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# **Gun Violence in the Great Lakes States**

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## INTRODUCTION

This report offers select data on lethal gun violence in states located in the Great Lakes region (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin) drawn from Violence Policy Center (VPC) publications issued in 2018 as well as additional research.

Types of gun death detailed in this report are: overall gun death (suicides, homicides, and unintentional deaths); homicide; suicide; black homicide victimization; females killed by males; and, examples of non-self defense killings involving concealed handgun permit holders (for the years 2016, 2017, and 2018).

VPC publications and ongoing research projects from which information is drawn include the following.

- **Gun Deaths: State by State** (January 2018, <http://vpc.org/press/u-s-gun-death-rate-jumps-17-percent-since-2008-supreme-court-district-of-columbia-v-heller-decision-affirming-right-to-own-a-handgun-for-self-defense/>).
- **Black Homicide Victimization in the Great Lakes States: An Analysis of 2015 Homicide Data** (April 2018, <http://vpc.org/studies/greatlakes18.pdf>) and **Black Homicide Victimization in the United States: An Analysis of 2015 Homicide Data** (April 2018, <http://vpc.org/studies/blackhomicide18.pdf>).
- **When Men Murder Women—The Great Lakes States: An Analysis of 2016 Homicide Data** (September 2018, <http://vpc.org/studies/wmmwgreatlakes18.pdf>) and **When Men Murder Women: An Analysis of 2016 Homicide Data** (September 2018, <http://vpc.org/studies/wmmw2018.pdf>).
- **Concealed Carry Killers** (<http://concealedcarrykillers.org/>).

The report is divided into two sections:

- **Section One: Overview**, compares state data to national data for overall gun death, homicide, suicide, black homicide victimization, and females killed by males for each of the Great Lakes states.
- **Section Two: Individual State Information**, presents one-page summaries for each of the Great Lakes states with more detailed information drawn from *Black Homicide Victimization in the Great Lakes States* and *When Men Murder Women—The Great Lakes States*, including: age, race, and sex of victim; type of weapon used; relationship of victim to offender; and, the circumstances of the homicide. Also included are historical data for the past five years from past editions of the relevant reports including: the number of homicide victims; the homicide victimization rate; where the state's homicide rate ranks nationally; and, the percentage of homicide victims killed with guns. Finally, the section includes entries for each state for the past three years from the VPC's ongoing *Concealed Carry Killers* project, an online resource that provides examples of non-self defense killings involving private citizens with permits to carry concealed handguns in public. Updated regularly throughout the year, as of January 2019, *Concealed Carry Killers* documents 1,077 fatal, non-self defense incidents since May 2007 in 40 states and the District of Columbia, resulting in the deaths of 1,300 people. Each incident report includes detailed narratives including (if available) the age of the perpetrator and the victim(s), the weapon used, the relationship(s) of those involved in the killing, and motives for the killing when stated. While the full *Concealed Carry Killers* database includes cases where the verdict in specific incidents may still be pending, such incidents are not included in this report.

## SECTION ONE: OVERVIEW

In 2018, the Violence Policy Center published studies presenting information on lethal firearms violence state by state across our nation, allowing for comparisons of the Great Lake States to national trends. Findings from each of these studies as well as additional information are detailed below.

**Overall Gun Death (Suicides, Homicides, and Unintentional Deaths).**<sup>1</sup> Gun deaths in the United States have increased 17 percent since the 2008 *District of Columbia v. Heller* decision in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that there is a right to keep a handgun in the home for self-defense. Nationwide, from 2009 (the year after the *Heller* decision) to 2016, the overall gun death rate increased from 10.21 per 100,000 to 11.96 per 100,000. In 2016, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio all had gun death rates higher than the overall U.S. rate. With the exception of Michigan, the overall gun death rate for each of the Great Lakes states increased at a rate greater than the country overall. Of these states, Illinois, Ohio, and Wisconsin saw their gun death rates increase by more than 40 percent from 2009 to 2016 (see table on next page).

**Homicide and Suicide.**<sup>2</sup> Nationwide in 2016, the overall homicide rate was 5.99 per 100,000 and the firearm homicide rate was 4.46 per 100,000. Seventy-four percent of these victims were killed with guns. That year Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio had overall homicide rates as well as firearm homicide rates that were higher than the national average. In 2016, the national overall suicide rate was 13.90 per 100,000 and the firearm suicide rate was 7.09 per 100,000. Fifty-one percent of these victims were killed with guns. That year, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin had overall suicide rates as well as firearm suicide rates that were higher than the national average, and Michigan had a firearm suicide rate that was higher than the national average.

### 2016 HOMICIDE, FIREARM HOMICIDE, SUICIDE, FIREARM SUICIDE DATA FOR THE GREAT LAKES STATES

State	Homicides	Homicide Rate	Firearm Homicides	Firearm Homicide Rate	Suicides	Suicide Rate	Firearm Suicides	Firearm Suicide Rate
Illinois	1,157	9.01	944	7.35	1,415	11.02	506	3.94
Indiana	480	7.24	368	5.55	1,034	15.59	591	8.91
Michigan	624	6.28	482	4.85	1,364	13.73	717	7.22
Minnesota	129	2.33	83	1.50	745	13.48	332	6.01
Ohio	721	6.20	557	4.79	1,707	14.69	926	7.97
Wisconsin	256	4.43	188	3.26	866	15.00	455	7.88
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>19,362</b>	<b>5.99</b>	<b>14,415</b>	<b>4.46</b>	<b>44,965</b>	<b>13.90</b>	<b>22,938</b>	<b>7.09</b>

1 Data is taken from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's WISQARS database.

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**Black Homicide Victimization.**<sup>3</sup> In 2015, the national black homicide victimization rate was 18.68 per 100,000, and the overall national homicide victimization rate for all races was 4.62 per 100,000. Nationwide, 86 percent of black homicide victims were killed with guns. Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana were among the 10 states that had the highest black homicide victimization rates, and all six Great Lakes states had a black homicide victimization rate higher than the national average.

**Women Killed by Men.**<sup>4</sup> In 2016, nationwide, 93 percent of females killed by males were murdered by someone they knew and the most common weapon used was a gun. Three of the six Great Lakes states (Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin) had a female homicide victimization rate higher than the national average.

State	2016 Overall Firearm Death Rate	2016 Rank	2009 Overall Firearm Death Rate	Overall Firearm Death Rate Percent Change, 2009 to 2016	Black Homicide Victimization Rate, 2015	Rank	Rate of Females Killed by Males, 2016	Rank
Illinois	11.64	36th	8.19	42.1%	20.88	18th	0.90	35th (tie)
Indiana	15.03	18th	11.44	31.4%	26.44	8th	1.13	29th
Michigan	12.39	29th	10.98	12.8%	27.56	6th	1.25	26th
Minnesota	7.83	44th	6.38	22.7%	18.92	23rd	0.83	37th (tie)
Ohio	13.12	24th	8.59	52.7%	20.57	19th	1.30	24th
Wisconsin	11.49	37th	8.08	42.2%	36.77	2nd	1.34	21st
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>11.96</b>		<b>10.21</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>18.68</b>		<b>1.20</b>	

3 Data for this section is taken from the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR).

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## SECTION TWO: INDIVIDUAL STATE INFORMATION

### ILLINOIS

#### BLACK HOMICIDE VICTIMIZATION

There were 394 black homicide victims in Illinois in 2015.<sup>5</sup>

The homicide rate among black victims in Illinois was 20.88 per 100,000 in 2015.

#### Ranked 18th in the United States

<b>Age</b>	Forty-four homicide victims (11 percent) were less than 18 years old and 3 victims (1 percent) were 65 years of age or older. The average age was 28 years old.
<b>Sex</b>	Out of 394 homicide victims, 361 were male and 33 were female.
<b>Most Common Weapons</b>	For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 94 percent of victims (362 out of 386) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 99 percent (357 victims) were killed with handguns. There were 2 victims killed with firearms, type not stated. There were 17 victims killed with knives or other cutting instruments, 1 victim killed by bodily force, and 2 victims killed by a blunt object.
<b>Victim/Offender Relationship</b>	For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 61 percent of victims (51 out of 83) were killed by someone they knew. Thirty-two victims were killed by strangers.
<b>Circumstance</b>	For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 83 percent (280 out of 337) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 18 percent (50 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

#### BLACK HOMICIDE VICTIMIZATION IN ILLINOIS, 2011 - 2015

Year	Black Homicide Victims	Black Homicide Rate	National Rank	Percent of Black Victims Killed with Guns
2015	394	20.88	18th	94%
2014	331	17.49	17th (tie)	91%
2013	343	18.10	15th	91%
2012	379	19.94	11th	90%
2011	357	18.73	20th	90%

5 From 2012 to 2015, Chicago and Rockford were the only two reporting agencies in Illinois to submit Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR) data to the FBI. Beginning in 2016, all Illinois law enforcement agencies were required by state law to report SHR data to the FBI.

