

Murder Rate with Handguns in 2002

National Rate = 3.3 Murders per 100,000 Population*

ALPHA ORDER

RANK	STATE	RATE
8	Alabama	4.5
20	Alaska	2.7
7	Arizona	4.8
11	Arkansas	4.4
8	California	4.5
23	Colorado	2.2
32	Connecticut	1.2
32	Delaware	1.2
NA	Florida**	NA
6	Georgia	5.1
43	Hawaii	0.5
40	Idaho	0.6
3	Illinois*	7.4
16	Indiana	3.2
43	Iowa	0.5
35	Kansas	1.1
16	Kentucky	3.2
1	Louisiana	9.3
43	Maine	0.5
2	Maryland	8.6
36	Massachusetts	1.0
12	Michigan	3.8
32	Minnesota	1.2
5	Mississippi	6.0
26	Missouri	2.1
46	Montana	0.3
46	Nebraska	0.3
8	Nevada	4.5
38	New Hampshire	0.8
23	New Jersey	2.2
14	New Mexico	3.5
4	New York	6.9
13	North Carolina	3.7
49	North Dakota	0.2
20	Ohio	2.7
29	Oklahoma	1.5
40	Oregon	0.6
16	Pennsylvania	3.2
36	Rhode Island	1.0
14	South Carolina	3.5
46	South Dakota	0.3
19	Tennessee	3.0
22	Texas	2.6
38	Utah	0.8
28	Vermont	1.7
27	Virginia	1.8
29	Washington	1.5
23	West Virginia	2.2
31	Wisconsin	1.3
40	Wyoming	0.6

RANK ORDER

RANK	STATE	RATE
1	Louisiana	9.3
2	Maryland	8.6
3	Illinois*	7.4
4	New York	6.9
5	Mississippi	6.0
6	Georgia	5.1
7	Arizona	4.8
8	Alabama	4.5
8	California	4.5
8	Nevada	4.5
11	Arkansas	4.4
12	Michigan	3.8
13	North Carolina	3.7
14	New Mexico	3.5
14	South Carolina	3.5
16	Indiana	3.2
16	Kentucky	3.2
16	Pennsylvania	3.2
19	Tennessee	3.0
20	Alaska	2.7
20	Ohio	2.7
22	Texas	2.6
23	Colorado	2.2
23	New Jersey	2.2
23	West Virginia	2.2
26	Missouri	2.1
27	Virginia	1.8
28	Vermont	1.7
29	Oklahoma	1.5
29	Washington	1.5
31	Wisconsin	1.3
32	Connecticut	1.2
32	Delaware	1.2
32	Minnesota	1.2
35	Kansas	1.1
36	Massachusetts	1.0
36	Rhode Island	1.0
38	New Hampshire	0.8
38	Utah	0.8
40	Idaho	0.6
40	Oregon	0.6
40	Wyoming	0.6
43	Hawaii	0.5
43	Iowa	0.5
43	Maine	0.5
46	Montana	0.3
46	Nebraska	0.3
46	South Dakota	0.3
49	North Dakota	0.2
NA	Florida**	NA

District of Columbia**

NA

Source: Morgan Quitno Press using data from Federal Bureau of Investigation

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*Of the 14,054 murders in 2002 for which supplemental data were received by the F.B.I. There were an additional 2,150 murders for which the type of murder weapon was not reported to the F.B.I. There were also 1,237 murders that were reported as murders by "firearms, type unknown." Murder includes nonnegligent manslaughter. Numbers are for reporting jurisdictions only. Illinois' figure is for Chicago only. **Not available.