

# The Cost Per Shooting

The true governmental cost of gun-violence to the City, County and State.

# Miami Gardens FLORIDA



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## Homicide Cost

## Injury Shooting Cost

### CRIME SCENE

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**\$5,851**

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- \$1,314 Police Response
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- \$56,092 Rehabilitation

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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**\$148,573**

**\$14,725**

- \$12,400 Police Investigation
- \$129,353 DA & Public Defender
- \$6,820 Court Process

- \$620 Police Investigation
- \$13,175 DA & Public Defender
- \$930 Court Process

### INCARCERATION

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**\$819,790**

**\$452,965**

- \$135,050 Pre-Trial Incarceration
- \$684,740 Prison Placement

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### VICTIM SUPPORT

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**\$57,553**

**\$36,532**

- \$6,989 Corner's Office
- \$25,000 Victim of Crimes
- \$23,064 Receiving Social Service Benefits (one year support for two families)

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- \$11,532 Receiving Social Service Benefits (one year)

### LOST REVENUE

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**\$20,790**

**\$10,395**

- \$20,790 Loss Tax Revenue

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**CITY COST: \$18,251**

2 suspects = same cost

**COUNTY COST: \$142,411**

2 suspects = \$284,822

**STATE COST: \$943,245**

2 suspects = \$1,886,490

**CITY COST: \$6,471**

2 suspects = same cost

**COUNTY COST: \$135,236**

2 suspects = \$270,472

**STATE COST: \$506,041**

2 suspects = \$1,012,082



total cost based on two suspects  
**\$2.4M**  
per homicide shooting

**\$1.2M**  
Per Homicide Shooting  
per one suspect

**\$665k**  
Per Injury Shooting  
per one suspect



total cost based on two suspects  
**\$1.3M**  
per injury shooting

CRIME SCENE	<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Police Response</b>	<b>Fire/EMT Transport</b>	<b>Scene Clean Up</b>
	<b>Source</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interview with retired Police Captain</li> <li>Salary Information: <a href="#">City of Miami Gardens</a></li> </ul>	Miami Gardens is serviced by Miami-Dade County Fire/EMT Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2020 EMT Contract <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.crimecleaners.com">www.crimecleaners.com</a></li> <li><a href="http://www.miamicrimescenecleanup.com">http://www.miamicrimescenecleanup.com</a></li> </ul>
	<b>Notes</b>	Each response team to a shooting/homicide scene may consist of the following: <b>Lieutenant &amp; Sergeant</b> (2hr), <b>3 Detectives</b> (6hrs), <b>6-8 Patrol</b> responding (2hrs), <b>2 Patrol</b> locking down scene (4 hrs), <b>1-2 CSI</b> , <b>1 Technician</b>	Total Expenditures = \$36,064,000 Fire/EMS call responses = 20,286 (Medical Calls) Average cost per Fire/EMS response = <b>\$1,777</b> EMT Cost per transport = <b>\$260</b> Total Cost per response = <b>\$2,037</b>	Average cost among competitive vendors to clean up crime scenes involving blood = <b>\$2,500</b>
HOSPITAL	<b>Subject:</b>	<b>ER/ Surgery for Gun-Shot Victim</b>		
	<b>Source</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">2020 National Trends and Cost Burden of Surgically Treated Gunshot Wounds in the US (Link)</a></li> <li><a href="#">2021 Firearm Injuries: Health Care Service Needs and Costs (Link)</a></li> </ul>		
	<b>Notes</b>	Average cost of gun-shot victims treated and released the same day = <b>\$1,428</b> (ER base cost) Average cost of gun-shot victims requiring surgery and hospital stay = <b>\$87,097</b> (surgery cost) + <b>\$56,092</b> (hospital stay & rehabilitation center) Average cost of gun-shot victims who required surgery, a hospital stay, and were released to rehabilitation centers = <b>\$144,617</b> (ER cost, surgery & rehabilitation cost) Formula for this study: (Base cost + surgery cost - 1/5 (20%) of surgery cost) = <b>\$70,820</b> per shooting victim requiring surgery and rehabilitation.		
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Police Investigation</b>	<b>DA &amp; Public Defender</b>	<b>Court Process</b>
	<b>Source</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interview with retired Police Captain</li> <li>Salary Information: <a href="#">City of Miami Gardens</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estimates of Time Spent in Capital and Non-Capital Murder Cases <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> <li>State Attorney's Office (DA &amp; PD) <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey of Judicial Salaries <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> <li>Interview with Court Executive Team member.</li> </ul>
