

Assigned States Handout

Only 5 states are included, but this would be mirrored for all other 45 states. You may have students access these questions digitally or print them out and distribute them amongst students.

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ANSWER KEY - USE FOR PRINTING (MICROTEACHING)

States: Texas, Alabama, Colorado, New York, and California

Texas

1. Is a state permit required to purchase firearms and ammunition? **No**
2. Do you need a permit for a rifle or shotgun? **No**
3. Can you carry a firearm to campus? **Yes, if you have a license to carry.**
4. Is there an assault weapon law in place?
5. Is there a limit on the number of firearms and ammunition a person can purchase/own? **No**
6. Is the state an “open-carry” or “concealed-carry” state? Is it Both? **Open carry is allowed with AND without permits. Concealed carry with permit only.**
7. Do they prevent criminals or the mentally ill from buying weapons? **Yes, both.**

Alabama

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2. Do you need a permit for a rifle or shotgun? **No**
3. Can you carry a firearm to campus? **Yes**
4. Is there an assault weapon law in place? **No**
5. Is there a limit on the number of firearms and ammunition a person can purchase/own? **No**
6. Is the state an “open-carry” or “concealed-carry” state? Is it Both? **Yes, both.**
7. Do they prevent criminals or the mentally ill from buying weapons? **Yes, both.**

New York

1. Is a state permit required to purchase firearms and ammunition? **Permit required for handguns but not ammunition. No permit needed for ammunition purchase.**
2. Do you need a permit for a rifle or shotgun? **No**
3. Can you carry a firearm to campus? **No**
4. Is there an assault weapon law in place? **Yes**
5. Is there a limit on the number of firearms and ammunition a person can purchase/own? **No, however New York City may differ.**

6. Is the state an “open-carry” or “concealed-carry” state? Is it Both? **No open carry, but concealed carry with license.**
7. Do they prevent criminals or the mentally ill from buying weapons? **Yes, both.**

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4. Is there an assault weapon law in place? **No.**
5. Is there a limit on the number of firearms and ammunition a person can purchase/own? **No.**
6. Is the state an “open-carry” or “concealed-carry” state? Is it Both? **Yes, both. Concealed carry only with permit.**
7. Do they prevent criminals or the mentally ill from buying weapons? **No, Colorado only prevents convicted felons from buying firearms.**

California

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7. Do they prevent criminals or the mentally ill from buying weapons? **Yes, both.**

Statistics Handouts

ALABAMA

On average, someone is killed with a gun **every 9 hours** in Alabama.