# ILLINOIS

## WOMEN KILLED BY MEN

59 females were murdered by males in Illinois in 2016.

The homicide rate among females murdered by males in Illinois was 0.90 per 100,000 in 2016.

### Ranked 35th (tie) in the United States

**Age** For homicides in which the age of the victim was reported (58 homicides), 8 victims (14 percent) were less than 18 years old and 6 victims (10 percent) were 65 years of age or older. The average age was 38 years old.

**Race** Out of 59 female homicide victims, 39 were white and 20 were black.

**Most Common Weapons** For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 47 percent of female victims (26 out of 55) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 85 percent (22 victims) were killed with handguns. There were 17 females killed with knives or other cutting instruments, 1 female killed by a blunt object, and 7 females killed by bodily force.

**Victim/Offender Relationship** For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 96 percent of female victims (49 out of 51) were murdered by someone they knew. Two female victims were killed by strangers. Of the victims who knew their offenders, 73 percent (36 victims) were wives, common-law wives, ex-wives, or girlfriends of the offenders. Among the female intimates who were murdered, 56 percent (20 victims) were killed with guns; 80 percent of these (16 victims) were shot and killed with handguns.

**Circumstance** For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 91 percent (48 out of 53) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 56 percent (27 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

## WOMEN KILLED BY MEN IN ILLINOIS, 2012 - 2016

Year	Female Homicide Victims	Female Homicide Victimization Rate	National Rank	Percent of Female Victims Killed with Guns
2016	59	0.90	35th (tie)	47%
2015	22	0.34	46th	55%
2014	16	0.24	47th	56%
2013	16	0.24	48th	25%
2012	16	0.24	48th	71%

## FATAL, NON-SELF DEFENSE INCIDENTS INVOLVING CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT HOLDERS IN ILLINOIS 2016 — 2018

### Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Juan Lopez (SUICIDE)

**Date:** November 19, 2018

**People Killed:** 4 (including shooter)

**Law Enforcement Officers Killed:** 1

■ **Mass Shooting** ■ **Murder/Suicide** ■ **Law Enforcement Death**

**Circumstances:** On November 19, 2018, concealed handgun permit holder Juan Lopez, 32, shot and killed his ex-fiancee Dr. Tamara O’Neal, 38, pharmacy resident Dayna Less, 24, and Chicago Police Officer Samuel Jimenez, 28, with a Glock 9mm pistol at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center in Chicago. Lopez and Dr. O’Neal, who had recently broken off their engagement, argued in the parking lot of the hospital before Lopez shot and killed Dr. O’Neal. Lopez then shot and killed Less as she stepped off an elevator inside the hospital. Officer Jimenez was shot in the neck during a gun battle with Lopez inside the hospital. Lopez was shot in the abdomen during the gun battle with police before shooting himself in the head. He died at the scene. Lopez obtained a concealed carry permit in 2016. In 2014, his ex-wife obtained an order of protection against him, alleging threats of violence with a gun against her, a neighbor, and a realtor, and alleging that he slept with a pistol under his pillow. Nearly five years prior to the shooting, Lopez threatened to shoot up the Chicago Fire Department Academy and was fired for failing to show up at work while facing allegations of “improper conduct” toward women.

**Source:** “Mercy Hospital Chicago shooting: Illinois State Police investigating Mercy Hospital shooter’s gun permits,” *abc7chicago.com*, November 21, 2018; “Gunman who went on rampage at Mercy Hospital had troubled history, particularly with women,” *Chicago Tribune*, November 20, 2018.

### Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Ryan Zike (SUICIDE)

**Date:** January 3, 2018

**People Killed:** 2 (including shooter)

■ **Murder/Suicide**

**Circumstances:** On January 3, 2018, concealed handgun permit holder Ryan Zike, 33, shot and killed his former girlfriend, Claire VanLandingham, 27, with a pistol before shooting himself in the head. Zike approached VanLandingham around 6:20 AM as she was leaving her apartment. Following a brief conversation, Zike pulled out a pistol and shot her multiple times before turning the gun on himself. A man who was waiting to pick up VanLandingham witnessed the shooting and rammed Zike with his Land Rover Discovery shortly after Zike shot himself “to avoid being shot.” An autopsy found that Zike died from his self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head and that he did not suffer major trauma from being struck by the Land Rover.

**Source:** “Police: Man killed self after fatally shooting ex-girlfriend in Lake Forest,” *chicago.suntimes.com*, January 17, 2018.



**Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: John F. Ingram (CONVICTED)**

**Date:** March 27, 2016

**People Killed:** 1

■ ■ **Murder/Suicide**

**Circumstances:** On March 27, 2016, concealed handgun permit holder John F. Ingram, 21, was allegedly involved in a shooting in Carbondale, Illinois, that resulted in the death of next-door neighbor Timothy Beaty, 41. The shooting, which involved four suspects, was the result of an altercation that started inside at a party, where shots were fired, and then moved outside the house, where the gunfire continued. Beaty had not attended the party and was killed by a stray bullet. Urging a reduction in his client's million-dollar bail, Ingram's attorney noted that Ingram has a concealed carry permit issued in Missouri. Ingram was charged with first degree murder in the death of Beaty. On May 17, 2018, John Ingram plead guilty to aggravated discharge of a firearm and was sentenced to six and a half years in prison.

**Source:** "Man heads to prison for role in deadly shooting," *wsiltv.com*, May 18, 2018; "Murder charges filed in musician's death," *wjpf.com*, June 20, 2016; "Updated: Third suspect in March 27 shooting turns himself in," *thesouthern.com*, April 5, 2016.

**Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Sergio Ramirez-Abeja (SUICIDE)**

**Date:** January 14, 2016

**People Killed:** 2 (including shooter)

■ ■ **Murder/Suicide**

**Circumstances:** On January 14, 2016, concealed handgun permit holder Sergio Ramirez-Abeja, 43, shot and killed Santiago Garcia-Mendoza, 40, before leading police on a high-speed chase and shooting himself as police were about to place him under arrest. The incident began with a dispute between Ramirez-Abeja and his daughter's stepfather, Garcia-Mendoza. Witnesses saw Ramirez-Abeja shoot Garcia-Mendoza at least three times in the driveway of Garcia-Mendoza's home. Ramirez-Abeja then fled the scene and was pursued by police, reaching speeds of up to 85 mph during the 40-mile high-speed chase. An officer struck Ramirez-Abeja's car from behind, forcing him off the road. As an officer approached the vehicle he heard a gunshot, which was determined to be a lethal self-inflicted gunshot from Ramirez-Abeja.

**Source:** "Police say man dead after killing daughter's stepfather, high-speed chase," *Chicago Tribune*, January 14, 2016.

# INDIANA

## BLACK HOMICIDE VICTIMIZATION

There were 168 black homicide victims in Indiana in 2015.

The homicide rate among black victims in Indiana was 26.44 per 100,000 in 2015.

### Ranked 8th in the United States

- Age** Seventeen homicide victims (10 percent) were less than 18 years old and 3 victims (2 percent) were 65 years of age or older. The average age was 30 years old.
- Sex** Out of 168 homicide victims, 143 were male and 25 were female.
- Most Common Weapons** For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 92 percent of victims (152 out of 166) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 73 percent (111 victims) were killed with handguns. There were 34 victims killed with firearms, type not stated. There were 5 victims killed with knives or other cutting instruments, 3 victims killed by bodily force, and 5 victims killed by a blunt object.
- Victim/Offender Relationship** For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 85 percent of victims (66 out of 78) were killed by someone they knew. Twelve victims were killed by strangers.
- Circumstance** For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 64 percent (77 out of 120) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 49 percent (38 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

## BLACK HOMICIDE VICTIMIZATION IN INDIANA, 2011 - 2015

Year	Black Homicide Victims	Black Homicide Rate	National Rank	Percent of Black Victims Killed with Guns
2015	168	26.44	8th	92%
2014	186	29.49	2nd	85%
2013	213	34.15	1st	90%
2012	157	25.48	6th	91%
2011	134	21.95	11th	85%

# INDIANA

## WOMEN KILLED BY MEN

38 females were murdered by males in Indiana in 2016.

The homicide rate among females murdered by males in Indiana was 1.13 per 100,000 in 2016.

### Ranked 29th in the United States

**Age** For homicides in which the age of the victim was reported (37 homicides), 4 victims (11 percent) were less than 18 years old and 2 victims (5 percent) were 65 years of age or older. The average age was 36 years old.

