

Offenses Involving Weapon Use
Offense Category
by Type of Weapon/Force Involved, 2017¹

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	77,616	3,831	13	2,567	813	61	31,473	81,385
Firearm	19,593	1,387	8	472	198	24	5,027	15,766
Automatic Firearm	678	45	0	21	9	0	237	620
Handgun	45,929	1,930	5	1,783	533	29	23,251	51,220
Automatic Handgun	2,535	131	0	79	24	0	1,250	3,133
Rifle	3,362	151	0	65	8	2	459	4,426
Automatic Rifle	264	11	0	2	3	2	35	197
Shotgun	2,871	123	0	96	11	2	535	3,551
Automatic Shotgun	35	1	0	1	3	1	6	48
Other Firearm	2,279	49	0	45	23	1	656	2,358
Automatic Other Firearm	70	3	0	3	1	0	17	66
Knife/Cutting Instrument	43,291	545	2	1,183	659	11	5,937	11,528
Personal Weapons	734,184	319	144	9,598	51,899	302	20,931	539
All Other	158,577	1,042	129	1,933	8,780	670	8,284	11,135
Blunt Object	29,768	175	1	286	256	7	2,176	3,143
Motor Vehicle	16,451	183	0	216	6	3	343	80
Poison	336	9	0	4	12	0	11	25
Explosives	101	1	0	0	2	14	34	599
Fire/Incendiary Device	757	53	0	8	6	2	18	162
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	491	106	8	30	527	0	21	210
Asphyxiation	3,958	46	0	82	133	0	69	11
Other Weapon	77,284	159	39	681	2,055	429	2,859	5,687
Unknown Weapons	29,431	310	81	626	5,783	215	2,753	1,218
No Weapon/Force Involved	91,395		151	4,971	29,715	2,365	8,732	4,830

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.