions and the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence are committed to advancing commonsense change that makes communities safer from gun violence. Operating out of offices in Washington DC, San Francisco, and New York, our staff partners with lawmakers and advocates at the federal, state, and local levels to craft and enact the smart gun laws that save lives. We provide expertise in critical firearms litigation, lead grassroots coalitions, and educate the public on the proven solutions to America's gun violence epidemic.

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