



Addressing Gun Violence

PUBLIC SAFETY

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OVERVIEW

America continues to reel from the senseless violence witnessed in Uvalde, TX., Buffalo, NY., and numerous other mass shootings across the nation. President Biden has called for action and a bi-partisan gun control bill is moving through Congress. But, what has Los Angeles done to protect Angelenos?

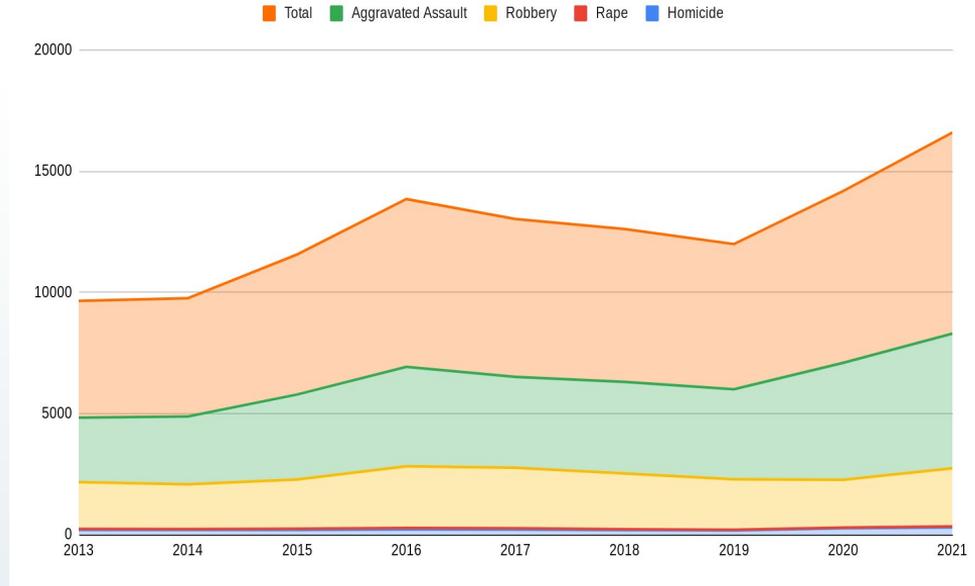
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The Statistics Around Guns



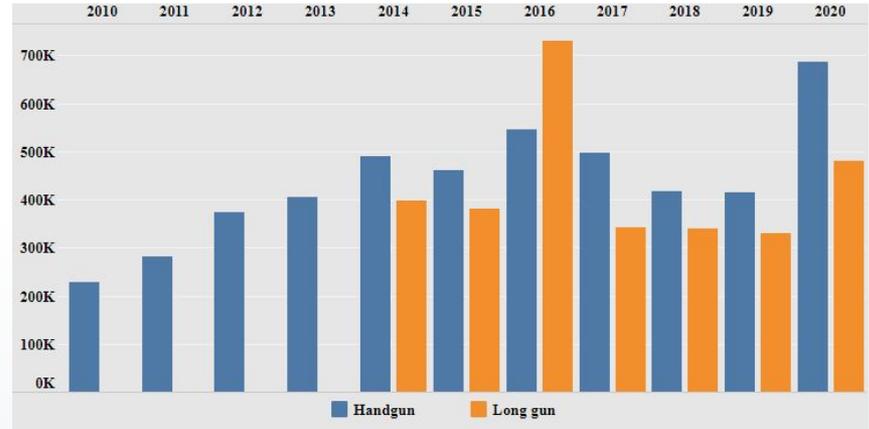
More Guns, More Gun Crime

- **Crime is on the rise across the nation.**
- **Gun sales have set records in recent years.**
- **Ghost guns are becoming more prevalent.**
- **All of this is contributing to increased gun violence.**