**Race** Out of 38 female homicide victims, 30 were white and 8 were black.

**Most Common Weapons** For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 56 percent of female victims (20 out of 36) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 80 percent (16 victims) were killed with handguns. There were 2 females killed with knives or other cutting instruments, 2 females killed by a blunt object, and 5 females killed by bodily force.

**Victim/Offender Relationship** For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 97 percent of female victims (33 out of 34) were murdered by someone they knew. One female victim was killed by a stranger. Of the victims who knew their offenders, 52 percent (17 victims) were wives, common-law wives, ex-wives, or girlfriends of the offenders. Among the female intimates who were murdered, 65 percent (11 victims) were killed with guns; 82 percent of these (9 victims) were shot and killed with handguns.

**Circumstance** For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 73 percent (24 out of 33) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 54 percent (13 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

## WOMEN KILLED BY MEN IN INDIANA, 2012 - 2016

Year	Female Homicide Victims	Female Homicide Victimization Rate	National Rank	Percent of Female Victims Killed with Guns
2016	38	1.13	29th	56%
2015	34	1.01	26th	58%
2014	42	1.25	17th	41%
2013	36	1.08	21st (tie)	58%
2012	47	1.42	14th	60%

## FATAL, NON-SELF DEFENSE INCIDENTS INVOLVING CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT HOLDERS IN INDIANA, 2016 — 2018

### Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: James Ross Jr. (CONVICTED)

**Date:** September 20, 2016

**People Killed:** 2

#### ■ Homicide

**Circumstances:** On September 20, 2016, concealed handgun permit holder James Ross Jr., 28, shot and killed Antonio McClain, 29, and Anthony McClain, 25, following a confrontation between Ross and Cheri Avery, outside Avery's apartment. Ross went to the apartment to confront Avery in an attempt to quash rumors that he had been involved in a July 2016 triple homicide. Ross also insisted that Avery keep a man named "Capo" away from her home. When Antonio and Anthony McClain confronted Ross during the argument, he pulled his 9mm pistol and opened fire at close range, striking Antonio McClain in the nose and Anthony McClain in the eye. Both men were dead at the scene. Ross claimed he acted in self defense, since Antonio McClain had been armed. The prosecuting attorney noted, however, that police found a gun on McClain's back, not in his hand. On February 13, 2018, James Ross Jr. was convicted of two counts of murder, and in March 2018 was sentenced to 65 years in prison on each count, for a total of 130 years in prison, to be served consecutively.

**Source:** "Ross receives 130 year sentence in double murder," [www.goshennews.com](http://www.goshennews.com), March 8, 2018; "Attorney argues self-defense in double murder trial," [www.goshennews.com](http://www.goshennews.com), February 7, 2018.

### Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Michael Young (CONVICTED)

**Date:** May 31, 2016

**People Killed:** 1

#### ■ Homicide

**Circumstances:** On May 31, 2016, concealed handgun permit holder Michael Young, 70, shot and killed Markest Flowers, 27, following a dispute in South Bend. Young was at LaSalle Kitchen & Tavern having a drink with Carla Beachy on the night of the shooting. Beachy went outside to smoke and testified that a man stopped her from getting back out of her vehicle and was persistent that she give him money. She said she gave him a \$50 bill, which was the only cash she was carrying. When Young came out to check on her, Beachy told him what had happened. According to investigators, Beachy never said that the man robbed her, only that he had been persistent in asking for money. Young testified in court, however, that Beachy had told him she'd been robbed. Young then went looking for the man, who Beachy described as a young black man wearing a red shirt. Before leaving, Young, who was already carrying a small "pocket gun," retrieved a 9mm Glock pistol from his vehicle because it was "safer." Young soon found Flowers walking on Main Street, and asked him if he knew anything about his friend getting robbed. Young told Flowers that if he just gave the money back there would be no problem. Young alleged that Flowers lunged at him before walking away, at which point Young followed him. Two women testified that they saw Young grab Flowers by his backpack, spin him around, and shoot him. In court, Young claimed that he had lost his balance stepping off a curb, put his hand out to catch himself, which was when Flowers turned around, and that the gun then fired. Young said he felt threatened and was

acting in self-defense. The prosecutor in the case described Young's actions as a "hunt" and played a portion of an interview that Young gave to investigators where he described Flowers' appearance as "very thuggish." Investigators never found the money in Flowers' possession. On June 23, 2017, Young was found guilty of murder and on July 28, 2017, was sentenced to 50 years in prison.

**Source:** "Man sentenced 50 years in South Bend murder," *www.wsbt.com*, July 27, 2017; Michael Young found guilty of murder in South Bend man's shooting death," *South Bend Tribune*, June 23, 2017; "Defendant takes the stand in South Bend murder trial," *South Bend Tribune*, June 22, 2017.

### **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Kanisha Shelton (UNINTENTIONAL)**

**Date:** April 20, 2016

**People Killed:** 1

#### **■ Unintentional**

**Circumstances:** On April 20, 2016, a two-year-old boy unintentionally shot himself after finding his mother's .380 Bersa pistol in her purse. According to police, the boy's mother, Kanisha Shelton, 23, had "momentarily stepped away" when the toddler climbed to the kitchen counter, removed the pistol from her purse, and shot himself in the shoulder. He was taken to the hospital in critical condition and later died. The mother had a concealed carry permit. On May 5, 2016, Kanisha Shelton, was charged with neglect of a dependent resulting in death. According to court documents, Shelton told police her son sometimes climbed onto the chairs against the counter where she left her purse and gun and that he got into her purse "all of the time."

**Source:** "Mother charged with neglect after son fatally shot himself makes first court appearance," *www.fox59.com*, May 11, 2016; "Child, 2, kills self with gun from mom's purse," *Indianapolis Star*, April 21, 2016.

### **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Qing Chen (SUICIDE)**

**Date:** March 10, 2016

**People Killed:** 2 (including shooter)

#### **■ ■ Murder/Suicide**

**Circumstances:** On March 10, 2016, concealed handgun permit holder Qing Chen, 37, shot and killed his supervisor Ward Edwards, 49, before turning the 9mm Glock pistol on himself in a meeting room at the Cummins Seymour Engine Plant where they worked. The motive was described as a personnel issue, with the Seymour police chief noting that the two had a "supervisor/employee relationship." Autopsy results showed that Edwards died of multiple gunshot wounds and Chen died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Chen purchased the Glock handgun used in the shooting from Plainfield Shooting Supply in 2012.

**Source:** "New details released in Seymour shooting," *whas11.com*, March 11, 2016.

**Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: James Lonaker (UNINTENTIONAL)**

**Date:** February 21, 2016

**People Killed:** 1

■ **Unintentional**

**Circumstances:** On February 21, 2016, concealed handgun permit holder James Lonaker, 62, was unintentionally shot and killed by his six-year-old son. Lonaker was in his bedroom changing his clothes, put his .38 revolver down on top of a table, and then turned to use his computer. His son then picked up the handgun and pulled the trigger, unintentionally shooting his father in the upper body. Lonaker died en route to the hospital. The boy told investigators that he did not think the handgun was loaded and did not intend to hurt his father.

**Source:** "‘We can tell his heart is broken’: Ind. 6-year-old picks up dad’s gun and accidentally kills him," *Washington Post*, February 23, 2016.

# MICHIGAN

## BLACK HOMICIDE VICTIMIZATION

There were 388 black homicide victims in Michigan in 2015.

The homicide rate among black victims in Michigan was 27.56 per 100,000 in 2015.

### Ranked 6th in the United States

- Age** Twenty-two homicide victims (6 percent) were less than 18 years old and 8 victims (2 percent) were 65 years of age or older. The average age was 33 years old.
- Sex** Out of 388 homicide victims, 345 were male and 43 were female.
- Most Common Weapons** For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 87 percent of victims (320 out of 369) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 41 percent (130 victims) were killed with handguns. There were 177 victims killed with firearms, type not stated. There were 26 victims killed with knives or other cutting instruments, 9 victims killed by bodily force, and 7 victims killed by a blunt object.
- Victim/Offender Relationship** For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 80 percent of victims (71 out of 89) were killed by someone they knew. Eighteen victims were killed by strangers.
- Circumstance** For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 85 percent (117 out of 138) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 51 percent (60 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

## BLACK HOMICIDE VICTIMIZATION IN MICHIGAN, 2011 - 2015

Year	Black Homicide Victims	Black Homicide Rate	National Rank	Percent of Black Victims Killed with Guns
2015	388	27.56	6th	87%
2014	360	25.52	6th	83%
2013	428	30.34	3rd	88%
2012	492	34.77	3rd	89%
2011	447	31.54	3rd	85%

## MICHIGAN

### WOMEN KILLED BY MEN

63 females were murdered by males in Michigan in 2016.

