Gun Violence in Georgia

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 1,693 people die and 4,492 are wounded by guns in Georgia. Georgia has the 9th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Georgia, the rate of gun deaths increased 41% from 2011 to 2020, compared to a 33% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 13% and gun homicides increased 92% compared to a 12% increase and 70% increase nationwide, respectively.

COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Georgia has the 15th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at $1,153 per person each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Georgia $12 billion, of which $581 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

In Georgia, 55% of gun deaths are suicides and 42% are homicides. This is compared to 59% and 38% nationwide, respectively.

Sources

Totals do not always sum to 100% due to rounding.
GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS
Every year, an average of 932 people in Georgia die by gun suicides and 132 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 8.6 suicides and 1.3 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Georgia has the 27th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in Georgia

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS
Every year, an average of 730 people in Georgia die by gun homicides and 1,534 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 7.1 homicides and 14.7 assaults per 100,000 people. Georgia has the 12th-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Georgia, 81% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 76% nationwide.

Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Georgia

CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS
Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Georgia. In Georgia, an average of 161 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 31% of these deaths are suicides and 63% are homicides. In the US, 35% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides and 60% are homicides.

Intimate Partner Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Georgia

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES
In 2019, 37 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Georgia. 73% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 67% nationwide.

Sources
Children and teens gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2016–2020, ages 0–19; Leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2020, ages 1–19.

Note: Gun violence data on EveryStat and in this fact sheet includes individuals who die by guns or are wounded by guns and visit a hospital for care. We recognize that the impact of gun violence extends far beyond those who are killed or physically injured. However, data on those who witness an act of gun violence, are threatened with a gun, or know or care for someone wounded or killed is not systematically collected at this time.