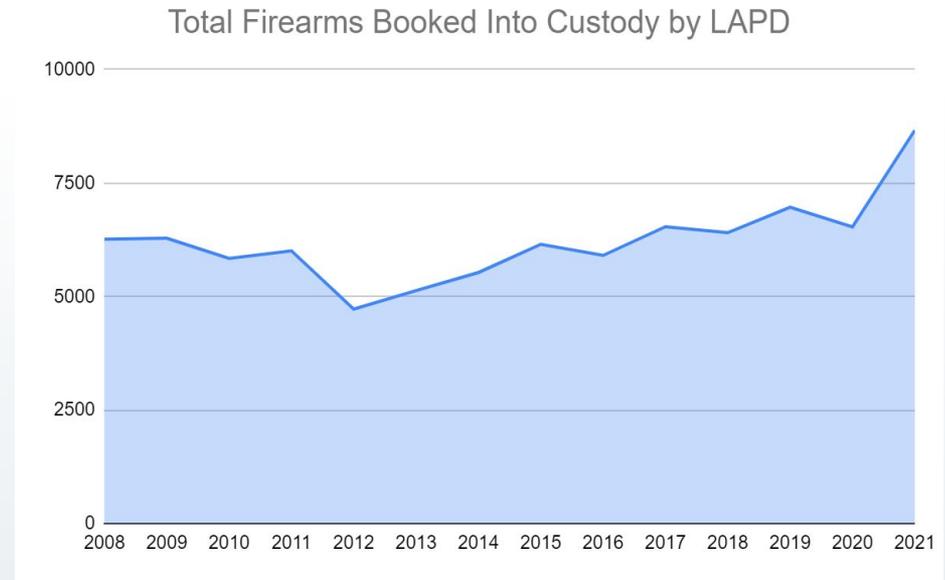
Total Gun Sales in California

- **Record breaking sales of long guns (rifles and shotguns) in 2016.**
- **All-time record for sales of handguns in 2020.**
- **Sales in 2021 estimates another 1,096,943 guns sold.**
- **Illegal trafficking is still a major issue across California.**
- **Most come from Arizona, Nevada, and Texas.**
- **Recently, 500+ guns seized from illegal trafficker smuggling guns from Georgia.**



Total Guns in Custody and the Rise of Ghost Guns

- **2012 saw a low of 4,724 guns booked into custody.**
- **Average is closer to ~6,000 guns per year.**
- **2021 saw a 136.3% increase in ghost guns recovered.**
- **A total of 1,921 ghost guns in 2021 and making a 2020-2021 total of 2,734.**
- **LAPD is reporting that 35% of all guns recovered in Los Angeles are ghost guns.**



