



Violence Policy Center

1140 19th Street, NW
Suite 600
Washington, DC 20036

202.822.8200 voice
202.822.8205 fax
www.vpc.org web

FACT SHEET ON GUN VIOLENCE IN MISSISSIPPI AND MISSISSIPPI GUN LAWS

THE NUMBERS:

Mortality	Rate per 100,000	Number of People Killed	State Rank by Rate
2000 Firearm Homicide	7.68	214	2 nd
2000 Firearm Suicide	7.89	220	18 th
2000 Firearm Unintentional	0.93	26	1 st

Data Source: NCHS Vital Statistics System for numbers of deaths. Bureau of Census for population estimates.

MISSISSIPPI GUN LAWS:

The state of Mississippi has few laws regulating the transfer or possession of firearms. Following are some relevant facts about Mississippi's laws:

- The state imposes no restrictions on the possession or transfer of assault weapons.
- The state issues licenses to carry concealed handguns.
- The state preempts the authority of municipalities or other local entities to adopt laws regulating firearms.