1,054

GUN DEATHS PER
YEAR

2ND

HIGHEST GUN DEATH
RATE

21.6

GUN DEATHS PER 100K
RESIDENTS

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

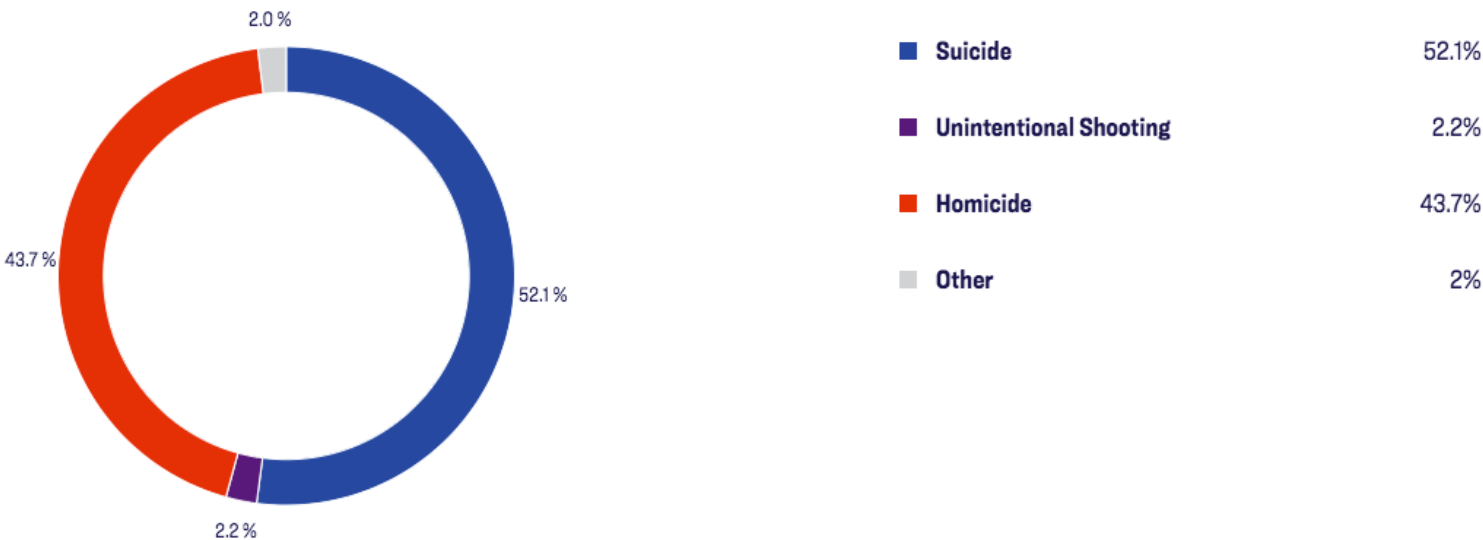
**\$4.9
BILLION**

\$1,019 PER RESIDENT

GUN HOMICIDE

The majority of homicides in America involve firearms. In Alabama, **83% of homicides** are committed with guns.

An average of **461 people** are killed in gun homicides in Alabama each year, representing **44% of all gun deaths**.



CALIFORNIA

On average, someone is killed with a gun **every 3 hours** in California.

3,090

GUN DEATHS PER
YEAR

44TH

HIGHEST GUN DEATH
RATE

7.6

GUN DEATHS PER 100K
RESIDENTS

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

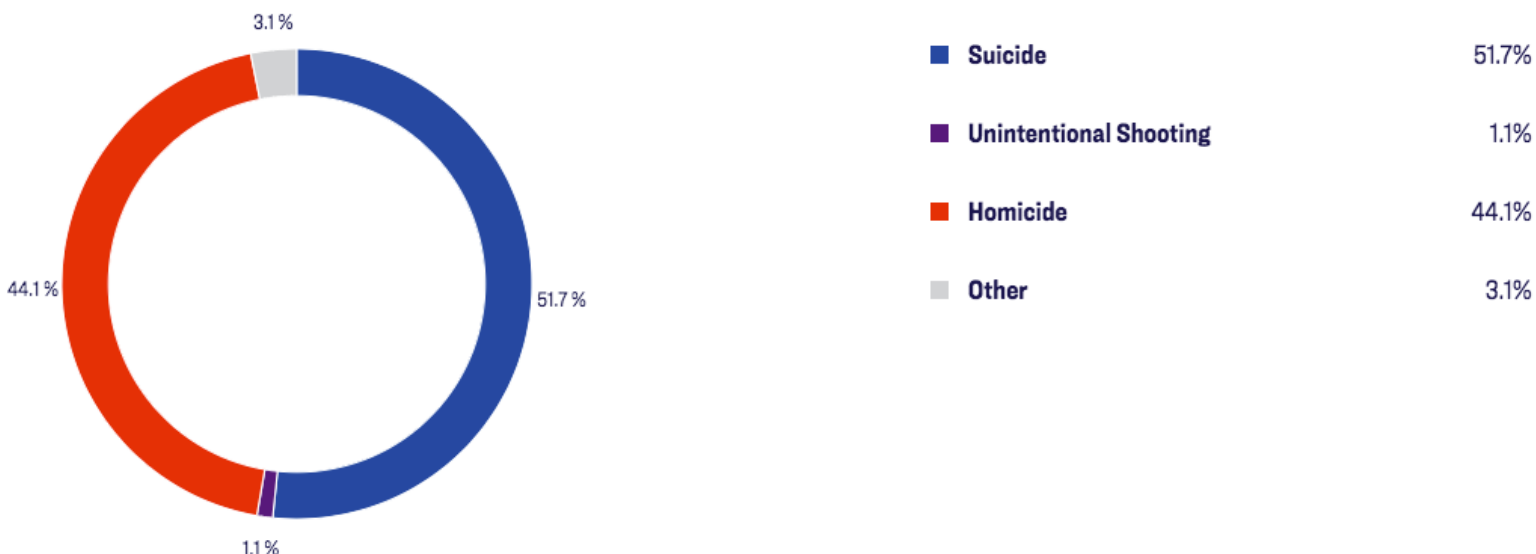
**\$18
BILLION**

\$479 PER RESIDENT

GUN HOMICIDE

The majority of homicides in America involve firearms. In California, **70% of homicides** are committed with guns.

