

America's gun violence epidemic

Since the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre in December 2012 – in which 20 children and six adults died – the U.S. has seen more than 2,080 mass shootings which have resulted in over 2,700 deaths

2013

467 dead

1,176 injured

339

Mass shootings

Jan: President **Barack Obama** issues memorandum blocking people with **severe mental health problems** from buying guns.

President **Donald Trump** repeals regulation in 2017

Apr: Democrat-controlled Senate defeats **Assault Weapons Ban** bill by vote of 40 to 60

Apr: Attempt to expand **background checks** to retail, online and at gun shows fails in Senate



2014

364

1,213

325

Jun: Bill introduced to fund **red flag law** to prohibit people who represent threat to themselves or others from buying guns

Jul: Senate fails to vote on **boyfriend loophole** which allows some convicted domestic violence abusers to buy guns



2015

469

1,387

371

Jan 3: 113th United States Congress ends – all gun legislation not enacted by end of Congress, including red flag law, is cleared from books.

Jan 6: 114th Congress begins

Oct: Bid to close **Charleston loophole** – which allows gun sale after three days if FBI background check is inconclusive – fails in Senate

2016

606

1,781

477

Jun 12: In deadliest U.S. mass shooting to date, gunman with terrorist ties kills 49 and wounds 53 others at Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida

Jun 20: U.S. Senate rejects measures to expand background checks to include private sales and internet sales and **ban on gun sales to suspected terrorists**

2017

590

427

2,170

Oct 1: Mass shooting at music festival in Las Vegas, Nevada, leaves 59 dead and 611 injured. Shooter uses **bump stocks** to increase his rate of fire

Oct 28: Congress fails to agree to ban bump stocks, to tougher background checks, to enforce smart gun technology and new bill to close Charleston loophole

2018*

212

500

143

Feb 14: High school attack at Parkland, Florida, leaves 17 dead

May 18: School shooting at Sante Fe, Texas, leaves 10 dead

Feb: Trump's 2019 budget cuts FBI's **National Instant Criminal Background Check System, NICS**, budget by \$12 million

Mar: **Fix NICS** background-check bill blocked by National Rifle Association-backed senators

*Data as at May 31, 2018