

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN COLORADO

Gun violence exacts a serious toll on Colorado. The state has the 20th-highest gun death rate in the nation, and 693 residents are killed with a gun each year. Lawmakers must do more to save lives from this epidemic.

GUN SUICIDE

- More than 80% of all gun deaths in Colorado are suicides, and more than half of all suicide deaths in Colorado involve firearms.
- From 2012 to 2016, 2,715 people in Colorado died from a gun-related suicide—one every 16 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black and Hispanic men make up less than 13% of Colorado's population, but account for more than 45% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Colorado, black men ages 18–24 are 14 times more likely than white men the same age to be murdered with a gun.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Guns make domestic violence incidents far more likely to end in death.
- Over 55% of Colorado's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 133 people were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Colorado.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUNS

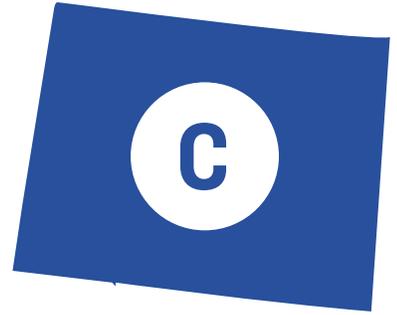
- Exposure to gun violence can cause lasting trauma in young people, leading to PTSD, chronic stress, and decreased future earnings.
- From 2007 to 2016, 1,019 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Colorado.
- Guns are the second-leading cause of death for Colorado children ages 1–17.

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN COLORADO

After the 2013 mass shooting in a movie theater in Aurora, state lawmakers passed a law requiring a background check before most firearm transfers and banned large-capacity ammunition magazines. Colorado legislators can and should continue to take action to save lives from gun violence, including by **enacting an extreme risk protection order law** (a policy supported by 81% of Colorado residents), **requiring gun dealers to obtain a state license**, and **mandating reporting of lost or stolen firearms**.

Learn more about Colorado's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/CO.



Colorado earned a C on our Annual Gun Law State Scorecard. Visit gunlawscorecard.org to learn how to raise your state's grade.

ANNUAL COST OF GUN VIOLENCE:

\$3.5 BILLION

\$668 PER RESIDENT



13 HOURS

Someone is killed with a gun every 13 hours in Colorado. That's 693 people a year.