

Some People Shouldn't Carry Guns: Analysis of MN BCA Permit to Carry Reports 2006-2016



Protect Minnesota analyzed Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) reports on permit to carry applications submitted by the Sheriff's department in each Minnesota county for the years 2006-2016. Here are our findings:

Over the 10-year period, 2006-2016

Total permit to carry applications in the State of Minnesota — **364,171**

Total Approved — **359,830** (98.8%)

Total Denied, Suspended, Revoked, Voided, or Cancelled — **4,341** (1.2%)

Analysis of Reasons for Denials

Of the total number of denials in this time period (4,341), Sheriff departments provided the BCA with specific reasons for 2,323. Those reasons break down into the following categories:

Denial Reason	% of total
<i>Suicide/Suicidal Threats</i>	32.82%
<i>Criminal Assault</i>	24.32%
<i>Conflict with Law Enforcement</i>	14.45%
<i>Firearms Violations</i>	11.42%
<i>Domestic Abuse</i>	10.89%
<i>Terroristic Threats</i>	2.12%
<i>Predatory/Stalking/Sex Crimes</i>	2.02%
<i>Child Abuse</i>	1.96%

Permit to Carry Applications and Results, 2006-2016, as per MN BCA reports

Year	Denied	Suspended	Revoked	Voided	Cancelled	Total permits applied for
2006	177	1	3	3	9	9611
2007	194	7	0	1	7	9327
2008	269	6	4	7	7	21646
2009	374	19	1	12	7	22378
2010	321	7	3	5	3	17240
2011	247	10	2	4	8	22136
2012	285	9	2	6	15	33816
2013	540	28	11	18	27	62950
2014	422	15	6	22	12	43315
2015	426	14	7	46	13	47872
2016	585	21	3	67	23	73880
TOTAL	3840	137	42	191	131	364171

Permit Denials are Impacted by Geography

The number of permit denials fluctuates considerably depending on county. Counties with greater population density and higher rates of violent crime have many more denials. The 2,323 permit denials for which reasons were provided occurred in the following counties between 2006-2016:

County	# denials	County	# denials
Aitkin	2	McLeod	1
Anoka	91	Meeker	7
Becker	2	Mille Lacs	13
Beltrami	5	Morrison	5
Benton	13	Nicolet	3
Blue Earth	2	Nobles	1
Brown	2	Norman	1
Carver	13	Olmsted	6
Chisago	4	Otter Tail	10
Cook	1	Pine	1
Cottonwood	1	Polk	1
Crow Wing	4	Pope	1
Dakota	55	Ramsey	1056
Douglas	1	Redwood	1
Faribault	1	Rice	21
Freeborn	3	Scott	20
Goodhue	5	Sherburne	7
Grant	1	St. Louis	4
Hennepin	865	Stearns	25
Houston	2	Swift	2
Hubbard	1	Todd	1
Isanti	10	Wabasha	1
Kanabec	9	Wadena	1
Koochiching	1	Washington	15
Lac Qui Parle	1	Winona	1
Le Sueur	11	Wright	12

Protect Minnesota has provided each Minnesota legislator and the Governor's office a list of permit denials in the county or counties where the majority of their constituents reside. We urge all our elected leaders to take into account the following:

- 98.8% of all permit to carry applications are APPROVED. Only 1.2% of permit applications are denied—the vast majority being in Ramsey and Hennepin counties.
- The decision of whether or not to approve a permit falls to local law enforcement, who reflect the values and concerns of the communities they are sworn to protect and serve.
- The reasons that permits are denied are NOT trivial. Do we want these individuals to carry guns in our communities?
- Permits to carry cost \$100 and last for 5 years. That's just \$20/year, less than the annual cost of a deer hunting permit. To carry a gun in the woods or empty fields, hunters have to pass a gun safety course—but this Permitless Carry bill will make it easy for *anyone* to carry a loaded gun in schools, government buildings, college campuses and the State Fair grounds without any gun safety training or even a criminal background check. **This bill is unnecessary and dangerous.**