California and LA Lead the Way

STRONG GUN LAWS SAVE LIVES



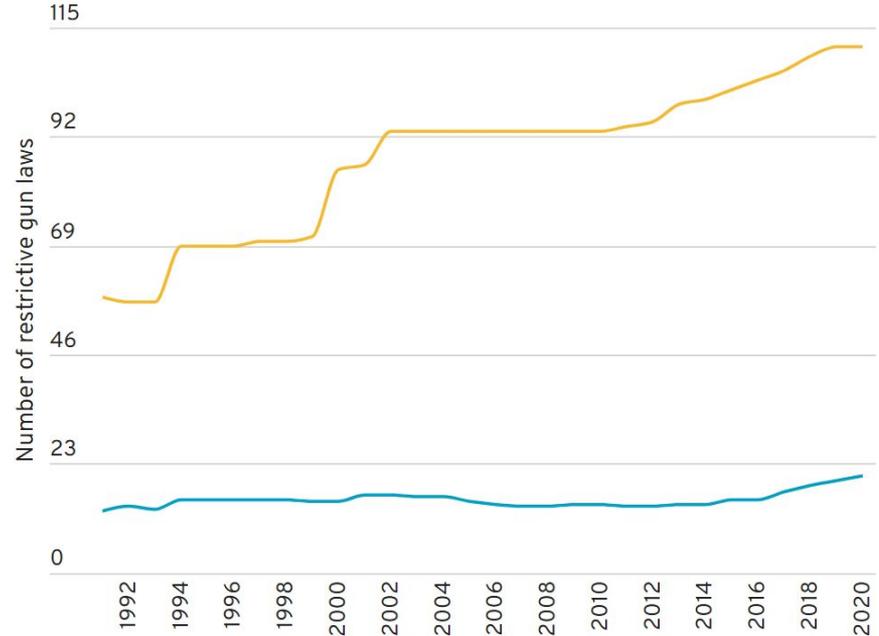
California's Gun Laws

- **California is ranked #1 in the United States for gun safety.**
- **One of only two states to receive an "A" grade.**
- **National average of gun mortality is 13.7 per 100,000.**
- **California's average is 8.5 per 100,000.**
- **The City of LA's average is 7.**



*Everytown Gun Law Rankings and Gun Violence Rate

Number of laws that regulate firearm use, ownership or transactions, California vs the state median



*Graph from CalMatters with information from State Firearm Laws Database

California's Gun Laws

Some of California's Current Gun Laws:

- **Universal Background Checks for Gun and Ammunition Purchases**
- Waiting Period Required
- Concealed Carry Permit Required
- **Extreme Risk Law (Red Flag Law)**
- Secure Storage Required
- **Assault Weapons Prohibited**
- Consumer Safety (Requires Childproofing on New Handgun Models)
- **Ghost Guns Regulated**
- **High Capacity Magazines Prohibited**
- No Special Immunity for Gun Industry
- Authority to Deny Public Carry for Public Safety
- No Guns at State Capitols and/or Demonstrations
- **No Guns in K-12 Schools**
- Open Carry Regulated
- **Minimum Age to Purchase - Handgun 21+, Long Gun 18+**
- Charleston Loophole Closed (No purchase may occur during background check)
- **Mental Health Prohibitor**
- **Felony Prohibitor**
- **Stalker Prohibitor**
- **Violent Offender Prohibitor**
- Emergency Restraining Order Prohibitor
- Convicted Domestic Abusers Prohibitor
- Relinquishment for Convicted Domestic Abusers
- Funding for Services for Victims of Gun Violence
- Violence Intervention Program Funding
- **Lost and Stolen Reporting**
- **Mental Health Record Reporting**
- **Notification of Failed Background Checks**
- **Sales Records Sent to Law Enforcement**
- **Training Required to Purchase Guns**

Los Angeles Paved the Way

- **California is strong on gun control but Los Angeles often leads the way.**
- **Mayor Garcetti:**
 - **2015 - Signed law banning possession of high-capacity magazines. CA followed in 2016.**
 - **2015 - Signed law requiring safe storage of all guns regardless of loaded or unloaded. CA followed in 2019.**
 - **2017 - signed onto “Do Not Just Stand Idly By” campaign for gun safety becoming the first major city to do so.**
 - **2021 - Signed law banning possession of ghost guns or unserialized parts.**



A Strong Voice for Change

Mayor Garcetti has also used his voice to support the President and local leaders in their efforts to stop gun violence.

He supports numerous California gun safety bills:

- **AB 452 (Friedman):** Pupil safety: Parental notification: firearm safety laws.
- **AB 1227 (Levine):** Firearms and ammunition: Excise tax on firearm sales.
- **AB 1594 (Ting):** Firearms: Establishes firearm industry standard of conduct; civil suits.
- **AB 1621 (Gipson):** Firearms: Expands unserialized firearms definition.
- **AB 1929 (Gabriel):** Medi-Cal: violence preventive services.
- **AB 2137 (Maienschein):** Family justice centers.
- **AB 2156 (Wicks):** Firearms: Expands state manufacturing license to all persons.
- **AB 2239 (Maienschein):** Firearms: Expanding prohibited persons.
- **AB 2552 (McCarty):** Firearms: Required postings at gun shows and events.
- **AB 2571 (Bauer-Kahan):** Firearms: No advertising to minors.
- **SB 906 (Portantino):** School safety: Addressing mass casualty threats.
- **SB 915 (Min):** Firearms: Prohibit gun shows on state property.
- **SB 1327 (Hertzberg):** Firearms: private rights of action.
- **SB 1384 (Min):** Firearms: Improved dealer safety requirements.



