

Atlanta Mayor to Hire 250 Police Officers After Homicides Surge 58%

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Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, a progressive Democrat **linked** to George Soros, plans to hire 250 new police officers amid a reelection campaign after homicides surged 58% in 2020. The department currently employs 400 officers under Bottoms' and she is working with the City Council to enact a retention bonus for officers. Bottoms said that the funding for the new officers will come from federal money given to the state from the coronavirus relief package.

Democrat Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms plans to hire 250 new police officers **amid** a reelection campaign after homicides surged 58 percent in 2020.

The mayor blamed the **increase** in Atlanta homicides in 2020 on the court system, which "effectively shut down, people lost jobs, loved ones died, and our crime began to spike."

According to a report, "90 police recruits are currently in the pipeline, and that she is working with the City Council to enact a retention bonus for officers." The department currently employs 400 officers under Bottoms' authorized level.

Bottoms said the ability to finance the new officers will come from federal money given to the state from the coronavirus relief package.

She also plans to spend the funds on "crime reduction programs and two new centers in southeast and southwest Atlanta to improve community policing efforts," noting the old facilities are "too small, too old and not up to technological standards."

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