Stand Your Ground and Permitless Carry: Dangerous and Unnecessary Bills

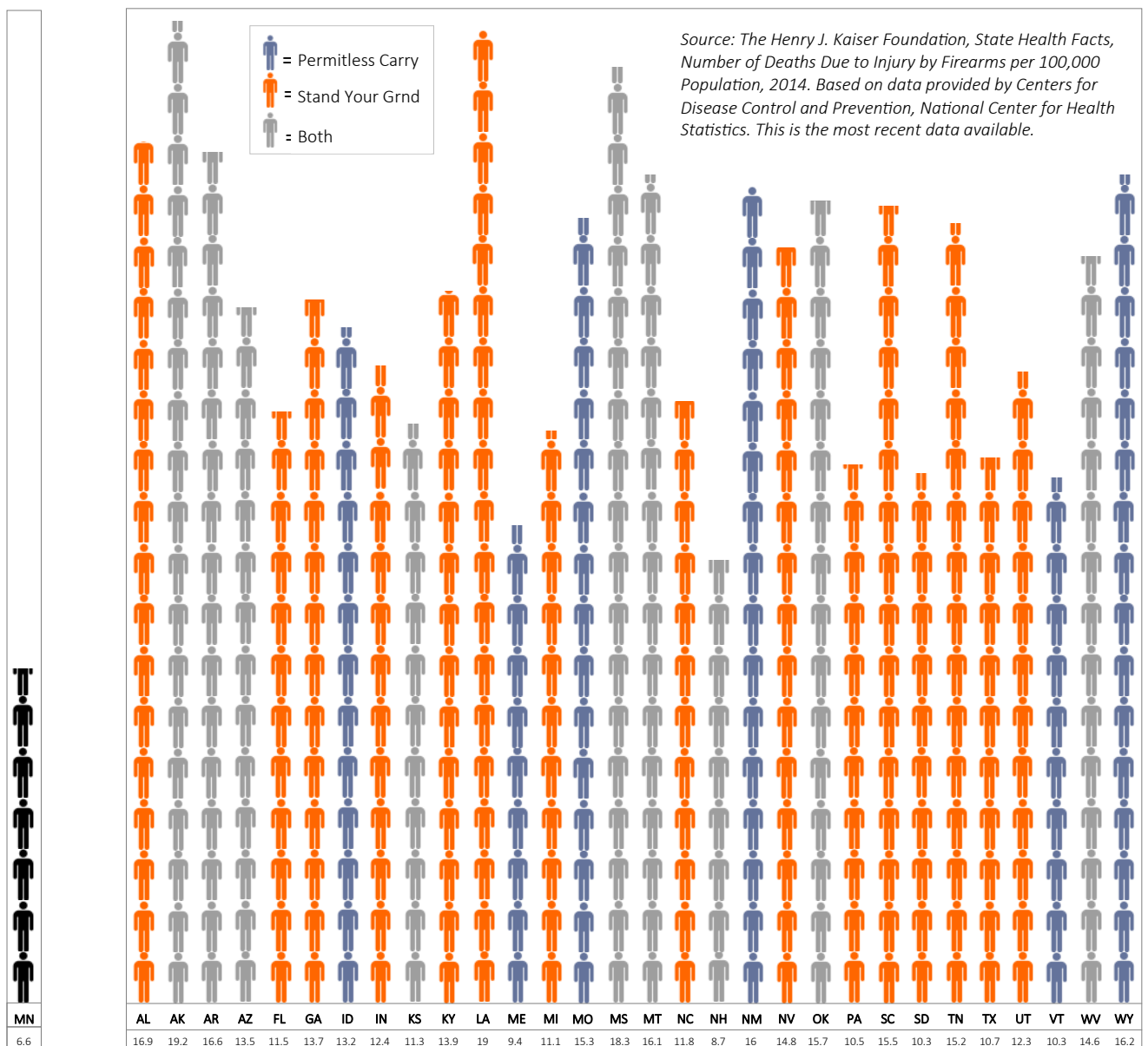


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The Nash Permitless Carry and Stand Your Ground bills are completely unnecessary measures that will make Minnesota more dangerous.

- Minnesotans already have the right to use lethal force to defend ourselves and our families from grievous bodily harm. A study of 20 states that have enacted Stand Your Ground laws showed no evidence of crime deterrence, but homicides in those states have increased by 8%. *(National Bureau of Economic Research)*
- It is already easy for most Minnesotans to get a permit to carry a loaded gun in our state, and the 1.2% of applicants who are denied would represent a true threat to public safety. HF188 will also open schools and other sensitive areas to guns.
- The Heller decision of 2008 clearly established that states have the right to keep guns out of dangerous hands and sensitive places. "Like all rights, the right secured by the Second Amendment is not unlimited." — *Justice Antonin Scalia*

Comparative State Gun Death Rates — These bills will NOT make Minnesota safer!



Minnesota's rate of gun deaths per 100,000 population = 6.6

Every state that has Permitless Carry, Stand Your Ground, or both in effect. Average gun death rate per 100,000 population = 13.8, more than twice Minnesota's rate. None of these states has a lower rate of gun deaths per capita than Minnesota.