

FACT SHEET

Georgia Gun Violence

Georgia has some of the worst rates of gun crime in the nation.

- In 2011 Georgia had the third-highest rate of robberies with a firearm in the nation: 72.5 robberies per 100,000 people. That is almost double the national average of 37.2 robberies per 100,000 people.¹
- Georgia had the 13th-highest rate of aggravated assaults with a firearm in 2011,² and its gun-murder rate is 27 percent above the national average.³

The number of Georgia residents who have been victims of gun violence is staggering.

- From 2001 through 2010, 11,591 people were killed by guns in Georgia. By comparison, that is more than two times the number of U.S. combat deaths in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars combined.⁴
- In 2010 there was a gun murder every 20 hours on average in the state.⁵

Women and children are not immune to these high rates of gun violence.

- In Georgia 77 children ages 0–18 were killed by guns in 2010 alone.⁶
- Women in Georgia are at an increased risk of domestic violence due to the prevalence of gun violence: In 2010 the state ranked 10th overall in the rate of women killed by men, many of which are committed with a firearm.⁷

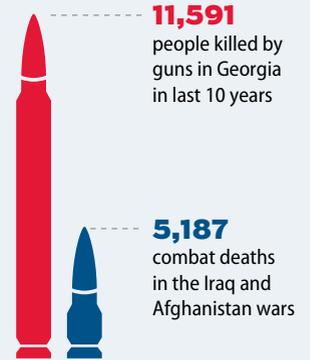
Georgia has poor gun-safety measures.

- The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence gave Georgia 8 out of a possible 100 points on its 2011 scorecard.⁸
- The Daily Beast listed Georgia as the 16th “deadliest gun state” in the country because of its combination of permissive gun laws and high rate of gun deaths.⁹

Weak gun laws make Georgia a favorite state for gun traffickers to purchase guns.

- Georgia has one of the highest rates of crime-gun exports—guns sold in Georgia that are later used in crimes in other states—in the country. In this key marker of illegal gun trafficking, as of 2009, the state is more than twice as bad as the national norm.¹⁰

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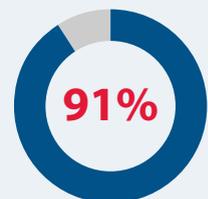
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14.1 U.S. average

Exports per 100,000 inhabitants

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Georgians strongly support common-sense gun violence prevention measures.

- Georgians overwhelming support universal background checks: In a February 2013 poll, more than 9 in 10 (91 percent) state residents support “mandatory background checks for all gun buyers.”¹¹
- Almost three-quarters (74 percent) of those with a gun in their household support universal background checks.¹²

Endnotes

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