An average of **1,364 people** are killed in gun homicides in California each year, representing **44% of all gun deaths**.



COLORADO

On average, someone is killed with a gun **every 11 hours** in Colorado.

805

GUN DEATHS PER
YEAR

20TH

HIGHEST GUN DEATH
RATE

14.0

GUN DEATHS PER 100K
RESIDENTS

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

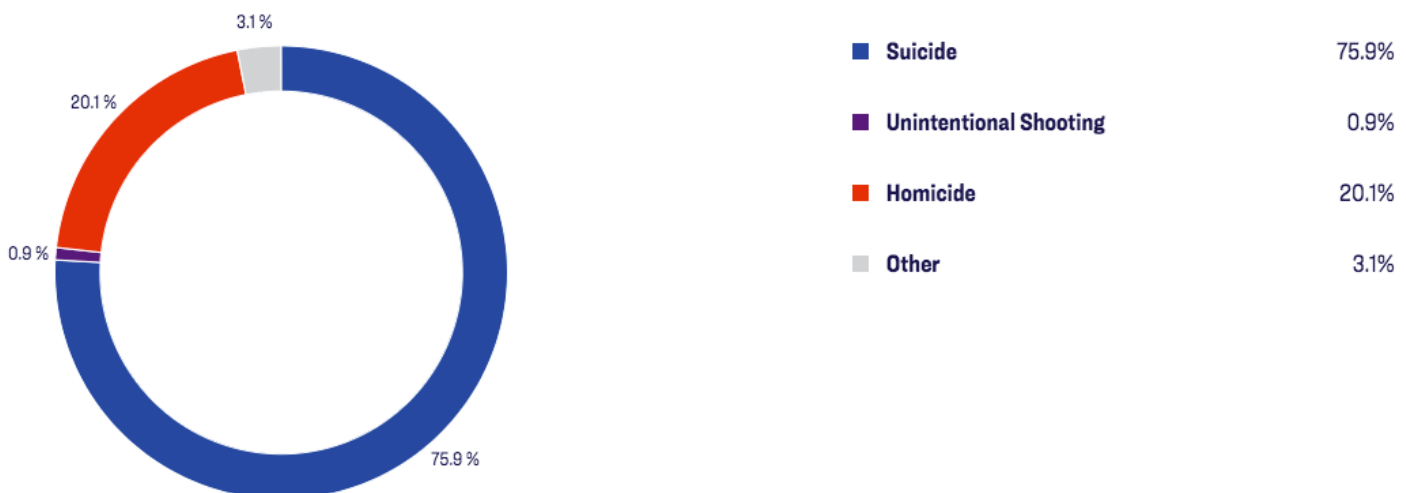
**\$3.5
BILLION**

\$668 PER RESIDENT

GUN HOMICIDE

The majority of homicides in America involve firearms. In Colorado, **67% of homicides** are committed with guns.

An average of **162 people** are killed in gun homicides in Colorado each year, representing **20% of all gun deaths**.



NEW YORK

On average, someone is killed with a gun **every 11 hours** in New York.