The homicide rate among females murdered by males in Michigan was 1.25 per 100,000 in 2016.

#### Ranked 26th in the United States

<b>Age</b>	For homicides in which the age of the victim was reported (59 homicides), 4 victims (7 percent) were less than 18 years old and 6 victims (10 percent) were 65 years of age or older. The average age was 40 years old.
<b>Race</b>	Out of 63 female homicide victims, 46 were white, 14 were black, 1 was Asian or Pacific Islander, and 2 were of unknown race.
<b>Most Common Weapons</b>	For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 64 percent of female victims (32 out of 50) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 59 percent (19 victims) were killed with handguns. There were 7 females killed with knives or other cutting instruments, 1 female killed by a blunt object, and 5 females killed by bodily force.
<b>Victim/Offender Relationship</b>	For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 95 percent of female victims (52 out of 55) were murdered by someone they knew. Three female victims were killed by strangers. Of the victims who knew their offenders, 42 percent (22 victims) were wives, common-law wives, ex-wives, or girlfriends of the offenders. Among the female intimates who were murdered, 68 percent (15 victims) were killed with guns; 60 percent of these (9 victims) were shot and killed with handguns.
<b>Circumstance</b>	For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 84 percent (31 out of 37) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 58 percent (18 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

### WOMEN KILLED BY MEN IN MICHIGAN, 2012 - 2016

Year	Female Homicide Victims	Female Homicide Victimization Rate	National Rank	Percent of Female Victims Killed with Guns
2016	63	1.25	26th	64%
2015	61	1.21	20th	46%
2014	67	1.33	12th (tie)	47%
2013	73	1.45	10th	53%
2012	57	1.13	24th (tie)	52%



## FATAL, NON-SELF DEFENSE INCIDENTS INVOLVING CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT HOLDERS IN MICHIGAN, 2016 – 2018

### Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Ruben Salinas (SUICIDE)

**Date:** May 9, 2018

**People Killed:** 1

#### ■ Suicide

**Circumstances:** On May 9, 2018, concealed handgun permit holder Ruben Salinas, 27, shot and killed himself following a car chase involving himself and his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend. According to news reports, on the night of May 9, 2018, Salinas arrived at the home of his ex-girlfriend at the same time as her new boyfriend. Salinas pulled a gun on the other man who then jumped into his car and fled, with Salinas driving after him. The men drove approximately five miles, and police say at least 12 shots were fired from two different guns during the chase. The man being chased called 911 and police pursued Salinas. The two men drove through the entrance to a hospital when Salinas' car was rammed by a police officer as Salinas continued firing at the other man. Salinas' car was rammed three times by police before coming to a stop. Salinas then fatally shot himself. Salinas had no prior convictions or documented mental health problems. A handgun, an AR-15 assault rifle, and a third weapon were recovered from Salinas' car.

**Source:** "Shocking moment a scorned lover, 27, drives behind and shoots at his ex's new boyfriend, 30, in a wild car chase before killing himself," *The Daily Mail*, May 12, 2018.

### Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Ashley Somerville (CONVICTED)

**Date:** November 11, 2017

**People Killed:** 1

#### ■ Homicide

**Circumstances:** On November 11, 2017, concealed handgun permit holder Ashley Somerville, 27, allegedly shot and killed her girlfriend, Shantel Johnson-Jackson, 27, following an argument in the parking lot at the apartment complex where Somerville lived. According to police the women were in an altercation prior to the shooting which took place in or near a vehicle. Somerville was charged with one count of open murder and one felony firearm count. On August 20, 2018, Ashley Somerville pleaded no contest to second degree murder in the death of Shantel Johnson-Jackson. On October 1, 2018, she was sentenced to 12 to 25 years in prison.

**Source:** "'She brought a gun to a fistfight,' prosecutor says of woman who killed girlfriend," *mlive.com*, October 1, 2018; "Woman accused of killing girlfriend pleads no contest," *mlive.com*, August 27, 2018; "Autopsy delays case for woman accused of fatally shooting girlfriend," *mlive.com*, December 5, 2017; "27-year-old woman faces murder charge in shooting death of girlfriend," *mlive.com*, November 14, 2017.

### **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Sandra Lynette Waller (CONVICTED)**

**Date:** October 16, 2017

**People Killed:** 1

#### ■ **Homicide**

**Circumstances:** On October 16, 2017, concealed handgun permit holder Sandra Lynette Waller, 49, shot and killed Lorraine Maylynn Faison, 49, following a dispute at the Burlington's store where the two worked. The women had a longstanding feud including a disagreement over how to discount merchandise at the store. According to police, Waller walked in to the store shortly after 7 AM and shot Faison. Waller was charged with first degree murder and a felony firearm charge. On February 2, 2018, Sandra Lynette Waller pleaded guilty to second degree murder and felony firearms violation in the death of Lorraine Faison. Waller was sentenced to 16 to 40 years for murder and two years for the firearms violations.

**Source:** "Woman sentenced in murder of co-worker at Burlington Coat Factory in Taylor," *clickondetroit.com*, February 20, 2018; "Woman charged with murder in shooting death of co-worker at Burlington," *thenewsherald.com*, October 18, 2017.

### **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Names Not Provided (CONVICTED)**

**Date:** Between October 1, 2016 and September 1, 2017

**People Killed:** 2

#### ■ **Homicide**

**Circumstances:** Between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017, Michigan State Police report that one Michigan concealed handgun permit holder was convicted of Homicide - Murder 2nd Degree and one Michigan concealed handgun permit holder was convicted of Operating - While Intoxicated Causing Death. In their annual report, the Michigan State Police do not release the offender's name, the exact date of the event, nor the type of weapon used in the homicide.

**Source:** *Concealed Pistol License Annual Report, October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017*, Michigan State Police.

### **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Name Not Provided (SUICIDE)**

**Date:** Between October 1, 2016 and September 1, 2017

**People Killed:** 132

#### ■ **Suicide**

**Circumstances:** Between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017, Michigan State Police report that 132 Michigan concealed handgun permit holders took their own lives. In their annual report, the Michigan State Police do not release the victim's name, the exact date of the suicide, nor the type of weapon used in the suicide.

**Source:** *Concealed Pistol License Annual Report, October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017*, Michigan State Police.

### **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Unidentified (UNINTENTIONAL)**

**Date:** November 13, 2016

**People Killed:** 1

#### **■ Unintentional**

**Circumstances:** On November 13, 2016, Jamari Moore, three, was unintentionally shot and killed by the 10-year-old son of his mother's boyfriend while they were playing in a bedroom. According to police, the 10-year-old found a loaded, holstered handgun on a closet shelf about five and a half feet off the ground. "I'm sorry, it was an accident," the 10-year-old reportedly told police over and over again, crying. The 10-year-old's father, a concealed handgun permit holder, had a history of leaving his firearm in areas accessible to children in the home, including an incident two weeks prior to the fatal shooting, according to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office. The sheriff's office requested a manslaughter charge against the father, but prosecutors declined, instead suggesting that the state legislature should "enact legislation regarding how a firearm must be safely stored within a residence."

**Source:** "Detroit plays tough in accidental shootings involving kids," *usatoday.com*, May 24, 2017; "Mother of 3-year-old fatally shot by other child: 'Part of my world died,'" *www.mlive.com*, November 18, 2016.

### **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Carl Price (CONVICTED)**

**Date:** August 18, 2016

**People Killed:** 1

#### **■ Homicide**

**Circumstances:** On August 18, 2016, concealed handgun permit holder Carl Price, 24, shot and killed Robert Wray Jr., 34, when an argument involving the two and a third man escalated to the point of all three firing weapons. Police recovered Price's 45 caliber handgun and Wray's 9mm handgun at the scene, but never found the 40 caliber handgun that they believe was used by the third person. In all, at least 18 shots were fired. Price, who claimed he was acting in self-defense, was convicted of voluntary manslaughter and felony firearm possession. According to the prosecutor, Price kept shooting Wray after he was already down and later tried to impede the investigation.

**Source:** "Man convicted of lesser charge of manslaughter in 2016 shootout in south Lansing," *www.lansingstatejournal.com*, May 3, 2018.

### **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Zurlon Tipton (UNINTENTIONAL)**

**Date:** June 28, 2016

**People Killed:** 1

#### **■ Unintentional**

**Circumstances:** On June 28, 2016, concealed handgun permit holder Zurlon Tipton, 26, unintentionally shot and killed himself at a car dealership in Michigan. Tipton, a former running back with the Indianapolis Colts,

was removing a bag from the trunk of his car when one of the two guns in the bag fired, fatally wounding him in the stomach.

