

A SNAPSHOT of GEORGIA: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE and SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Domestic violence

Oct. 2018 to Sept. 2019



Rape and sexual assault

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In FFY 2019, Georgia's 47 state-certified domestic violence programs:

- Sheltered **7,214** victims of domestic violence and their children
- Provided **373,591** bed nights of shelter
- Conducted **2,932** community awareness and outreach events with **163,653** participants

In FFY 2019, Georgia's 28 state-funded sexual assault centers:

- Served **5,085** victims of sexual assault
3,096 adult victims and
1,989 child victims
- Conducted **3,149** community awareness and outreach events with **725,999** participants

Data provided by the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council



Pass legislation to strengthen victim safety and hold perpetrators of family violence accountable!

930 Georgians were killed

by firearm in domestic violence incidents between 2010 and 2019.

The vast majority - roughly 70% - of domestic violence deaths in Georgia each year are committed using firearms.

Every neighboring state in the Southeast, including Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida, has enacted legislation limiting perpetrators access to firearms.

Georgia ranks **10th in the nation** for the rate at which women are killed by men.

Align state law with federal law making it a felony for domestic violence perpetrators who are subject to a Family Violence Protective Order or convicted of a family violence-related misdemeanor to possess a firearm or ammunition.

CURRENT GAPS IN VICTIM SERVICES



4,176 victims and their children were **turned away** from domestic violence shelters due to lack of bed space in FFY 2019.

CURRENT FUNDING FOR VICTIM SERVICES

Thank you for supporting stable funding for Georgia's domestic violence and sexual assault centers!

State funding to Georgia's domestic violence and sexual assault centers is a worthwhile investment in public safety. This funding helps to ensure that victims of these crimes have options for escaping abuse and leading safe, sustainable lives.