

Offenses Involving Weapon Use  
Offense Category  
by Type of Weapon/Force Involved, 2016<sup>1</sup>

Type of Weapon/ Force Involved	Offense Category <sup>2</sup>							
	Assault Offenses	Homicide Offenses <sup>3</sup>	Human Trafficking Offenses	Kidnapping/ Abduction	Sex Offenses	Extortion/ Blackmail	Robbery	Weapon Law Violations
<b>Firearms</b>	<b>70,707</b>	<b>3,609</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2,466</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>31,756</b>	<b>72,315</b>
Firearm	18,400	1,356	5	462	188	31	4,904	14,732
Automatic Firearm	748	48	0	19	11	1	329	544
Handgun	40,661	1,804	4	1,670	554	33	23,061	43,993
Automatic Handgun	2,808	110	0	89	36	5	1,665	3,028
Rifle	2,603	133	0	69	8	3	449	4,029
Automatic Rifle	297	25	0	14	1	0	49	207
Shotgun	2,756	98	0	107	31	0	639	3,533
Automatic Shotgun	51	0	0	1	0	0	10	33
Other Firearm	2,303	31	0	35	33	4	628	2,152
Automatic Other Firearm	80	4	0	0	2	0	22	64
<b>Knife/Cutting Instrument</b>	<b>42,092</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5,910</b>	<b>11,798</b>
<b>Personal Weapons</b>	<b>705,989</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>9,177</b>	<b>47,709</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>21,318</b>	<b>492</b>
<b>All Other</b>	<b>143,277</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1,837</b>	<b>7,743</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>7,771</b>	<b>10,284</b>
Blunt Object	28,837	153	1	290	241	4	2,140	3,001
Motor Vehicle	15,443	187	0	185	16	1	320	55
Poison	255	6	0	4	16	1	23	14
Explosives	108	0	0	1	1	2	56	625
Fire/Incendiary Device	784	38	0	10	3	2	15	115
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	454	122	2	23	470	2	12	120
Asphyxiation	3,602	62	0	66	104	0	44	9
Other Weapon	72,289	162	13	687	1,919	385	2,647	5,295
Unknown Weapons	21,505	252	47	571	4,973	256	2,514	1,050
<b>No Weapon/Force Involved</b>	<b>87,642</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>27,150</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>9,143</b>	<b>4,093</b>

<sup>1</sup>Because law enforcement can report up to three types of weapons/uses of force for each offense (up to ten) in an incident, some offenses may have been counted more than once in order to attribute them to each of the weapon types associated with them. Therefore, the figures in the table do not reflect the number of weapons or offenses reported in the related incidents.

<sup>2</sup>The Type of Weapon/Force Involved is collected through the National Incident-Based Reporting System for 8 offense categories comprised of 15 offense types. See the data declaration for more information.

<sup>3</sup>Homicide offenses must be reported with a specific weapon, so the category No Weapon/Force Involved is not applicable for these offenses.