**Source:** "Former Colts RB Zurlon Tipton dead after accidentally shooting himself," *si.com*, June 28, 2016; "Ex-Colts RB Zurlon Tipton dies from accidental gunshot," *indystar.com*, June 28, 2016.

### **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Deangelo Gaines (CONVICTED)**

**Date:** February 14, 2016

**People Killed:** 1

#### ■ Homicide

**Circumstances:** On February 14, 2016, concealed handgun permit holder Deangelo Gaines, 25, and his girlfriend, Kayla Babick, 24, were in the bedroom of her home. According to police, the couple were lying in bed watching television. Gaines' .45 caliber Springfield handgun was on the bed, after being cleaned and loaded. Gaines told police that Babick got up to answer the phone and when she got back into bed, the handgun discharged. A bullet struck her in the left side of her rib cage, and she staggered downstairs to the living room where she died. Gaines told police that she may have laid down on top of the handgun or somehow hit it with her hand, causing it to fire. Two other adults and Babick's children, ages two and four, were also in the house at the time of the incident. Police stated that Gaines was too reckless in the handling of his gun and recommended that he be charged with manslaughter. On October 4, 2016, Deangelo Gaines pleaded no contest to careless discharge of a firearm causing death. The charge carries a maximum sentence of two years in prison, but as part of his plea agreement, Gaines avoided jail time and was placed on probation.

**Source:** "Man enters plea in Valentine's Day death of girlfriend," *battlecreekenquirer.com*, October 4, 2016; "After woman dies in bed when gun fires, charges sought against boyfriend," *mlive.com*, April 4, 2016; "Girlfriend killed on Valentine's Day after boyfriend's .45 caliber handgun fires in bed," *mlive.com*, February 15, 2016.

### **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Jaquan Jamal White (UNINTENTIONAL)**

**Date:** January 11, 2016

**People Killed:** 1

#### ■ Unintentional

**Circumstances:** On January 11, 2016, concealed handgun permit holder Jaquan Jamal White, 25, was shot and killed with his own AK-47 pistol. According to police, White was in the bedroom of a home with a 31-year-old woman and her three children ages four, six, and eight. At least two of the children were in the bedroom when the gun fired. Investigators said that White's death was caused by a gunshot wound to the head. They also stated that evidence pointed towards negligence and that White's death may have resulted from "roughhousing" by the children. Investigators also found what they believed to be marijuana and cocaine both on White's body and inside the house. An investigation into the incident was opened by Children's Protective Services and the children were removed from their mother's care.

**Source:** "UPDATE: Autopsy complete on Suttons Bay shooting victim," *record-eagle.com*, January 13, 2016.

## MINNESOTA

### BLACK HOMICIDE VICTIMIZATION

*There were 63 black homicide victims in Minnesota in 2015.*

*The homicide rate among black victims in Minnesota was 18.92 per 100,000 in 2015.*

#### Ranked 23rd in the United States

<b>Age</b>	Seven homicide victims (11 percent) were less than 18 years old and 1 victim (2 percent) was 65 years of age or older. The average age was 30 years old.
<b>Sex</b>	Out of 63 homicide victims, 55 were male and 8 were female.
<b>Most Common Weapons</b>	For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 78 percent of victims (46 out of 59) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 78 percent (36 victims) were killed with handguns. There were 9 victims killed with firearms, type not stated. There were 10 victims killed with knives or other cutting instruments, and 3 victims killed by bodily force.
<b>Victim/Offender Relationship</b>	For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 82 percent of victims (28 out of 34) were killed by someone they knew. Six victims were killed by strangers.
<b>Circumstance</b>	For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 73 percent (33 out of 45) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 42 percent (14 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

### BLACK HOMICIDE VICTIMIZATION IN MINNESOTA, 2011 - 2015

Year	Black Homicide Victims	Black Homicide Rate	National Rank	Percent of Black Victims Killed with Guns
2015	63	18.92	23rd	78%
2014	40	12.48	31st	81%
2013	46	14.92	22nd	72%
2012	46	15.44	24th	71%
2011	34	11.88	35th	62%

## MINNESOTA

### WOMEN KILLED BY MEN

23 females were murdered by males in Minnesota in 2016.

The homicide rate among females murdered by males in Minnesota was 0.83 per 100,000 in 2016.

#### Ranked 37th (tie) in the United States

<b>Age</b>	For homicides in which the age of the victim was reported (21 homicides), 4 victims (19 percent) were less than 18 years old. The average age was 31 years old.
<b>Race</b>	Out of 23 female homicide victims, 20 were white, 2 were American Indian or Alaskan Native, and 1 was of unknown race.
<b>Most Common Weapons</b>	For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 67 percent of female victims (12 out of 18) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 83 percent (10 victims) were killed with handguns. There were 2 females killed with knives or other cutting instruments and 3 females killed by bodily force.
<b>Victim/Offender Relationship</b>	For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 100 percent of female victims (21 out of 21) were murdered by someone they knew. No female victims were killed by strangers. Of the victims who knew their offenders, 62 percent (13 victims) were wives, common-law wives, ex-wives, or girlfriends of the offenders. Among the female intimates who were murdered, 62 percent (8 victims) were killed with guns; 88 percent of these (7 victims) were shot and killed with handguns.
<b>Circumstance</b>	For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 88 percent (15 out of 17) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 20 percent (3 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

### WOMEN KILLED BY MEN IN MINNESOTA, 2012 - 2016

Year	Female Homicide Victims	Female Homicide Victimization Rate	National Rank	Percent of Female Victims Killed with Guns
2016	23	0.83	37th (tie)	67%
2015	25	0.91	33rd	50%
2014	25	0.91	34th (tie)	48%
2013	22	0.81	32nd (tie)	47%
2012	19	0.70	39th (tie)	37%

## FATAL, NON-SELF DEFENSE INCIDENTS INVOLVING CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT HOLDERS IN MINNESOTA, 2016 – 2018

### Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: David Krauss (SUICIDE)

**Date:** March 30, 2017

**People Killed:** 1

#### ■ Suicide

**Circumstances:** On March 30, 2017, concealed handgun permit holder David Krauss, 29, shot his son Wyatt Krauss, eight, in the head with a 9mm handgun before turning the gun on himself in an attempted murder-suicide at their home in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. David Krauss's mother went to the house after attempting to contact him earlier in the day and found the door unlocked. After entering, she found David and Wyatt in Wyatt's bedroom. David was dead from a gunshot wound to the head, but Wyatt was still breathing. He was taken to a hospital in Duluth in critical condition. The handgun Krauss used was found at the scene and had been purchased on March 22, 2017.

**Source:** "Child critically injured in attempted murder-suicide," [www.grandrapidsmn.com](http://www.grandrapidsmn.com), April 1, 2017.

### Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Name Not Provided (CONVICTED)

**Date:** 2017

**People Killed:** 9

#### ■ Homicide

**Circumstances:** Between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety reported that among the reported convictions of individuals with permits to carry were nine homicide offenses, which consist of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, negligent manslaughter, assisting suicide, or criminal vehicular homicide.

**Source:** *2017 Permit to Carry Report*, State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, March 1, 2018.

### Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Stephen Carl Allwine (CONVICTED)

**Date:** November 13, 2016

**People Killed:** 1

#### ■ Homicide

**Circumstances:** On November 13, 2016, Amy Louise Allwine, 43, wife of concealed handgun permit holder Stephen Carl Allwine, 43, was found dead in their home from a gunshot wound to the head, a 9mm Springfield XDS pistol near her body. According to police, Stephen Allwine had been attempting to hire a hitman to kill his wife through the untraceable "dark web" since Valentine's Day, 2016. After this effort failed, Allwine obtained

a concealed handgun permit on August 10, 2016 and bought the 9mm pistol that would later be used to kill the victim. He also reportedly used the dark web to inquire about the drug scopolamine, known as a “mind control” drug. The victim was found to have had 45 times the normal prescribed amount of scopolamine in her body when she died, and did not have a prescription for the drug. Stephen Allwine also sent his wife two anonymous emails urging her to kill herself for the sake of her family. Police reported that the evidence was not consistent with a suicide, including the absence of gunpowder on the victim’s hands. According to statements made by the couple’s nine-year-old son, who discovered the body, when he asked his father why his mother was sleeping on the floor, Allwine replied, “She’s probably dead.” Allwine was charged with second-degree murder. On January 31, 2018, Stephen Allwine was found guilty of first degree murder in the death of Amy Louise Allwine. On February 2, 2018, Stephen Allwine was sentenced to life in prison.

**Source:** “Allwine receives life sentence for killing wife, staging suicide,” *rosemounttownpages.com*, February 2, 2018; “Stephen Allwine found guilty of killing his wife, staging death as suicide,” *startribune.com*, January 31, 2018; “Cottage Grove husband set up her death as suicide after failed hit, police say,” *www.twincities.com*, January 18, 2017.