829

GUN DEATHS PER
YEAR

46TH

HIGHEST GUN DEATH
RATE

4.1

GUN DEATHS PER 100K
RESIDENTS

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

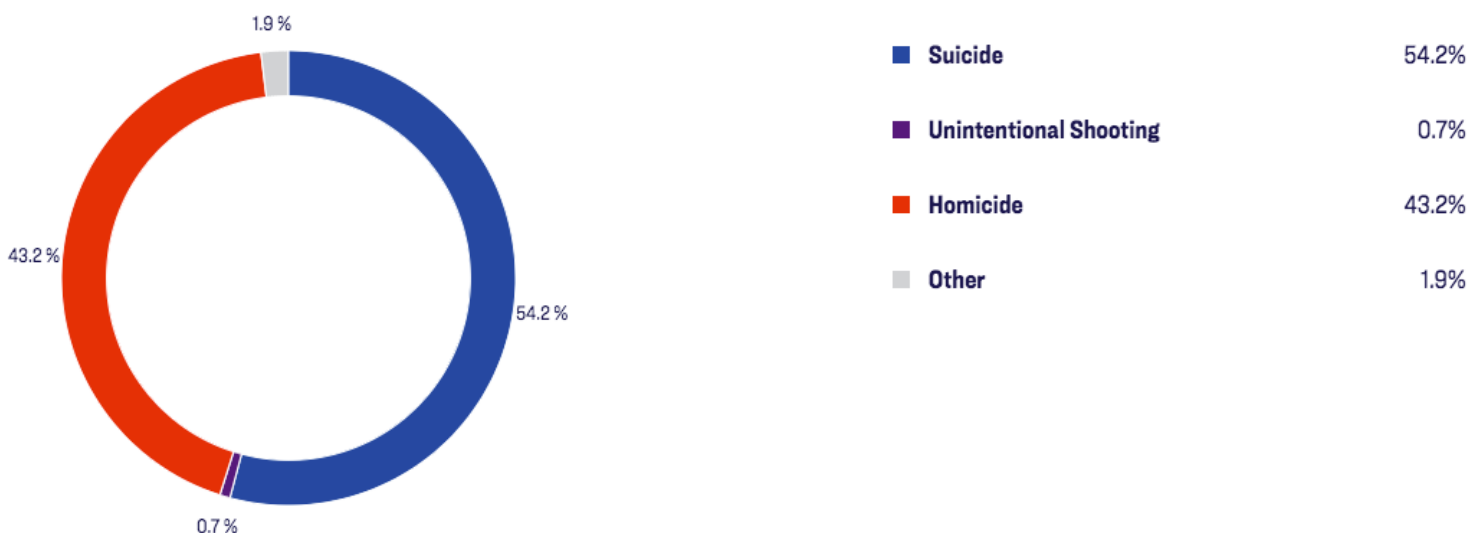
**\$5.6
BILLION**

\$286 PER RESIDENT

GUN HOMICIDE

The majority of homicides in America involve firearms. In New York, **57% of homicides** are committed with guns.

An average of **358 people** are killed in gun homicides in New York each year, representing **43% of all gun deaths**.



TEXAS

On average, someone is killed with a gun **every 3 hours** in Texas.

3,455

GUN DEATHS PER
YEAR

28TH

HIGHEST GUN DEATH
RATE

12.3

GUN DEATHS PER 100K
RESIDENTS

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

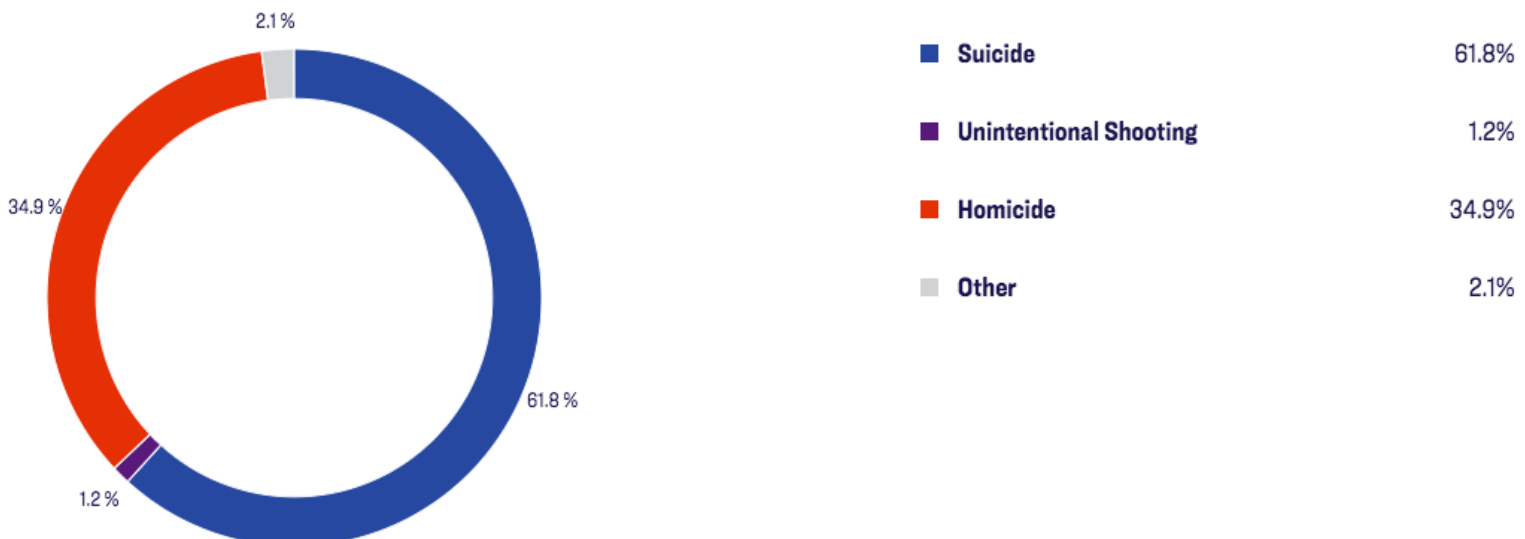
**\$16.6
BILLION**

\$632 PER RESIDENT

GUN HOMICIDE

The majority of homicides in America involve firearms. In Texas, **74% of homicides** are committed with guns.

