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### Gun Violence is not an “Inner City” Problem

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Table 1: U.S. Counties with Highest Rates of Gun Homicide by State, 2008-2014 (Limit of 5 counties per State)

State	Gun Homicides	Pct.	Total	State	Gun Homicides	Pct.	Total	State	Gun Homicides	Pct.	Total
County	per 100K	Urban	Pop.	County	per 100K	Urban	Pop.	County	per 100K	Urban	Pop.
<b>NON-CONFORMING STATES</b>				<b>CONFORMING STATES</b>							
<b>Alabama</b>				<b>Mississippi</b>				<b>Connecticut*</b>			
Macon	23.4	44.45	21,452	Coahoma	23.27	68.00	26,151	Hartford	3.21	94.59	894,014
Dallas	20.9	54.36	43,820	Hinds	18.72	84.72	245,285	New Haven	3.10	96.36	862,477
Montgomery	13.0	89.51	229,363	Washington	17.23	82.48	51,137	Fairfield	2.51	95.42	916,829
Jefferson	12.2	90.17	658,466	Holmes	17.18	13.15	19,198	<b>Delaware**</b>			
Mobile	11.0	79.98	412,992	Wayne	15.20	20.36	20,747	New Castle	6.18	95.40	538,479
<b>Arizona</b>				<b>Missouri</b>				Kent			
Pima	5.1	92.48	980,263	St. Louis City	28.16	100.00	319,294	Sussex	1.71	58.70	197,145
Apache	4.4	25.94	71,518	Jackson	13.46	96.16	674,158	<b>Maryland</b>			
Maricopa	4.1	97.64	3,817,117	St. Louis County	6.79	98.86	998,954	Baltimore City	24.96	100.00	620,961
Pinal	3.6	78.10	375,770	Boone	2.16	81.21	162,642	Prince George's	7.56	98.03	863,420
Cochise	3.5	63.70	131,346	Clay	2.03	90.18	221,939	Baltimore County	3.76	93.47	805,029
<b>Arkansas</b>				<b>New Mexico</b>				Wicomico			
Phillips	27.6	52.03	21,757	Chaves	10.68	75.75	65,645	Charles	2.88	70.50	146,551
Jefferson	19.1	69.08	77,435	Rio Arriba	7.48	50.24	40,246	<b>Massachusetts</b>			
Mississippi	14.0	63.73	46,480	Lea	7.15	78.97	64,727	Suffolk	5.51	99.93	722,023
Pulaski	10.4	87.72	382,748	Valencia	5.82	83.27	76,569	Hampden	2.73	91.43	463,490
Crittenden	8.8	79.11	50,902	Santa Fe	4.03	74.84	144,170	Bristol	1.43	90.17	548,285
<b>California</b>				<b>North Carolina</b>				Plymouth			
Monterey	7.89	90.18	415,057	Robeson	16.19	37.39	134,168	Essex	1.20	95.76	743,159
San Joaquin	7.58	91.53	685,306	Vance	14.27	45.92	45,422	<b>Michigan</b>			
Alameda	6.95	99.61	1,510,271	Scotland	11.86	51.61	36,157	Wayne	16.53	99.3	1,820,584
Merced	6.69	85.73	255,793	Halifax	10.01	45.29	54,691	Genesee	10.76	83.24	425,790
Tulare	6.28	84.52	442,179	Columbus	9.94	19.41	58,098	Saginaw	8.69	68.88	200,169
<b>Colorado</b>				<b>Ohio</b>				Muskegon			
Pueblo	4.11	85.85	159,063	Mahoning	8.31	84.84	238,823	Calhoun	3.05	69.02	136,146
Denver	3.88	100.00	600,158	Hamilton	7.81	97.77	802,374	<b>New Jersey</b>			
El Paso	3.02	91.07	622,263	Franklin	6.88	98.65	1,163,414	Essex	12.07	99.99	783,969
Adams	2.53	96.38	441,603	Montgomery	6.67	95.67	535,153	Camden	7.80	98.38	513,657
Arapahoe	2.32	98.42	572,003	Cuyahoga	6.19	99.42	1,280,122	Mercer	5.20	96.52	366,513
<b>Florida</b>				<b>South Carolina</b>				Atlantic			
