

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN GEORGIA

Gun violence has a devastating impact on Georgia, with 1,459 residents dying from gun violence each year. State lawmakers can and must do more to keep their constituents safe from this deadly public safety crisis.

GUN SUICIDE

- More than 57% of gun deaths in Georgia are suicides, and nearly 63% of all suicide deaths in Georgia involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 4,190 people in Georgia died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 10 hours.

URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on urban communities of color.
- Black men make up just 15% of Georgia's population, but account for more than two-thirds of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Georgia, black men ages 18–24 are more than 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.
- Nearly 72% of Georgia's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 293 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Georgia.

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, 1,637 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Georgia.
- Guns are the second-leading cause of death for Georgia children ages 1–17.

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Georgia earned an F on our Annual Gun Law Scorecard. Visit gunlawscorecard.org to learn how to raise your state's grade.

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$7.9
BILLION**
\$787 PER RESIDENT



6 HOURS

Someone is killed with a gun every six hours in Georgia. That's 1,459 people a year.

PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN GEORGIA

Georgia has very weak gun laws. The state has the 19th-highest gun death rate in the country, and guns used in crimes in other states originate in Georgia at nearly twice the national rate. To save lives from gun violence, Georgia could **require background checks and waiting periods on all firearm purchases and prohibit domestic abusers from possessing firearms.** [Learn more about Georgia's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/GA.](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/GA)