

Offenses Involving Weapon Use
Offense Category
by Type of Weapon/Force Involved, 2019¹

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	114,722	5,214	40	3,244	1,145	75	41,128	105,184
Firearm	37,504	2,124	12	634	293	34	8,611	22,654
Automatic Firearm	841	30	2	34	18	1	417	603
Handgun	62,673	2,517	25	2,203	745	30	28,725	67,100
Automatic Handgun	2,813	123	1	102	30	2	1,558	3,163
Rifle	4,547	216	0	104	16	5	725	5,220
Automatic Rifle	278	45	0	10	1	1	70	199
Shotgun	3,095	124	0	101	14	0	547	3,911
Automatic Shotgun	18	0	0	1	1	0	6	58
Other Firearm	2,854	35	0	55	27	1	447	2,223
Automatic Other Firearm	99	0	0	0	0	1	22	53
Knife/Cutting Instrument	57,525	689	12	1,378	879	26	7,314	12,801
Personal Weapons	944,316	341	235	12,128	63,530	432	28,196	585
All Other	212,774	1,451	267	2,894	13,116	1,092	10,833	13,206
Blunt Object	36,354	195	1	347	329	3	2,610	3,242
Motor Vehicle	21,673	411	0	295	15	3	508	79
Poison	457	6	0	5	21	0	89	9
Explosives	235	2	0	4	2	8	48	841
Fire/Incendiary Device	872	51	2	10	11	3	21	157
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	531	122	15	44	680	1	34	265
Asphyxiation	6,989	67	0	121	184	0	92	17
Other Weapon	98,870	169	95	816	2,826	717	3,215	5,644
Unknown Weapons	46,793	428	154	1,252	9,048	357	4,216	2,952
No Weapon/Force Involved	116,168		704	6,608	36,849	3,970	8,166	6,040

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 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.