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# National Rifle Association CEO Wayne LaPierre saw compensation jump more than \$4 million as revenue soared



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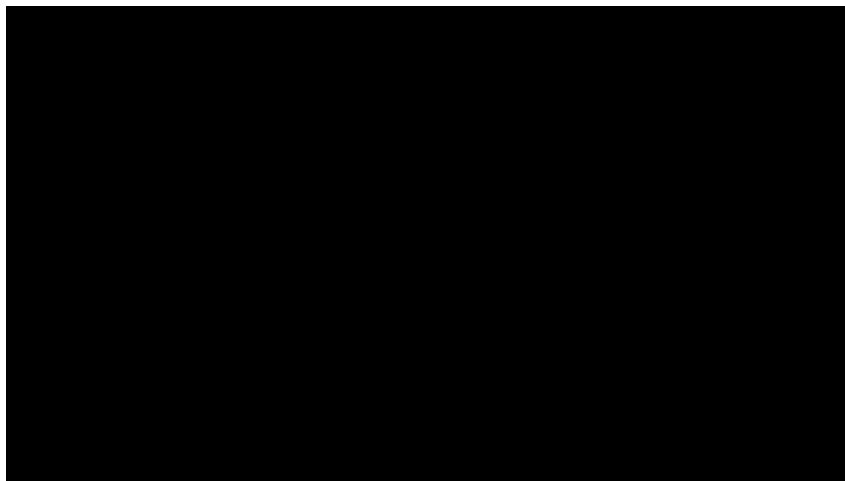


President Trump with NRA CEO Wayne LaPierre in the White House last week. (MICHAEL REYNOLDS / POOL/EPA)

National Rifle Association CEO Wayne LaPierre is making a killing.

The gun group leader saw a jump of more than \$4 million in compensation between 2014 and 2015, according to a tax form obtained by the [Washington Post](#).

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The NRA also saw a spike of \$26 million in revenue during that time, shooting its total gross revenue past \$336 million, the documents show.

According to its latest 990 tax form, LaPierre made \$5,110,985 in annual compensation between Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2015.

The year before, he made \$985,885.

Most of LaPierre's new cash stockpile came from payout of a \$3.7 million retirement plan. He also saw his salary rise to \$1,090,515, and got a \$150,000 bonus.

"This is an employee funded deferred compensation plan and the \$3.7 million distribution to Wayne LaPierre was required by federal law and properly reported," NRA Executive Vice President Allan Cors said in a statement to the Post.

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The NRA only saw significant drops in its contributions, which fell from \$103 million in 2014 to \$95 million in 2015.

LaPierre's loaded compensation is the biggest pay bump he has seen in years. Previous 990 forms show LaPierre's salary hover around \$985,000 between 2012 and 2014, rising only several hundred dollars in that time.

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mass shootings besieged America, including attacks in Charleston, San Bernardino and Oregon's Umpqua Community College. Many of the high-profile shootings led to spikes in gun sales and lobbying.

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In 2016, the year of the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history — Omar Mateen's Pulse nightclub rampage in Orlando — Americans bought 27 million guns, an all-time high for one year.

LaPierre last week cozied up with President Trump at the White House as part of a conservative coalition supporting Trump's right-leaning Supreme Court pick, Neil Gorsuch.

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