An average of **1,206 people** are killed in gun homicides in Texas each year, representing **35% of all gun deaths**.



Information Scaffolding

California:

Subject/Law	Long guns	Handguns	(Penal Code except when noted)
State permit required to purchase?	Partial	Partial	§26500
Firearm registration?	Yes	Yes	§28150
Owner license required?	No	No	None
Assault weapon law?	Yes	Yes	§30500 , §30515
Magazine capacity restriction?	Yes	Yes	§32310
License required for concealed carry?	N/A	Yes	§26150
Open carry allowed?	Partial	Partial	§26350
Vehicle carry?	No	Yes	§25610
State preemption of local restrictions?	Yes	Yes	§53701 Government Code

Texas:

Summary table [\[edit \]](#)

Subject/Law	Long Guns	Hand Guns	Relevant Statutes	Notes
State permit required to purchase?	No	No		
Firearm registration?	No	No		
Assault weapon law?	No	No		
Magazine capacity restriction?	No	No		
Owner license required?	No	No		
Permit required for concealed carry?	N/A	No	Tex. Government Code § 411.172 ↗ Tex. Penal Code § 46.02 ↗	Texas is a "shall issue" state for citizens and lawful permanent residents who are 21 years or older. Permitless carry took effect on September 1, 2021.
Permit required for open carry?	No	No	Tex. Penal Code § 42.01(a)(8) ↗ Tex. Penal Code § 46.02 ↗	Handguns must be carried in a holster. Open carry on college campuses is prohibited. Permitless carry took effect on September 1, 2021.
Campus carry?	No	Yes	Tex. Government Code § 411.2031 ↗ Tex. Penal Code § 46.03 ↗	May carry in parking lots, parking garages, outdoor walkways on campus. Public four-year universities (as of August 1, 2016) and public two-year colleges (as of August 1, 2017) must allow concealed carry in campus buildings as well. Universities will be allowed to designate certain sensitive areas as "gun free zones"; these will be subject to legislative analysis.
Castle Doctrine/Stand Your Ground law?	Yes	Yes	Tex. Penal Code § 9.32 ↗	
State preemption of local restrictions?	Yes	Yes	Tex. Government Code § 411.209 ↗ Tex. Local Government Code § 229.001 ↗ Tex. Local Government Code § 236.002 ↗	
NFA weapons restricted?	No	No	Tex. Penal Code § 46.05 ↗	
Peaceable Journey laws?	Yes	Yes	Tex. Penal Code § 46.02(a)(2) ↗ Tex. Penal Code § 46.15(b)(2) ↗	
Background checks required for private sales?	No	No		
Duty to inform?	No	Yes	Tex. Government Code § 411.205 ↗	

Colorado:

