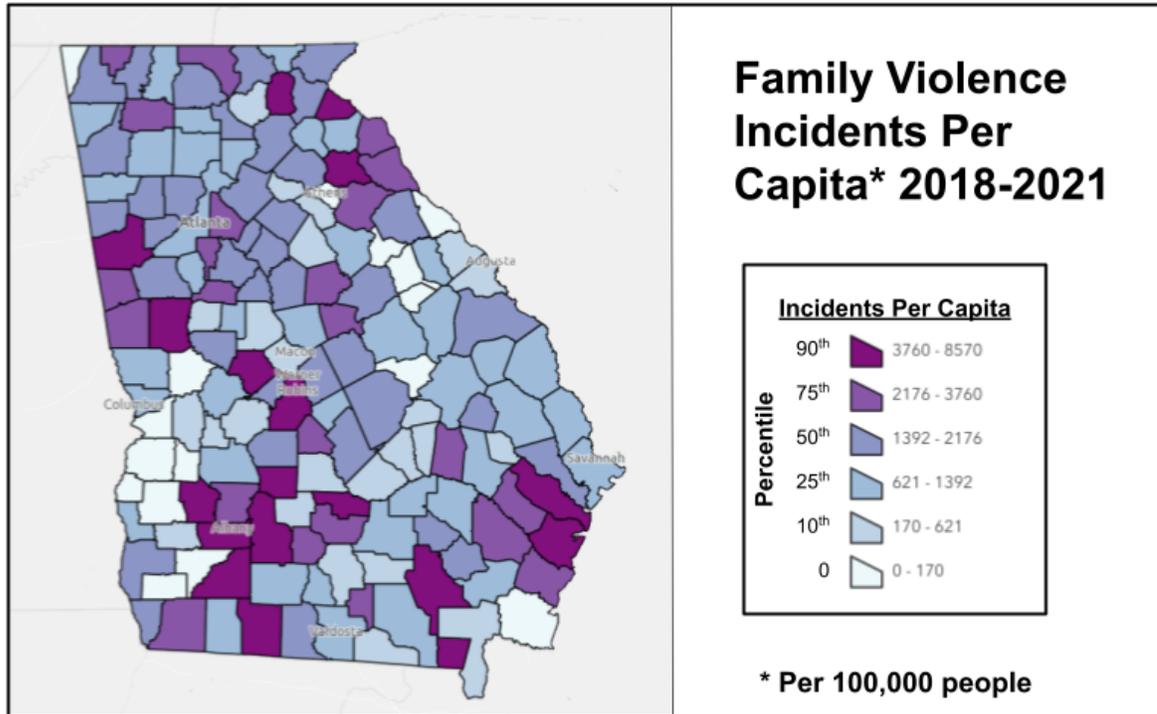




## Family Violence: Georgia Statistics & Trends

**FAMILY VIOLENCE is a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner.<sup>1</sup>**



**171,596** From 2018–2021 there were 171,596 reported incidents of family violence in Georgia.<sup>2</sup>

**42,285** There were 42,285 incidents of family violence reported in Georgia during 2021.<sup>2</sup>

**-2.5%** There was a 2.5% decrease in family violence incidents reported to law enforcement from 2018–2021.<sup>2</sup>

**69%** In 2021, 69% of victims in family violence incidents reported to law enforcement were female and 30% were male.<sup>2</sup>

**129,528** In 2022, there were 129,528 crisis calls to Georgia's certified family violence and sexual assault agencies, a 13% increase from 2021 crisis calls.<sup>3</sup>

