



Students Demand Action is a national grassroots volunteer initiative, created by and for teens and young adults, a network within Everytown for Gun Safety, to channel the energy and passion of high school and college-aged students into the fight against gun violence.

Who We Are

Our generation has grown up in the midst of a gun violence crisis that worsened even through the COVID-19 pandemic. We should not have to fear for our lives at school, at sporting events, or at concerts. That's why we're rising up and organizing in our schools, universities and communities to fight this public health crisis.

The first Students Demand Action chapter started in 2016, and in 2018 we launched nationally. Now, there are more than 400 Students Demand Action chapters across the country—and we're still growing.

What We Do

Since its inception, Students Demand Action has advocated for gun safety legislation locally and nationwide as well as proven community intervention solutions to gun violence in our communities.

We focus on mitigating the causes and effects of all forms of gun violence that plague our country by organizing in schools and communities to educate students, register voters, and demand common-sense solutions to this national public health crisis.

We work to prevent gun violence because it is the leading cause of death for children and teens in the United States. Every day, more than 100 people are shot and killed and over 200 more are wounded. The daily toll of gun violence in our country doesn't always make headlines, but this violence affects everyone, everywhere.

Our Impact

Gun violence needs to be tackled at all levels of government—that's why student volunteers work on gun violence prevention campaigns across the country by advocating for safer schools, homes, cities and getting young voters registered.

Gun violence prevention consistently ranks as a top issue for young voters, that's why Students Demand Action registered 100,000 voters, with a focus on battleground states, during the 2020 cycle. As of summer 2021, more than 1.5 million students nationwide now attend schools with firearm storage awareness policies—thanks to the work of Students Demand Action and Moms Demand Action volunteers.

Through Students Demand Action, young people can create a safer future by sharing research and engaging in advocacy on the local and national level and continuing to mobilize through testifying and contacting lawmakers urging them to enact gun safety legislation. This past year, Students Demand Action played a key role lobbying for gun sense legislation in several states and we celebrated wins across the country for gun safety.

We provide young people with opportunities to get involved in the nationwide fight against gun violence alongside Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action. Our volunteers are at the forefront of the fight against gun violence: whether it's lobbying state lawmakers, raising awareness in our communities, or organizing within our schools. As the country's largest grassroots, youth-led gun violence prevention group, we are pushing our leaders to offer common-sense solutions instead of just thoughts and prayers. Together, as the next generation of leaders, we can work to put an end to gun violence.