### **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: David M. Easter (CONVICTED)**

**Date:** August 23, 2016

**People Killed:** 1

#### **■ Homicide**

**Circumstances:** On August 23, 2016, concealed handgun permit holder David M. Easter, 26, shot and killed Spencer Daniel Brown, 23, at Myre-Big Island State Park in southern Minnesota. Easter was a private in the Minnesota National Guard. Easter’s wife Karla and their infant daughter were nearby at the time of the shooting. According to Karla Easter, her husband confronted Brown, who was in his car, and the two men exchanged words. Karla heard Brown tell her husband to stop shining a light at him. She then heard gunshots and saw that Brown was wounded. David Easter called 911 to report the shooting and surrendered peacefully when officers arrived, turning over his 45 caliber pistol. According to Sheriff Kurt Freitag, Easter claimed that Brown had come at him with a baseball bat. But the sheriff noted there was no evidence to support this claim, as Easter was outside the car and fired twice through the closed driver’s side window. Easter had a valid concealed carry permit from Nebraska but did not have a valid Minnesota permit, and Minnesota does not have a reciprocity agreement with Nebraska. On April 13, 2017, a jury found David M. Easter guilty of second-degree murder in the death of Spencer Daniel Brown. Easter was also found guilty of gross misdemeanor carrying or possessing a pistol without a permit in a public place. On September 15, 2017, Easter was sentenced to more than 25 years in prison. With credit for time already served, Easter will serve the first 16 and three quarters years in prison with the balance served on supervised release.

**Source:** “25-year term for gunman who killed man sitting in car in state park near Albert Lea,” *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*, September 18, 2017; “Jury finds Easter guilty of 2nd-degree murder, gun violation,” *www.albertleatribune.com*, April 13, 2017; “Gunman charged in shooting death in Minn. state park is in National Guard,” *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, August 25, 2016.



**Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Name Not Provided (CONVICTED)**

**Date:** 2016

**People Killed:** 1

■ **Homicide**

**Circumstances:** Between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety reported that among the reported convictions of individuals with permits was one homicide offense, which consist of murder and non-negligent manslaughter, negligent manslaughter, assisting suicide, or criminal vehicular homicide.

**Source:** *2016 Permit to Carry Report*, State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, March 1, 2017.

# OHIO

## BLACK HOMICIDE VICTIMIZATION

There were 304 black homicide victims in Ohio in 2015.

The homicide rate among black victims in Ohio was 20.57 per 100,000 in 2015.

### Ranked 19th in the United States

- Age** Eighteen homicide victims (6 percent) were less than 18 years old and 2 victims (1 percent) were 65 years of age or older. The average age was 31 years old.
- Sex** Out of 304 homicide victims, 260 were male and 44 were female.
- Most Common Weapons** For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 84 percent of victims (224 out of 268) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 55 percent (123 victims) were killed with handguns. There were 91 victims killed with firearms, type not stated. There were 28 victims killed with knives or other cutting instruments, 11 victims killed by bodily force, and 3 victims killed by a blunt object.
- Victim/Offender Relationship** For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 86 percent of victims (96 out of 111) were killed by someone they knew. Fifteen victims were killed by strangers.
- Circumstance** For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 79 percent (120 out of 152) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 43 percent (51 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

## BLACK HOMICIDE VICTIMIZATION IN OHIO, 2011 - 2015

Year	Black Homicide Victims	Black Homicide Rate	National Rank	Percent of Black Victims Killed with Guns
2015	304	20.57	19th	84%
2014	256	17.49	17th (tie)	87%
2013	284	19.59	11th	88%
2012	269	18.69	14th	86%
2011	305	21.28	12th	88%

# OHIO

## WOMEN KILLED BY MEN

77 females were murdered by males in Ohio in 2016.

The homicide rate among females murdered by males in Ohio was 1.30 per 100,000 in 2016.

### Ranked 24th in the United States

**Age** For homicides in which the age of the victim was reported (75 homicides), 8 victims (11 percent) were less than 18 years old and 3 victims (4 percent) were 65 years of age or older. The average age was 37 years old.

**Race** Out of 77 female homicide victims, 50 were white and 27 were black.

**Most Common Weapons** For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 60 percent of female victims (41 out of 68) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 51 percent (21 victims) were killed with handguns. There were 9 females killed with knives or other cutting instruments, 3 females killed by a blunt object, and 10 females killed by bodily force.

**Victim/Offender Relationship** For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 95 percent of female victims (69 out of 73) were murdered by someone they knew. Four female victims were killed by strangers. Of the victims who knew their offenders, 57 percent (39 victims) were wives, common-law wives, ex-wives, or girlfriends of the offenders. Among the female intimates who were murdered, 74 percent (29 victims) were killed with guns; 45 percent of these (13 victims) were shot and killed with handguns.

**Circumstance** For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 83 percent (49 out of 59) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 63 percent (31 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

## WOMEN KILLED BY MEN IN OHIO, 2012 - 2016

Year	Female Homicide Victims	Female Homicide Victimization Rate	National Rank	Percent of Female Victims Killed with Guns
2016	77	1.30	24th	60%
2015	57	0.96	31st	53%
2014	46	0.78	40th	43%
2013	54	0.91	30th	46%
2012	66	1.12	26th	52%

## FATAL, NON-SELF DEFENSE INCIDENTS INVOLVING CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT HOLDERS IN OHIO, 2016 – 2018

### Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Unidentified (UNINTENTIONAL)

**Date:** April 20, 2018

**People Killed:** 1

#### ■ Unintentional

**Circumstances:** On April 20, 2018, an unidentified concealed handgun permit holder unintentionally shot and killed her two-year-old daughter, Laila Johnson, while trying to engage the safety of her gun. According to police, the mother was apparently putting the gun away when it fired. The bullet passed through a mattress, striking her daughter in the chest. Three other children were in the hotel room when the incident occurred, but were not injured.

**Source:** "Mom Was Turning On Safety When 2-Year-Old Was Shot, Killed," *pittsburgh.cbslocal.com*, April 23, 2018; "2-year-old girl accidentally shot and killed at Wickliffe hotel, police say," *cleveland.com*, April 21, 2018.

### Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Joan Horton (SHOT AND KILLED IN INCIDENT)

**Date:** January 5, 2018

**People Killed:** 1

**Circumstances:** On January 5, 2018, concealed handgun permit holder Joan Horton, 39, was shot and killed with her own gun after getting into a fight. Police say that Horton was involved in a fight with another woman, who did not have a gun, at Andy's Café when she pulled out her handgun. When an unarmed bouncer tried to break up the fight and take her gun, it went off, striking her once in the stomach. Horton was transported to the hospital where she died from her injuries. Police say it was not clear who was holding the gun when it went off. No charges were filed.

**Source:** "Victim in Carthage Shooting had concealed-carry permit," *www.cincinnati.com*, January 6, 2018.

### Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Unidentified (UNINTENTIONAL)

**Date:** September 28, 2017

**People Killed:** 1

#### ■ Unintentional

**Circumstances:** On September 28, 2017, three-year-old Christian Hein died after shooting himself in the head with his father's gun outside the family's home in Parma, Ohio. According to investigators, the boy found the loaded gun in the center console of the family's van and unintentionally shot himself with it. A caller to 911 described the shooting, "It sounded like a shot, and now some guy is running around the backyard screaming and yelling....I don't know what happened, but it doesn't look good or sound good. There's a little kid, looks like he's got blood all over him." The boy's father had a concealed carry permit.

**Source:** "Medical examiner's office identifies boy shot in head in Parma," *cleveland.com*, September 29, 2017; "Police: 4-year-old in Parma shot himself in the head," *news5cleveland.com*, September 28, 2017.

## **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: David Kinney (CONVICTED)**

**Date:** May 7, 2017

**People Killed:** 1

### ■ Homicide

**Circumstances:** On May 7, 2017, concealed handgun permit holder David Kinney, 30, shot and killed his friend Brad McGarry, 43, at McGarry's home following an argument. According to police, Kinney's first written statement about the incident indicated that he went to McGarry's home to return a weed-eater and found McGarry's body. In a second statement two days later, Kinney admitted there was an argument between himself and McGarry saying, "I started to tell him what we can no longer see each other in any other way but being friends and we started arguing." Kinney went on to allege that McGarry grabbed a pistol and was waving it around and pointing it at him, and that he panicked and shot McGarry, saying he never meant to kill his best friend and that he acted in self defense. Kinney was charged with murder with a firearm specification. On February 6, 2018, David Kinney was found guilty of aggravated murder in the death of Brad McGarry. On February 14, 2018, Kinney was sentenced to life in prison plus three years, with no possibility for parole.