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State permit required to purchase?	No	No		
Firearm registration?	No	No		
Assault weapon law?	No*	No*	DRMC § 38-130	No state law prohibiting sale or possession of assault weapons, but with the repeal of Colorado's statewide firearm preemption law in 2021, local restrictions or prohibitions on assault weapons may exist. Denver ordinance bans assault weapons. Vail banned assault weapons in 1994. ^[3] Boulder passed such an ordinance in May 2018. ^[4]
Magazine Capacity Restriction?	Yes	Yes	CRS §§ 18-12-302, 18-12-303 ↗ ↗	After July 1, 2013, magazines holding more than 15 rounds may not be sold, transferred, or possessed unless they were lawfully owned prior to July 1, 2013. Firearms with a tubular magazine which are either chambered in .22 rimfire or operated by lever action are exempt from this regulation, as are magazines "permanently altered" to limit the capacity to 15 or less. Boulder passed an ordinance in May 2018 banning magazines holding more than 10 rounds (15 for handguns). ^[4] ^[5] Vail banned magazines holding 21 or more rounds in 1994. ^[6]
Owner license required?	No	No		
Permit required for concealed carry?	N/A	Yes	CRS § 18-12-203	Colorado is a shall issue state for concealed carry. Permits are issued by local sheriff offices to county residents.
Permit required for open carry?	No	No	CRS § 18-12; DRMC §§ 38-117(b), 38-118	Legal without permit requirements except in Denver and other posted areas.
Concealed within a vehicle?	Yes	Yes	CRS §§ 18-12-105(2b), 33-6-125; DRMC §§ 38-117(f), 38-118, 14-92	No permit is required. Pistols may be carried with chamber and magazine loaded. Rifles and shotguns must be carried with an empty chamber if the owner is in possession of a valid hunting license and that hunting season is in progress. Rounds in the magazine are permitted during that hunting season. A loaded weapon in a vehicle and a spotlight is prima facie evidence that one was attempting to illegally take game. Wildlife officers have full law enforcement powers.
State Preemption of local restrictions?	No	No	CRS § 29-11.7-103	Local ordinances are not preempted by state law, and Denver bans assault weapons and open carry.
NFA weapons restricted?	No	No	CRS § 18-12-102 ↗	NFA items are defined as a "dangerous weapon". Subsection 5: "It shall be an affirmative defense to the charge of possessing a dangerous weapon...that said person has a valid permit and license for possession of such weapon."
Peaceable Journey laws?	Yes	Yes	CRS § 18-12-105.6; DRMC §§ 38-117(f), 38-118	Denver's restrictions on transport/possession of firearms in vehicles do not apply to persons traveling to or from other jurisdictions; see <i>Trinen v. City & County of Denver</i> , 53 P.3d 754
Castle Doctrine?	Yes	Yes	CRS § 18-1-704.5 ↗	A legal resident of a property has the right to use deadly force to defend themselves, other occupants, and property from armed or unarmed intruders.
Stand Your Ground Law?	No	No		
Background checks required for private sales?	Yes	Yes	CRS § 18-12-112 ↗ ↗	For private party transfers of firearms, the seller must request that a licensed dealer perform a background check of the buyer, and must get approval of the transfer from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation . Transfers of antique firearms, bona-fide gifts or loans from immediate family members, and transfers to estate executors or trustees are exempt. Temporary transfers are strictly regulated.
Red flag law?	Yes	Yes	HB 19-1177 ↗ ↗	The police may temporarily confiscate firearms from people who are threatening to harm themselves or others or have been accused of the same by someone who resides at the same address of the subject, and then get a court order afterwards.

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Owner license required?	No	No		
Permit required for concealed carry?	N/A	Yes	13A-11-75 ↗	Alabama is a "shall issue" state for citizens and lawful permanent residents who are 19 years or older. A License to Carry Firearms is required to carry a firearm concealed on one's person or in a vehicle.
Permit required for open carry?	No	No	13A-11-7 ↗	May carry openly without permit, except handgun must be secured in a holster.
Castle Doctrine/Stand Your Ground law?	Yes	Yes	13A-3-23 ↗	
State preemption of local restrictions?	Yes	Yes	13A-11-61.3 ↗	"...the Legislature hereby occupies and preempts the entire field of regulation in this state touching in any way upon firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories..."
NFA weapons restricted?	No	No	13A-11-54 ↗	It is illegal to carry an Any Other Weapon (AOW) disguised as a walking cane.
Peaceable Journey laws?	No	No		
Background checks required for private sales?	No	No		

New York:

Summary table [\[edit \]](#)

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State permit required to purchase?	No	Yes	S 265.20, S 265.01
Firearm registration?	No	Yes	S 700.00 ^{[citation needed]} , S 265.01
Owner license required?	No	Yes	S 265.20, S 265.01
License required for concealed carry?	N/A	Yes	S 400.00
Open carry allowed?	No	No	S 265.35, S 265.01
Assault weapon law?	Yes	Yes	S 265.00, S 265.02
Magazine capacity restriction?	Yes	Yes	§ 265.02
Title II (National Firearms Act) weapons restricted?	Yes	Yes	S 265.02, S 265.02
Castle Doctrine Law?	Yes*	Yes*	§ 35.20
State preemption of local restrictions?	No	No	None
Peaceable journey laws?	Yes	Yes	S 265.10
Background checks required for private sales?	Yes	Yes	NY Gen Bus L § 898 (2012)
Red flag law ?	Yes	Yes	