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Protect MN report sheds light on gun violence in state

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A new report on Minnesota gun violence is out from Protect Minnesota.

in 2017 1,234 Minnesotans were shot and 465 died from their injuries giving Minnesota of 8.2 people per 100,000 in the population.

Protect Minnesota's Nancy Nord Bence says more Minnesotans died of gun violence in 2017 than from distracted driving and opioids. Lawmakers are considering measures this session that would require universal background checks and initiate "red flag" laws which would allow police or family members to petition a court to temporarily seize someone's guns if they are deemed a threat.

From 2000 through 2017, gun deaths increased by 50-percent in Minnesota, compared to a 38-percent increase in the rest of the country.

Minnesota students used the one-year anniversary of the Parkland, Florida shootings to rally for gun safety legislation Thursday at the state Capitol.