**Source:** "Best friend's murder sends Bellaire man to prison," *wtrf.com*, February 14, 2018; "Belmont County jury finds Kinney guilty in McGarry's death," *timesleaderonline.com*, February 6, 2018; "Interview ruled admissible in murder case," *The Times Leader*, July 7, 2017; "More details surface in Bellaire murder case," *wto9.com*, May 18, 2017.

## **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Steve Stephens (SUICIDE)**

**Date:** April 16, 2017

**People Killed:** 2 (including shooter)

### ■ ■ Murder/Suicide

**Circumstances:** On April 16, 2017, concealed handgun permit holder Steve Stephens, 37, shot and killed Robert Godwin Sr., 74, as Godwin was collecting aluminum cans on East 93rd Street in Cleveland, Ohio. Stephens, who did not know Godwin prior to the shooting, posted a video of the murder on Facebook shortly after it happened. In the video, Stephens forced Godwin to say the name of Stephens' girlfriend before shooting him and claimed to have killed more than a dozen other people, which remains unsubstantiated. Stephens led police on a multi-state manhunt before shooting and killing himself in Erie County, Pennsylvania. Police recovered a 45 caliber Glock handgun from his car, which was believed to be the murder weapon.

**Source:** "Gun believed to be murder weapon found in Steve Stephens' car," *www.thedenverchannel.com*, April 19, 2017; "Cleveland Facebook murder suspect shot, killed himself after pursuit: Police," *www.abcnews.go.com*, April 18, 2017; "Facebook shooting suspect has concealed carry license, police say," *www.cleveland.com*, April 17, 2017; "Multistate manhunt underway for suspect in Facebook homicide video," *www.washingtonpost.com*, April 17, 2017; "Woman targeted by Facebook killer is cooperating with police, source says," *www.cleveland.com*, April 17, 2017.

**Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: William S. Knight (CONVICTED)**

**Date:** March 20, 2017

**People Killed:** 1

■ **Homicide**

**Circumstances:** On March 20, 2017, concealed handgun permit holder William S. Knight, 63, shot and killed Keith Johnson, 24, on Danmead Avenue in Akron, Ohio. The family of Knight's son-in-law began communicating with Johnson when he offered to sell a dirt bike on social media, believing that the motorcycle was the same one that had been stolen from their garage in February 2016. According to Johnson's father, Johnson had owned the dirt bike for about three months and did not know it was stolen. After agreeing to meet on Danmead Avenue, the family demanded Johnson give back the motorcycle. When Johnson attempted to leave, Knight's son-in-law, 40, grabbed onto the dirt bike to stop him. Knight then shot Johnson in the head. A member of the family was on the phone with 911 when the shot was fired, and had been attempting to get police officers to the scene to convince Johnson to give them the motorcycle. Knight was arrested and charged with felonious assault and involuntary manslaughter. On April 10, 2018, William Knight was found guilty on two counts of murder and two counts of felonious assault in the killing of Keith Johnson. On April 23, 2018, Knight was sentenced to life in prison. He will be eligible for parole after serving 18 years of his sentence.

**Source:** "Streetsboro man sentenced to life in prison after shooting a man in the head over dirt bike," *news5cleveland.com*, April 23, 2018; "Streetsboro man found guilty of murder in fatal shooting over dirt bike," *cleveland.com*, April 10, 2018; "Man charged in deadly Akron shooting over stolen dirt bike," *www.fox8.com*, March 21, 2017.

**Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Dawn Shearer (CONVICTED)**

**Date:** February 6, 2017

**People Killed:** 1

■ **Homicide**

**Circumstances:** On February 6, 2017, concealed handgun permit holder Dawn Shearer shot and killed her ex-husband, Tony Shearer, inside their Middletown, Ohio, home. The victim was found shot in the head. Shearer stated that she was acting in self-defense and her defense attorney claimed that witnesses saw the victim chasing Shearer around their driveway and that he had blocked her car to prevent her from leaving. The couple had divorced but were attempting to reconcile. Shearer was charged with murder and pleaded not guilty. On June 23, 2017, Dawn Shearer was found guilty of murder and felonious assault in the death of Tony Shearer. She was sentenced to a mandatory 15 years to life in prison.

**Source:** "Middletown woman convicted of murder in ex-husband's death," *www.journal-news.com*, June 23, 2017; "Middletown woman claims self-defense in shooting of ex-husband," *www.wlwt.com*, February 8, 2017.

**Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Javon Thomas (CONVICTED)**

**Date:** January 7, 2017

**People Killed:** 2

■ **Homicide**

**Circumstances:** On January 7, 2017, concealed handgun permit holder Javon Thomas, 27, shot and killed Brian Brack, 24, and Austin Tiller, 20, following an altercation at a party at Thomas' girlfriend's apartment. Brack's girlfriend, Destany Dixon, called Brack from the party and was upset about a joke that Thomas had made at her expense. Thomas testified that he saw Brack put a gun in his pocket as he walked into the apartment. The two men exchanged words and each pulled a gun and fired. Thomas fired six shots from his Micro Desert Eagle .380 pistol. Three of the shots went through Tiller's back, killing him. One hit Brack in the chest and he died in the hallway outside the apartment. One shot wounded Dixon in the leg. On October 12, 2017, Thomas was found guilty of two counts of murder, two counts of felonious assault, and one count of misdemeanor negligent homicide, along with four firearms specifications. On November 27, 2017, Thomas was sentenced to 36 years to life in prison.

**Source:** "Javon Thomas gets 36 years to life in prison for murder," *record-courier.com*, November 27, 2017.

**Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Steven Leannais (CONVICTED)**

**Date:** December 8, 2016

**People Killed:** 1

■ **Homicide**

**Circumstances:** On December 8, 2016, concealed handgun permit holder Steven Leannais, 30, unintentionally shot and killed his friend Anthony Stanford, II, 27, during a drunken dinner party at Leannais' Cleveland apartment. Leannais apparently decided to live-stream some of the evening's events on Facebook. The video shows Leannais jokingly waving the gun around as well as putting it in his own mouth, saying, "I'm going to do it, I swear to God." Sometime after streaming the video, Stanford was fatally shot in the abdomen. Leannais agreed to prosecutors' request to surrender any guns in his possession in addition to his concealed carry permit. Leannais was charged with third-degree felony involuntary manslaughter. On March 14, 2018, Steven Leannais was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Anthony Stanford. Leannais faces between three and six years in prison.

**Source:** "Cleveland man who shot friend during dinner party found guilty of involuntary manslaughter," *cleveland.com*, March 14, 2018; "A tragic mistake: Man shot friend after playing with gun on Facebook Live," *www.wtae.com*, December 13, 2016; "Banker's assistant, 30, 'accidentally shot and killed his 27-year-old friend' after playing about with a gun at a drunken dinner party that was being streamed live on Facebook," *Daily Mail*, December 13, 2016.

**Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Frank Staton (CONVICTED)**

**Date:** March 24, 2016

**People Killed:** 2

■ **Homicide**

**Circumstances:** On March 24, 2016, concealed handgun permit holder Frank Staton, 56, shot and killed Terri Treadway, 58 and Catherine Sutter, 58, before attempting to kill himself. Treadway and Sutter were housekeepers at Hamlet Village, an assisted living facility in northeast Ohio. According to police, Staton lived with one of the women. According to an affidavit in his arrest warrant, Staton admitted to shooting the women. Staton was hospitalized in critical condition. He was charged with murder. On August 23, 2016, Frank Staton pleaded guilty to aggravated murder, murder, and felonious assault in the deaths of Terri Treadway and Catherine Sutter. He was sentenced to 66 years to life in prison.

**Source:** "Man pleads guilty to killing two women at Chagrin Falls retirement community," *fox8.com*, August 23, 2016; "Warrant: Chef at Ohio facility admitted killing housekeepers," *limaohio.com*, March 26, 2016.



# WISCONSIN

## BLACK HOMICIDE VICTIMIZATION

There were 140 black homicide victims in Wisconsin in 2015.

The homicide rate among black victims in Wisconsin was 36.77 per 100,000 in 2015.

