


2018 BEST STATES FOR GUN OWNERS

HOW MUCH HAVE GUN LAWS CHANGED in the wake of the latest antigun sentiment? As we have done since 2013, Guns & Ammo evaluated each state numerically in each of five categories: right-to-carry (RTC), access to so-labeled "black rifles" (MSR), use-of-force laws (i.e., Castle Doctrine or CD), the prohibition of items regulated by the National Firearms Act (NFA) and a catch-all miscellaneous (MISC) category that considers the state's access

to ranges, for example. States were awarded zero to 10 points in each category and ranked according to total points. New for 2018, we listed whether or not states allow magazines (MAG) with capacities greater than 10 or 15. In the case of a tie, G&A factored the intangible qualities of the state's shooting culture and ranked states accordingly.

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RANK	STATE	RTC	MSR	MAG	CD	NFA	MISC
51	NEW YORK	2	1	No	3	0	0
50	NEW JERSEY	3	1	No	3	1	1
49	MASSACHUSETTS	3	1	No	5	0	0
48	HAWAII	0	3	No	4	0	2
47	WASHINGTON DC	4	0	No	4	0	2
46	CALIFORNIA	2	1	No	6	1	1
45	CONNECTICUT	5	1	No	7	2	1
44	MARYLAND	2	3	No	5	6	1
43	RHODE ISLAND	6	10	Yes	6	0	2
42	DELAWARE	4	10	Yes	8	1	3
41	ILLINOIS	7	8	Yes	9	2	3
40	COLORADO	7	4	No	6	10	3
39	MINNESOTA	7	8	Yes	6	6	7
38	WASHINGTON	7	10	Yes	10	6	5
37	VERMONT	9	4	No	9	10	5
36	NEW MEXICO	6	10	Yes	5	10	8
35	IOWA	8	10	Yes	9	4	7
34	NEBRASKA	7	10	Yes	5	10	7
33	OREGON	7	10	Yes	8	10	6
32	PENNSYLVANIA	7	10	Yes	8	10	6
31	SOUTH DAKOTA	8	10	Yes	4	10	9
30	VIRGINIA	8	8	Yes	10	8	8
29	MAINE	10	10	Yes	5	9	8
28	OHIO	8	10	Yes	7	10	8
27	LOUISIANA	7	10	Yes	10	10	7

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26	MICHIGAN	7	10	Yes	10	10	7
25	NORTH CAROLINA	8	10	Yes	9	10	7
24	NEVADA	8	10	Yes	8	10	8
23	FLORIDA	8	9	Yes	10	10	7
22	SOUTH CAROLINA	7	10	Yes	10	10	8
21	WISCONSIN	8	10	Yes	10	10	7
20	INDIANA	8	10	Yes	8	10	9
19	ARKANSAS	8	10	Yes	8	10	9
18	ALABAMA	8	10	Yes	10	10	8
17	NEW HAMPSHIRE	10	10	Yes	10	10	7
16	MISSISSIPPI	10	10	Yes	8	10	9
15	WEST VIRGINIA	10	10	Yes	8	10	9
14	KENTUCKY	8	10	Yes	10	10	9
13	NORTH DAKOTA	9.5	10	Yes	8	10	10
12	TENNESSEE	8	10	Yes	10	10	9.5
11	MISSOURI	10	10	Yes	10	10	8
10	GEORGIA	9	10	Yes	10	10	9
9	TEXAS	9	10	Yes	9	10	10
8	MONTANA	8	10	Yes	10	10	10
7	UTAH	8	10	Yes	10	10	10
6	OKLAHOMA	9.5	10	Yes	10	10	9
5	WYOMING	9.5	10	Yes	9	10	10
4	KANSAS	10	10	Yes	10	10	9
3	ALASKA	10	10	Yes	10	10	9
2	IDAHO	9.5	10	Yes	10	10	10
1	ARIZONA	10	10	Yes	10	10	10

Right To Carry (RTC) = ■ Few, if any, Restrictions ■ Restricted ■ Severely Restricted or No Concealed Carry

Modern Sporting Rifles (MSR) = ■ Allowed ■ Restricted ■ Severely Restricted or Banned

Magazine Capacity Limits (MAG) = ■ More than 10- or 15-Round Magazines Allowed ■ More Than 10- or 15-Round Magazines Banned

Castle Doctrine (CD) = ■ Stand Your Ground ■ Retreat ■ Be a Victim

National Firearms Act (NFA) = ■ Can Be Owned ■ Restricted ■ Severely Restricted or No Machine Guns, Suppressors, Short-Barreled Rifles (SBR) or Any Other Weapons (AOW)

MISC = ■ Great Access to Shooting Ranges, Great Hunting and Shooting Culture ■ Great Hunting or Shooting Culture Only ■ Shooting Activities are Discouraged or Limited