

## THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN COLORADO

Gun violence exacts a serious toll on Colorado, with hundreds of residents killed with a gun each year, and even more wounded. Lawmakers in Colorado can and must do more to save lives.

### GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 78% of gun deaths in Colorado are suicides, and more than half of all suicide deaths in Colorado involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 2,774 people in Colorado died by gun-related suicide. That's 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 47% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Colorado, black men ages 18–24 are nearly 13 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

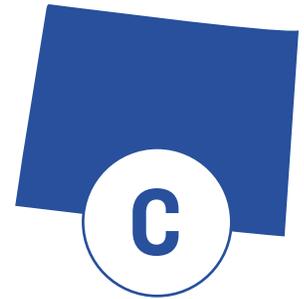
- Exposure to gun violence can cause lasting trauma in young people, leading to PTSD, chronic stress, and decreased future earnings.
- From 2013 to 2017, 604 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Colorado.
- Guns are the second-leading cause of death for Colorado children ages 1–17.

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## PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN COLORADO

After the 2012 mass shooting in a movie theater in Aurora, state lawmakers passed a law requiring a background check before most firearm transfers and banning 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](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/CO).**



Colorado earned a C on our Annual Gun Law State Scorecard. Visit [gunlawscorecard.org](http://gunlawscorecard.org) to learn how to raise your state's grade.

ANNUAL COST OF  
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$3.5  
BILLION**

\$668 PER RESIDENT



**12 HOURS**

Someone is killed with a gun every 12 hours in Colorado. That's 715 people a year.