

## 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 77% of gun deaths in Colorado are suicides, and more than half of all suicide deaths in Colorado involve firearms.
- From 2014 to 2018, 2,945 people in Colorado died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 15 hours.

### COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE

- Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on communities of color in American cities.
- Black and Hispanic men make up less than 13% of Colorado's population, but account for more than 48% of the state's gun homicide victims.
- In Colorado, black men ages 18–24 are more than 12 times more likely than white men the same age to be killed in a gun homicide.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Guns make domestic violence incidents far more likely to end in death.
- Nearly 66% of Colorado's female intimate partner homicide victims are killed with a gun.
- From 2014 to 2018, 66 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partners in Colorado.

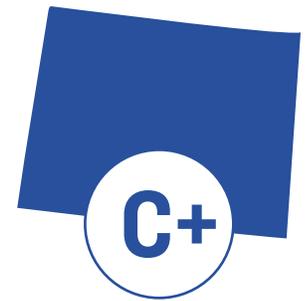
### YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUNS

- Exposure to gun violence can cause lasting trauma in young people, leading to PTSD, chronic stress, and decreased future earnings.
- From 2014 to 2018, 671 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Colorado.
- In 2018, guns were the leading cause of death for Colorado children ages 1–17.

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## PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN COLORADO

Colorado has stronger gun laws than many states, but still has significant room for improvement. The state has the 19th-highest gun death rate and exports roughly the same number of crime guns it imports. To save lives, lawmakers in Colorado could **pass laws requiring waiting periods for all firearm sales, raise the minimum age to purchase a gun to 21, and require owners to report lost and stolen firearms.** [Learn more about Colorado's gun laws at lawcenter.giffordslawcenter.org/CO.](https://www.giffordslawcenter.org/CO)



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

ANNUAL COST OF  
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$3.5  
BILLION**

\$668 PER RESIDENT



**11 HOURS**  
Someone is killed with a gun every 11 hours in Colorado. That's 769 people a year.