

Guns by the Numbers



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From 0 (the number of people denied a firearm for being on the suspected terrorist no-fly list) to 14,033,824 (the number of firearms bought from licensed gun dealers the year after President Obama was elected), the gun policy debate is all about the numbers.

In this 1-pager, we lay out the numbers behind the policy debate so that you can get to the real truth on guns, the laws that try to keep them out of the wrong hands, and the criminals who use them.

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0	People denied a firearm for being on the suspected terrorist no-fly list . ¹
1	Mental health disability records in the background check database from Pennsylvania. ²
5	People denied a firearm for mental health reasons for every 10,000 who apply. ³
	States allowing for sales of handguns at gun shows without a background check. ⁴ 33
	Percentage of NRA members who support background checks at gun shows. ⁵ 74
	Seconds it typically takes for the National Instant Check System to answer a call requesting a background check. ⁶ 7
	Percentage of background checks completed immediately. ⁷ 92
21	The legal age to purchase a handgun. ⁸
19	The most common age to be arrested for a gun crime. ⁹
24	Number of federal prosecutions for selling to a minor between 2000 and 2002. ¹⁰
	Percentage of crime gun traces in which the person using the gun wasn't the person who originally bought it. ¹¹ 89
	Firearms purchased in New York recovered in crimes committed in other states. ¹² 273
	Firearms recovered in New York crimes originally purchased in other states. ¹³ 3,873
6,220	Murders with a handgun in 2011. ¹⁴
323	Murders with a rifle (including assault rifles) in 2011. ¹⁵
14	Dollars it costs to purchase a high-capacity clip . ¹⁶
	Gun purchases from federally licensed gun dealers in the year after 9/11 . ¹⁷ 8,452,322
	Gun purchases from federally licensed gun dealers in the year after Barack Obama was elected President. ¹⁸ 14,033,824

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