	<b>Notes</b>	Investigations typically can extend over a two year period. An average of 20 hours is spent on attempted murder cases and 400 hours for homicides cases. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$31/hr (2 Detectives) x 10 hours = <b>\$620</b></li> <li>\$31/hr (2 Detectives) x 200 hours = <b>\$12,400</b></li> </ul>	<b>1087</b> hours to defend & prosecute a murder case x <b>\$85</b> (DA <b>\$47/hr</b> + PD <b>\$38/hr</b> ) = \$92,395 + 40% overhead = <b>\$129,353</b> . To defend an attempted-murder case requires 1/7 of the time = <b>\$13,175</b>	Combined hourly rates + Overhead of the following staff: Judge, Bailiff, Court Reporter, Clerk = <b>\$155 per hour</b> . \$155 x 44 hours (murder case) = <b>\$6,820</b> \$155 x 6 hours (A felony) = <b>\$930</b>
INCARCERATION	<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Pre-Trial Incarceration</b>	<b>State Prison (Attempted Murder)</b>	<b>State Prison (Murder Case)</b>
	<b>Source</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correction and Rehabilitation FY20 Custody Services General Fund Budget <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Florida Department of Corrections Annual Report FY20-21 <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> <li>Florida Department of Corrections sentencing analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Florida Department of Corrections Annual Report 2017 - 2018 <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> <li>Florida Department of Corrections sentencing analysis</li> </ul>
	<b>Notes</b>	Average 2 year period of pre-trial incarceration in the county upon sentencing and placement into State Prison. \$185/day x 2 years = <b>\$135,050</b>	\$67/day to Incarcerate Adult in State Prison. Attempted murder cases serve an average of 15 years in State Prison, subtracting pre-trial 'time-served' in County Jail. (\$67/day x 13 years) = <b>\$317,915</b>	\$67/day to Incarcerate Adult in State Prison. Average inmate serves 30 years for murder, minus time served. (\$67/day x 28 years = <b>\$684,740</b> )
VICTIM SUPPORT	<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Victim of Crimes</b>	<b>Social Service Assistance</b>	<b>Coroner's Office</b>
	<b>Source</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Florida Attorney General Office <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> <li>Bureau of Victim Compensation Report <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TANF: Eligibility and Benefit Amounts in State Cash Assistance Programs <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> <li>SNAP Eligibility and Benefit <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Performance Auditor Report - <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> </ul>
	<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FY20 6,577 claims with 61.4% (4,035) approved</li> <li>FY20 \$1,080,450 total awards</li> <li>FY20 = <b>\$268/claim</b></li> <li>Total maximum allowable benefit: <b>\$25,000</b> <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> </ul>	When victim is severely shot, many can't return to work immediately. Since victim may be a major financial contributor to the household, many families may need to apply for social services support. The estimate for this study is for 1 year of Social Service assistance. (\$961/ mo x 12 months) x 2 people = <b>\$23,064</b>	Cost per autopsy = FY20 General Fund budget of \$13,798,000 and 1,974 full autopsies.  <b>Cost /autopsy = \$6,989.</b>
LOSS REVENUE	<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Loss Tax Revenue</b> (One person going to jail)	<b>Loss Tax Revenue</b> (Murder: Loss Revenue for 2 people)	
	<b>Source</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Florida Department of Revenue State <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> <li>Florida Department of Revenue County <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Florida Department of Revenue State <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> <li>Florida Department of Revenue County <a href="#">(Link)</a></li> </ul>	
	<b>Notes</b>	State income tax= 0%. Combined sales/use tax = <b>7%</b> (State 6%, County 1%). If person earns 30k/year and 1/3 of income toward purchases = \$9,900 per year ( <b>\$693/yr</b> ). But if person has to serve a 15 year sentence, then (\$693 x 15 years) = <b>\$10,395 of missed revenue</b> . If shooting victim doesn't work for one year, then an additional <b>\$630 of loss revenue</b> is added.	State income tax= 0%. Combined sales taxes = <b>7%</b> (State 6%, County 1%). If person earns 30k/year and 1/3 of income toward purchases = \$9,900 per year ( <b>\$693/yr</b> ). But if person has to serve a 30 years sentence and the other dead, then (\$693 x 30 years x 2 people), for a combined loss revenue of <b>\$37,283</b> .	