

Offenses Involving Weapon Use
Offense Category
by Type of Weapon/Force Involved, 2015¹

Type of Weapon/ Force Involved	Offense Category ²							
	Assault Offenses	Homicide Offenses ³	Human Trafficking Offenses	Kidnapping/ Abduction	Sex Offenses	Extortion/ Blackmail	Robbery	Weapon Law Violations
Firearms	60,203	3,062	4	2,212	754	50	31,001	61,335
Firearm	14,971	1,053	0	352	147	20	4,636	11,503
Automatic Firearm	678	34	0	24	10	3	306	489
Handgun	34,603	1,601	4	1,565	514	17	22,759	37,246
Automatic Handgun	2,540	106	0	79	40	4	1,704	2,783
Rifle	2,254	101	0	46	7	1	372	3,687
Automatic Rifle	182	10	0	9	1	0	47	206
Shotgun	2,835	114	0	91	12	2	580	3,353
Automatic Shotgun	60	0	0	0	1	0	15	53
Other Firearm	2,014	41	0	43	20	3	554	1,949
Automatic Other Firearm	66	2	0	3	2	0	28	66
Knife/Cutting Instrument	39,647	485	2	900	667	10	5,554	11,278
Personal Weapons	683,305	263	40	8,906	44,485	233	21,803	462
All Other	136,938	831	21	1,593	7,150	412	7,583	9,789
Blunt Object	26,469	145	1	225	206	5	1,914	2,657
Motor Vehicle	14,176	134	0	150	24	0	295	43
Poison	198	5	0	3	13	0	12	6
Explosives	116	2	0	0	1	5	45	720
Fire/Incendiary Device	1,045	48	0	6	9	3	45	156
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	350	69	0	19	400	1	11	89
Asphyxiation	2,908	52	0	66	72	1	58	3
Other Weapon	70,314	123	6	578	1,938	261	2,547	4,810
Unknown Weapons	21,362	253	14	546	4,487	136	2,656	1,305
No Weapon/Force Involved	79,627		31	3,846	23,359	1,282	5,593	3,063

¹Because 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.

²The 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.

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