### Ranked 2nd in the United States

- Age** Eleven homicide victims (8 percent) were less than 18 years old and 1 victim (1 percent) was 65 years of age or older. The average age was 29 years old.
- Sex** Out of 140 homicide victims, 121 were male and 19 were female.
- Most Common Weapons** For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 85 percent of victims (117 out of 137) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 75 percent (88 victims) were killed with handguns. There were 29 victims killed with firearms, type not stated. There were 12 victims killed with knives or other cutting instruments, 5 victims killed by bodily force, and 1 victim killed by a blunt object.
- Victim/Offender Relationship** For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 56 percent of victims (40 out of 71) were killed by someone they knew. Thirty-one victims were killed by strangers.
- Circumstance** For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 82 percent (58 out of 71) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 66 percent (38 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

## BLACK HOMICIDE VICTIMIZATION IN WISCONSIN, 2011 - 2015

Year	Black Homicide Victims	Black Homicide Rate	National Rank	Percent of Black Victims Killed with Guns
2015	140	36.77	2nd	85%
2014	91	24.04	8th	87%
2013	93	24.74	7th	80%
2012	91	24.38	8th	84%
2011	86	23.22	8th	70%

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### WOMEN KILLED BY MEN

39 females were murdered by males in Wisconsin in 2016.

The homicide rate among females murdered by males in Wisconsin was 1.34 per 100,000 in 2016.

#### Ranked 21st in the United States

**Age** For homicides in which the age of the victim was reported (39 homicides), 2 victims (5 percent) were less than 18 years old and 3 victims (8 percent) were 65 years of age or older. The average age was 38 years old.

**Race** Out of 39 female homicide victims, 28 were white, 10 were black, and 1 was American Indian or Alaskan Native.

**Most Common Weapons** For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 58 percent of female victims (22 out of 38) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 82 percent (18 victims) were killed with handguns. There were 6 females killed with knives or other cutting instruments, 2 females killed by a blunt object, and 4 females killed by bodily force.

**Victim/Offender Relationship** For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 95 percent of female victims (36 out of 38) were murdered by someone they knew. Two female victims were killed by strangers. Of the victims who knew their offenders, 67 percent (24 victims) were wives, common-law wives, ex-wives, or girlfriends of the offenders. Among the female intimates who were murdered, 50 percent (12 victims) were killed with guns; 83 percent of these (10 victims) were shot and killed with handguns.

**Circumstance** For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 86 percent (32 out of 37) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 47 percent (15 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

### WOMEN KILLED BY MEN IN WISCONSIN, 2012 - 2016

Year	Female Homicide Victims	Female Homicide Victimization Rate	National Rank	Percent of Female Victims Killed with Guns
2016	39	1.34	21st	58%
2015	24	0.83	36th	57%
2014	27	0.93	33rd	62%
2013	33	1.14	18th	55%
2012	23	0.80	37th	21%

## FATAL, NON-SELF DEFENSE INCIDENTS INVOLVING CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT HOLDERS IN WISCONSIN, 2016 – 2018

### Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Calvin C. Eldridge (CONVICTED)

**Date:** May 7, 2018

**People Killed:** 1

#### ■ Homicide

**Circumstances:** On May 7, 2018, concealed handgun permit holder Calvin Eldridge, 49, shot and killed his neighbor Victor Reynolds, 54, following a fight at the Village Road apartment building where both men lived. Eldridge shot Reynolds in the leg in the hallway of their apartment building. Reynolds was taken from the scene by paramedics, and died in the hospital the following day. Police described the incident as the final escalation in a feud between upstairs/downstairs neighbors that involved complaints about loud music and slamming doors. According to the district attorney, "Mr. Eldridge was running around the neighborhood carrying 32 rounds of ammunition when he got into the fist fight with Mr. Reynolds." In an audio recording of the fight heard through a 911 call, Reynolds could be heard saying, "Hit me one more time," followed by a gunshot. Prosecutors also referred to prior incidents where Eldridge brandished his firearm when there were confrontations in the neighborhood. On September 18, 2018, Eldridge plead guilty to felony second degree reckless endangerment and misdemeanor endangerment with use of a dangerous weapon. He was sentenced to nine months in jail and four years of probation and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$4,800.

**Source:** "Portage man sentenced to 9 months in jail 4 years probation for fatal shooting," *wiscnews.com*, September 18, 2018; "Neighbor feud leads to fatal shooting, arrest at Portage apartment," *wiscnews.com*, May 8, 2018.

### Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: James Clinton Atterberry, Jr (CONVICTED)

**Date:** October 15, 2016

**People Killed:** 1

#### ■ Homicide

**Circumstances:** On October 15, 2016, concealed handgun permit holder James Clinton Atterberry, 26, shot and killed Ronnie McMillon, Jr., 26. According to the criminal complaint, Atterberry and McMillon, who had been staying at the same residence in Kenosha, began arguing about Atterberry having a gun. The argument became more heated and Atterberry shot McMillon multiple times with a 9mm Glock pistol. Atterberry was charged with first-degree reckless homicide. In April 2017, Atterberry's first degree reckless homicide trial ended with a deadlocked jury and a mistrial was declared. The charge against Atterberry was amended to second degree reckless homicide, and he plead guilty to that charge on April 20, 2017. On May 26, 2017, Atterberry was sentenced to 12 years in prison plus an additional seven years of extended supervision.

**Source:** "James Atterberry sentenced to 12 years in prison in murder of Ronnie McMillon," *fox6now.com*, May 26, 2017; "Concealed carry permit-holders charged in Milwaukee shootings," *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, October 19, 2016.

## **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Octavia W. Dodson (CONVICTED)**

**Date:** March 25, 2016

**People Killed:** 1

### ■ **Homicide**

**Circumstances:** On March 25, 2016, concealed handgun permit holder Octavia W. Dodson, 28, shot and killed Deshun T. Freeman, 21. Just before 11:00 PM on March 25, several people called 911 to report hearing gunshots. Dodson was among the callers, telling police that he had shot a man, claiming that he had pulled a gun on him. Dodson told police he was armed, had left the scene, and would turn himself in to police. Milwaukee's ShotSpotter system detected six shots near the intersection of N. 10th Street and W. Concordia Avenue. Investigators found two bullet holes in a house at that location. Officers found Freeman lying face down in the street, having been shot three times, including once in the head. No firearms were found with Freeman. A green Buick Park Avenue was parked nearby with the engine running and the headlights on. Officers went to a home a block away to meet Dodson, who directed officers to a 9mm pistol. Next to the pistol was a 17-round magazine, loaded with 11 rounds. Dodson told police that he was driving when he was rear-ended while stopped at a red light by a blue Buick with bluish purple window tint. He claimed that when he got out to inspect the damage the other car kept driving. Dodson said that as he continued driving, a car came speeding up behind him before pulling over and parking at the side of the road. Dodson said he recognized the car as the one that hit him so he pulled over as well. Dodson then claimed a man got out of the car, yelled an expletive and ran toward him with his hands in his pockets. Dodson initially told investigators he fired from inside his car, but later said he left his car and shot the man from a standing position. Police noted discrepancies between Dodson's description of the car that struck him and the car found at the scene and were investigating whether any accident took place at all. Dodson was charged with homicide. On July 18, 2016, Octavia Dodson pleaded guilty to second degree murder in the death of Deshun Freeman.

**Source:** "Octavia Dodson pleads guilty in fatal shooting over car accident," *cbs58.com*, July 18, 2016; "Concealed-carry permit holder charged in shooting death," *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, April 4, 2016.

## **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Shanika S. Minor (CONVICTED)**

**Date:** March 6, 2016

**People Killed:** 1

### ■ **Homicide**

**Circumstances:** On March 6, 2016, concealed handgun permit holder Shanika S. Minor, 25, shot and killed her mother's neighbor, Tamecca Perry, 23, following an argument about loud music. Perry was nine months pregnant at the time of the shooting and her unborn child did not survive. On March 5, Minor was at her mother's house and got into an argument with Perry whom she felt had disrespected her mother in an earlier argument over loud music. Minor challenged Perry to a fight and fired several shots in the air before her mother convinced her to leave. Minor returned a few hours later and resumed her argument with Perry at around 3 AM on March 6. Minor's mother got between the two women who had known each other since eighth grade, but Minor reached over her mother and shot Perry in the chest. Perry died at the scene. Minor pleaded guilty to two counts of first degree reckless homicide and was sentenced to 30 years in prison plus 10 years on supervision, on each count, to be served concurrently. The judge in the case questioned whether lax concealed

carry laws had made the community safer, noting that several people licensed to legally carry guns had been in court for shootings and homicides. "Some involved self-defense, the majority did not," he stated. He observed that many were "looking for trouble." When Minor's attorney said that Minor did not take the gun specifically to the confrontation, but always carried it, the judge replied, "Even worse....Now we have everyone running around armed to the teeth, thinking they can solve every dispute by firing off a few rounds." He called Minor's case a new low, noting that he'd heard of people taking out a gun in a fist fight, but Minor had brought a gun to a verbal disagreement.

**Source:** "Milwaukee woman gets 30 years for slaying over loud music as judge questions concealed carry," *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, August 24, 2017.



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