



State-by-State Danger of Overriding Concealed Carry Laws

While all 50 states allow the concealed carry of firearms, permitting standards vary dramatically across the country. **This chart shows each state's standards, in addition to federal law, for who is too dangerous or irresponsible for a permit.**¹ Under concealed carry reciprocity, each state would be forced to recognize permits from all other states. **All of these permitting standards would be undermined.** Your state could not stop visitors from carrying concealed firearms—even if they have never fired a gun, have been convicted of violent crimes or stalking, have abused their dating partners, or otherwise pose a danger to the public.

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|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|--|
| Alabama | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Alaska | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Arizona | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| Arkansas | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| California | ✓ | | | ✓+ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Colorado | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Connecticut | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Delaware | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓+ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Florida | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Georgia | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| Hawaii | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓+ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Idaho | | | | | | | | |
| Illinois | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Indiana | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Iowa | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Kansas | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| Kentucky | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Louisiana | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Maine | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Maryland | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓+ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Massachusetts | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Michigan | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Minnesota | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Mississippi | | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ |
| Missouri | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

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| Montana | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Nebraska | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Nevada | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| New Hampshire | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| New Jersey | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓+ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| New Mexico | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| New York | | | ✓ | ✓+ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| North Carolina | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| North Dakota | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| Ohio | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Oklahoma | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Oregon | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Pennsylvania | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Rhode Island | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓+ | ✓ | | | |
| South Carolina | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| South Dakota | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Tennessee | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Texas | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Utah | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Vermont ⁵ | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Virginia | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Washington | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | |
| West Virginia | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Wisconsin | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Wyoming | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| DC | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓+ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| TOTAL | 39 + DC | 25 + DC | 35 + DC | 30 + DC | 28 + DC | 30 + DC | 35 + DC | 27 + DC |

✓+ Applicants must show good cause (or similar need to carry)

- Twelve states allow the carrying of a concealed handgun without a permit.
- These states disqualify people convicted of a) misdemeanor "crimes of violence," as classified by the state; or of b) certain serious violent misdemeanors such as assault and battery, threatening, or crimes committed with a weapon. Some state disqualifiers elapse after several years. AK disqualifies people with multiple offenses. NJ disqualifies offenders convicted of offenses punishable by more than 6 months. While NJ crimes in this category are generally punishable by at least 18 months, misdemeanor crimes from other states are disqualifying in NJ.
- These states bar people who have been convicted and/or are under restraining orders for domestic abuse
- These states bar all applicants with two DUI offenses in the past 3 years, except MD and PA bar people with three recent offenses and IA bars people with three or more recent arrests and one conviction
- Vermont does not issue a concealed carry permit, but does bar convicted stalkers and certain abusive dating partners from having or carrying firearms