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TABLE A2. Female Violent Deaths
Numbers of homicides, suicides, and unintentional firearm deaths among females in the fifteen U.S. states with the most guns and the six states with the fewest guns, 1998–2002...

	High-Gun States	Low-Gun States	Mortality Rate Ratio: High-Gun/Low Gun
Total Population (person years) at Risk: 1998–2002	93.4 million	101.8 million	
Homicides			
Gun Homicides	1,732	539	3.5
Nongun Homicides ^a	1,546	1,270	1.3
Total	3,278	1,809	2.0
Suicides			
Gun Suicides	2,028	346	6.4
Nongun Suicides	2,209	2,431	1.0
Total	4,237	2,777	1.7
Unintentional Firearm Deaths	156	22	7.7

Source: Mortality data from CDC WISQARS 2003.

Note: Gun prevalence determined by the percentage of people in each state residing in households with firearms. Gun prevalence data come from the 2001 CDC Behavioral Risk Factor Surveys for each state. Similar results are obtained if the gun prevalence index is the percentage of suicides with guns, or “Cook’s Index.”

The fifteen high-gun states are, in order, Wyoming, Montana, Alaska, South Dakota, Arkansas, West Virginia, Alabama, Idaho, Mississippi, North Dakota, Kentucky, Wisconsin, South Carolina, Utah, and Louisiana; the six low-gun states are, in order, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Connecticut, and New York.

^aExcludes terrorism deaths related to the events of September 11, 2001.