


A factual look at GUNS IN AMERICA

How are guns being used by citizens in America each year?

ea  = 31,672 incidents



 = homicide + accident + suicide¹

 = self defense²

Every year, guns are used over **80x more often to protect** a life than to take one!*



270 Million
APPROX. # OF CIVILIAN
FIREARMS IN AMERICA³



200,000
TIMES A YEAR WOMEN USE A
GUN TO DEFEND AGAINST
SEXUAL ABUSE⁴



3/5
POLLED FELONS SAY THEY
WON'T MESS WITH AN ARMED
VICTIM⁵

Gun Ownership Vs Crime

Highest Gun Ownership Rate

PER 100 RESIDENTS⁶

88.8
USA

54.8
YEMEN

45.7
SWITZERLAND

45.3
FINLAND

Highest Intentional Homicide Rate

PER 100,000 RESIDENTS⁷

91.6
HONDURAS

69.2
EL SALVADOR

56.9
CÔTE D'IVOIRE

52.2
JAMAICA

A recent study published in the *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy* concluded that there is a **negative correlation between gun ownership and violent crime** in countries internationally (more guns = less crime).

Nations with **strict gun control laws** have substantially higher murder rates than those who do not in general. **In fact, the 9 European nations with the lowest gun ownership rate have a combined murder rate 3x that of the 9 European nations with the highest gun ownership rate!**⁸

4.8
USA



UNITED KINGDOM CASE STUDY

“Most violent country in EU”⁹



POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS IS ILLEGAL



2,034 VIOLENT CRIMES PER 100,000 PEOPLE IN UK**⁹

VS



466 VIOLENT CRIMES PER 100,000 PEOPLE IN USA⁹



In the decade following the Labor party's election and banning of handguns in 1997, the number of recorded violent attacks soared by

Kitchen knives are being used in as many as half of all stabbings in the United Kingdom and has prompted a group of



Concealed Carry in America

An analysis of the FBI crime statistics found that states that adopted
concealed carry laws **REDUCED:**¹¹

8.5%
Murders

5%
Rapes

7%
Aggravated Assaults

3%
Robberies



With just one exception, every public mass shooting in the
USA since 1950 has taken place **where citizens are banned**
from carrying guns. Despite strict gun regulations, Europe has
had 3 of the worst 6 school shootings.¹²



POLICE

794,300
total police officers¹³

11%
error rate¹⁴

14.3
avg. deaths of a shooting
rampage stopped by police¹⁵

606
criminals killed each year¹⁶

VS.



ARMED CITIZEN

80,000,000
gun owning citizens¹⁷

2%
error rate¹⁴

2.3
avg. deaths of a shooting
rampage stopped by a citizen¹⁵

1,527
criminals killed each year¹⁶



In 1982, Kennesaw, Georgia passed a law **requiring** heads of
households to **keep at least one firearm** in the house. The
residential **burglary rate subsequently dropped 89%** in
Kennesaw, compared to just 10.4% drop in Georgia as a
whole.¹⁸

Today, the **violent crime rate in Kennesaw is still 85%**
lower than Georgia's or the national average.¹⁹



89% Drop
IN BURGLARIES AFTER
MANDATORY GUN LAW

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Sources

* Based upon Kleck & Gertz estimates of 2.5 million defensive gun uses per year (see source #2). A similar study in 1994 under President Clinton (Source) found this number to be 1.5 million, which would result in guns being used over 47x more often to defend a life than to take one. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, about 436,000 crimes were committed with a firearm in 2008 (Source). This would mean guns are used 5.7 or 3.4 times (using Kleck or Clinton respectively) more often to defend against a crime than to commit one.

** Comparing violent crime between two countries can sometimes be difficult as each nation defines it differently.

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