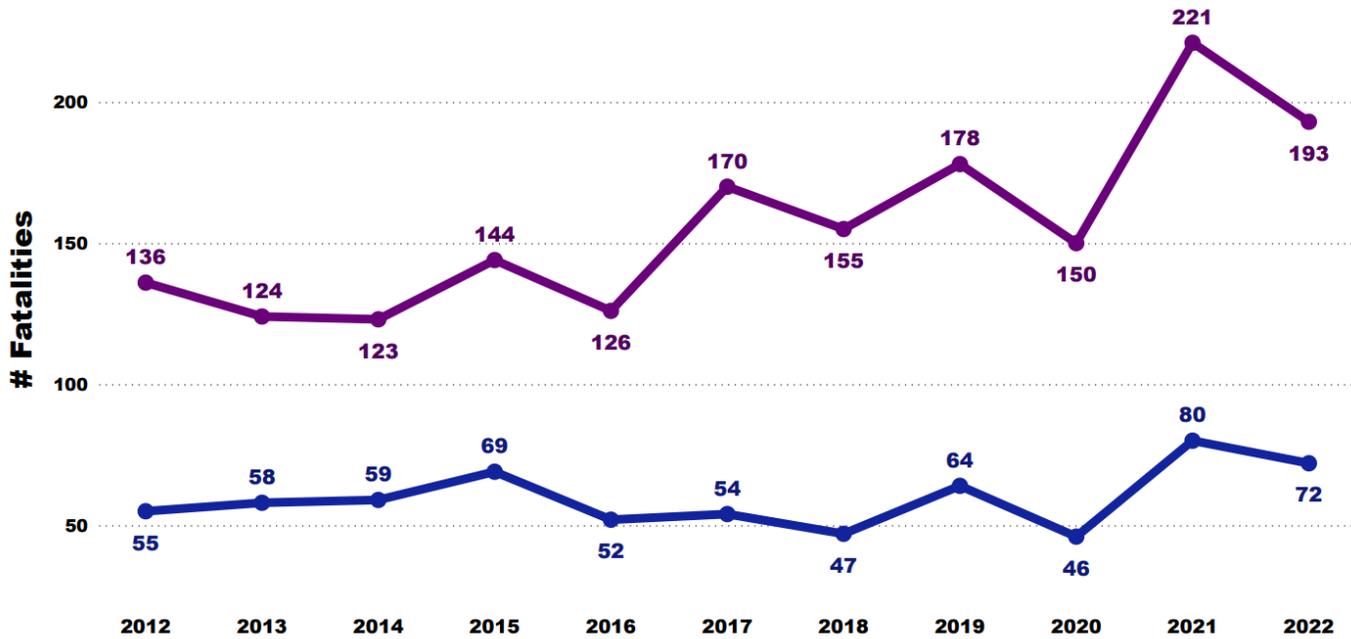
**17,682** There were 17,682 family violence and stalking Ex Parte Temporary Protective Orders (TPOs) issued in 2022.<sup>4</sup>

**41%** In 2022, the overall "extension rate," or the rate at which Ex Parte (emergency) TPOs were extended into a longer-term TPO (6-month, 12-month, 3-year), was 41%.<sup>4</sup>

**81%** In 2022, firearms were the cause of death in 81% of all family violence-related fatalities.<sup>5</sup>

# Family Violence-Related Fatalities 2012-2022

● Family Violence Fatalities ● Murder-Suicide Fatalities



1,720

Known domestic violence fatalities in Georgia totaled 1,720; a 42% increase from 2012–2022.<sup>5</sup>

193

There were 193 known domestic violence fatalities in Georgia during 2022.<sup>5</sup>

## National Statistics



Over their lifetime, 1 in 5 of women and 1 in 7 men experience severe physical violence by an intimate partner.<sup>6</sup>



Over their lifetime, 1 in 3 (31%) women and 1 in 6 (16%) men have been stalked by an intimate partner placing them in fear for their own life or the lives of those close to them.<sup>6</sup>



Around half of the women visiting emergency departments report a history of abuse, and about 40% of those killed by their abusers had sought help in the two years before their death.<sup>7</sup>



The presence of a gun in domestic violence situations increases the risk of homicide by 500%.<sup>8</sup>



Georgia ranks fourth in the nation for murder–suicide incidents.<sup>9</sup>

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