Duval	9.76	97.09	864,263	Jasper	16.30	33.33	24,777	Cumberland	4.73	76.97	156,898
Miami-Dade	7.21	99.60	2,496,435	Colleton	11.89	24.43	38,892	<b>New York</b>			
Columbia	5.71	37.94	67,531	Williamsburg	11.78	18.06	34,423	Bronx	5.23	100.00	1,385,108
Escambia	5.63	91.70	297,619	Orangeburg	9.97	36.22	92,501	Kings	4.62	100.00	2,504,700
Orange	5.39	97.96	1,145,956	Dillon	9.50	30.49	32,062	Erie	4.58	90.60	919,040
<b>Georgia</b>				<b>Tennessee</b>				Monroe			
Clayton	9.60	99.11	259,424	Shelby	13.05	97.24	927,644	Onondaga	2.60	87.41	467,026
DeKalb	9.43	99.74	691,893	Madison	8.88	74.17	98,294	<b>Oklahoma</b>			
Richmond	9.34	90.78	200,549	Davidson	6.91	96.59	626,681	Tulsa	6.82	95.22	603,403
Fulton	8.98	98.92	920,581	Hamilton	5.37	89.98	336,463	Oklahoma	6.53	93.72	718,633
Chatham	8.92	95.50	265,128	Mauzy	4.36	58.41	80,956	Comanche	6.13	78.21	124,098
<b>Illinois</b>				<b>Texas</b>				Muskogee			
St. Clair	11.78	90.25	270,056	Waller	7.18	38.36	43,205	Cleveland	1.76	83.12	255,755
Cook	8.89	99.95	5,194,675	Jefferson	6.64	91.60	252,273	<b>Oregon</b>			
Peoria	5.28	85.35	186,494	Gregg	6.44	86.64	121,730	Multnomah	1.95	98.66	735,334
Winnebago	4.68	92.09	295,266	Harris	6.40	98.79	4,092,459	Jackson	1.46	79.95	203,206
Vermilion	4.58	68.74	81,625	Dallas	5.77	99.31	2,368,139	Marion	1.35	86.91	315,335
<b>Indiana</b>				<b>Washington</b>				Lane			
Lake	12.24	96.03	496,005	Yakima	5.39	76.48	243,231	Clackamas	1.05	81.92	375,992
Marion	10.26	99.4	903,393	Grant	4.29	61.25	89,120	<b>Pennsylvania</b>			
Allen	5.22	88.12	355,329	Pierce	2.27	93.41	795,225	Philadelphia	15.77	100.00	1,526,006
St. Joseph	4.12	91	266,931	Spokane	1.63	86.33	471,221	Allegheny	6.57	97.51	1,223,348
Madison	2.40	76.91	131,636	King	1.58	96.79	1,931,249	Delaware	5.36	99.54	558,979
<b>Kentucky</b>				<b>West Virginia*</b>				Dauphin			
Jefferson	6.41	98.63	741,096	Mercer	5.75	59.27	62,264	Lawrence	3.79	59.68	91,108
Christian	5.41	71.44	73,955	Raleigh	5.26	60.74	78,859	<b>Wisconsin*</b>			
Fayette	3.43	96.93	295,803	Cabell	4.29	78.44	96,319	Milwaukee	7.56	99.81	947,735
<b>Louisiana</b>				<b>Virginia</b>				Racine			
Orleans	39.75	99.41	343,829	Kanawha	3.94	74.81	193,063	Rock	2.05	79.58	160,331
St. John the Baptist	17.39	86.55	45,924	Petersburg	21.63	97.89	32,420	Dane	0.72	87.67	488,073
East Baton Rouge	15.09	93.12	440,171	Richmond	12.66	100.00	204,214				
Jefferson	13.57	98.86	432,552	Danville	11.63	95.48	43,055				
Washington	9.76	33.33	47,168	Portsmouth	9.98	100.00	95,535				
				Norfolk	9.32	100.00	242,803				

DATA SOURCES: Counties with highest gun homicide rates in 33 States that reported complete and sufficient information. Gun homicide data are from the National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System. Population and urbanization data are from the United States Census Bureau's county-level population estimates.

\* Not enough homicides in other areas for stable rates.

\*\* State has only three counties.