Community Safety Partnership

ACTIVATING COMMUNITIES



Building Trust with Community Safety Partnership (CSP)

- **2020, Mayor Garcetti formed the Community Safety Partnership Bureau within LAPD.**
- **Oversees the expanded CSP Program, uniting all 10 sites and integrating best practices citywide.**
- **CSP's success was recorded in an extensive review by UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs**



Community Safety Partnership Successes

- **Evaluating just two CSP locations, Jordan Downs and Nicerkson Gardens, the UCLA report found:**
 - **221 violent crimes were prevented.**
 - **\$14.5 million in tangible costs over six years.**
 - **Including intangible costs, savings could crest \$90 million dollars over six years.**
- **LAPD reported in the first three years, violent crime and arrests dropped 50% and Jordan Downs went three years without a homicide.**



GRYD

GANG REDUCTION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



GRYD Successes

- **GRYD's success has led to 23 zones throughout the City.**
- **Partnering:**
 - **30 non-profits, CBOs, City Depts., LAPD, and community leaders.**
 - **118 Crisis Intervention Workers (CIW)**
 - **40 GRYD Ambassadors**
- **5,000 Youths served**
- **Lowering gang retaliation by 30%**



**GANG REDUCTION &
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

Expanding Summer Night Lights

- **One of GRYPD's best examples of community engagement.**
- **720,000 participants in 2019.**
- **Free meals, activities, job opportunities, and other resources provided to families.**
- **Now active in 43 sites across the City.**



Gun Buyback Program

TAKING GUNS OFF OUR STREETS



Taking Guns Off the Streets

7,655 guns since 2013

Including:

- **372 guns classified as assault weapons.**
- **In March and May of this year, 15 ghost guns and 24 assault weapons were surrendered.**



Los Angeles Police Efforts

MAKING GHOST GUNS THE PRIORITY



Actions and Policies

- **LAPD led on drafting the ghost gun ban (Municipal Code 55.22).**
- **Provides in-depth training to help officers identify the signs of gun trafficking, illegal manufacturing, and prosecute offenders.**
- **LAPD Gun Unit also works closely with state and federal agencies.**
- **The Gun Unit is assigned to the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Taskforce helping to uncover the sources of illegally transported guns into Los Angeles**
- **LAPD has also been a partner in the Gun Buyback Program since 2009.**



Empowering Our Youth

- **Mayor Garcetti convened the first official Youth Council in 2018.**
- **Created the “Actions Speak Louder than Guns” awareness campaign and website.**
- **May 3, 2022, the Mayor reconvened the Youth Council to End Gun Violence.**
- **The most recent cohort will continue to push for the end to gun violence by working to utilize technology and their voice to change policy.**



What Can HRC Do to Help?

- **Thank You for Asking the Questions.**
- **Continue to Bring Awareness:**
 - **To the Issues.**
 - **To Available Resources.**
 - **To the Actions Already Underway.**
- **Continue to Support At-Risk/Underserved Communities.**
- **Connect with the LA City Youth Council.**
- **Fight for improved quality of life throughout our historically underserved communities.**



Resources

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

GANG REDUCTION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

GRYD

www.lagrzd.org

LOUDER THAN GUNS

Mayor's Youth Council to End
Gun Violence

www.LouderThanGuns.org

OLIVIA E MITCHELL LA CITY YOUTH COUNCIL

Youth Development Department

<https://youthcouncil.lacity.org/>

SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

Mayor Eric Garcetti

lamayor.org/safe-neighborhoods

GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM

GRYD Program

<https://www.lagrzd.org/gun-buy-back.html>

SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS

GRYD Program

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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP BUREAU

LAPD

<https://www.lapdcsp.org/>



Thank you.
Questions?

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