

Offenses Involving Weapon Use
Offense Category
by Type of Weapon/Force Involved, 2016¹

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	70,707	3,609	9	2,466	864	77	31,756	72,315
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
Knife/Cutting Instrument	42,092	478	1	1,010	709	20	5,910	11,798
Personal Weapons	705,989	277	72	9,177	47,709	296	21,318	492
All Other	143,277	982	63	1,837	7,743	653	7,771	10,284
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
No Weapon/Force Involved	87,642		72	4,780	27,150	2,020	9,143	4,093

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.