



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Massachusetts State Police

2025 Crime Gun Report

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Introduction

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 140, Section 131Q directs firearms licensing authorities within the Commonwealth to annually report to the Colonel of the Massachusetts State Police certain data related to crime gun seizures within their jurisdiction. The law further directs the Commonwealth Fusion Center (CFC) to issue an annual report based upon that data.

A “crime gun” for reporting purposes is defined as a gun which had been used in the commission of a crime to include possessory offenses. Excluded from the crime gun reporting requirements are recovered firearms with no nexus to criminal activity, firearms acquired during gun buyback or turn-in programs, and firearms seized as the result of judicial orders; (such as a 209A Domestic Restraining Order) in which there was no criminal behavior associated with the actual firearm.

M.G.L. c.140, §131Q

Tracing by licensing authority of firearm used to carry out criminal act; transmission of statistical data to federal electronic system; cartridge casing information inclusion in national report

(a) A firearm used to carry out a criminal act including the commission of a suicide shall be traced by the licensing authority for the city or town in which the crime took place or the law enforcement agency taking possession of the firearm. Said authority or agency shall report all available statistical data to the department of criminal justice information services. This statistical data shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the make, model, serial number and caliber of the firearm used; (ii) the type of crime committed; (iii) whether an arrest or conviction was made; (iv) whether fingerprint evidence was found on the firearm; (v) whether ballistic evidence was retrieved from the crime scene; (vi) whether the criminal use of the firearm was related to known gang activity; (vii) whether the firearm was obtained illegally; (viii) whether the firearm was lost or stolen; and (ix) whether the person using the firearm was otherwise a prohibited person.

(b) The department of criminal justice information services shall ensure that data reported pursuant to this section is automatically transmitted into the federal electronic system maintained by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in the United States Department of Justice and to the commonwealth fusion center or the criminal firearms and trafficking unit within the division of investigation and intelligence in the department of state police established pursuant to section 6 of chapter 22C. The colonel of state police shall produce an annual report no later than December 31 of each year regarding crimes committed in the commonwealth using firearms, including all of the categories of data contained in this section, and shall submit a copy of the report to the joint committee on public safety and homeland security, the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and, upon request, to criminology, public policy and public health researchers and other law enforcement agencies.

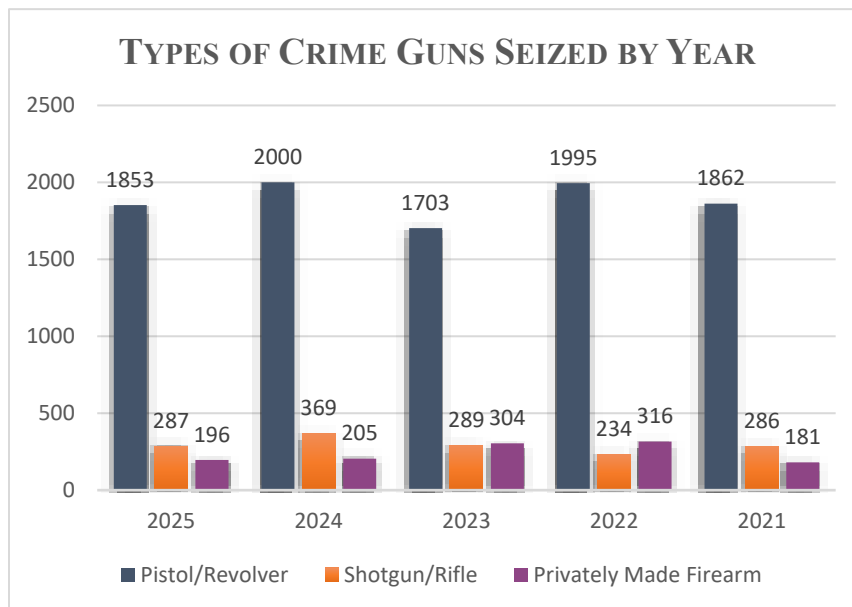
(c) A cartridge casing associated with a firearm reported for tracing under subsection (a) shall be submitted for inclusion in the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network maintained by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in the United States Department of Justice.



2025 CRIME GUN REPORT Summary

The data in this report relates only to data reported to the Commonwealth Fusion Center (CFC) in accordance with M.G.L. c.140, §131Q. In 2025, 2,319 crime guns were reported to the CFC. This represents a 3% decrease from the 2024 crime gun total count of 2,389, a 6.5% decrease over the 2023 crime gun total count of 2,481, and a 4% decrease from 2022.

In 2025, 153 law enforcement agencies reported making crime gun seizures. Eighty percent (1,853) of crime guns seized in 2025 were described as pistols/revolvers, 8% (192) were described as rifles, including 58 that were classified as assault rifles, 4% (95) were described as shotguns, of which four were described as sawed-off shotguns, and four were described as machineguns. Of the crime guns reported in 2025, 196 firearms were listed as ghost guns or privately made firearms (PMF), accounting for 8% of firearms seized. This represents a 4.5% decrease from the 205 PMF/ghost guns reported in 2024.



The top three submitting agencies were:

1. Boston Police Department (531)
2. Massachusetts State Police (524)
3. Worcester Police Department (150)

The top three caliber crime guns seized were:

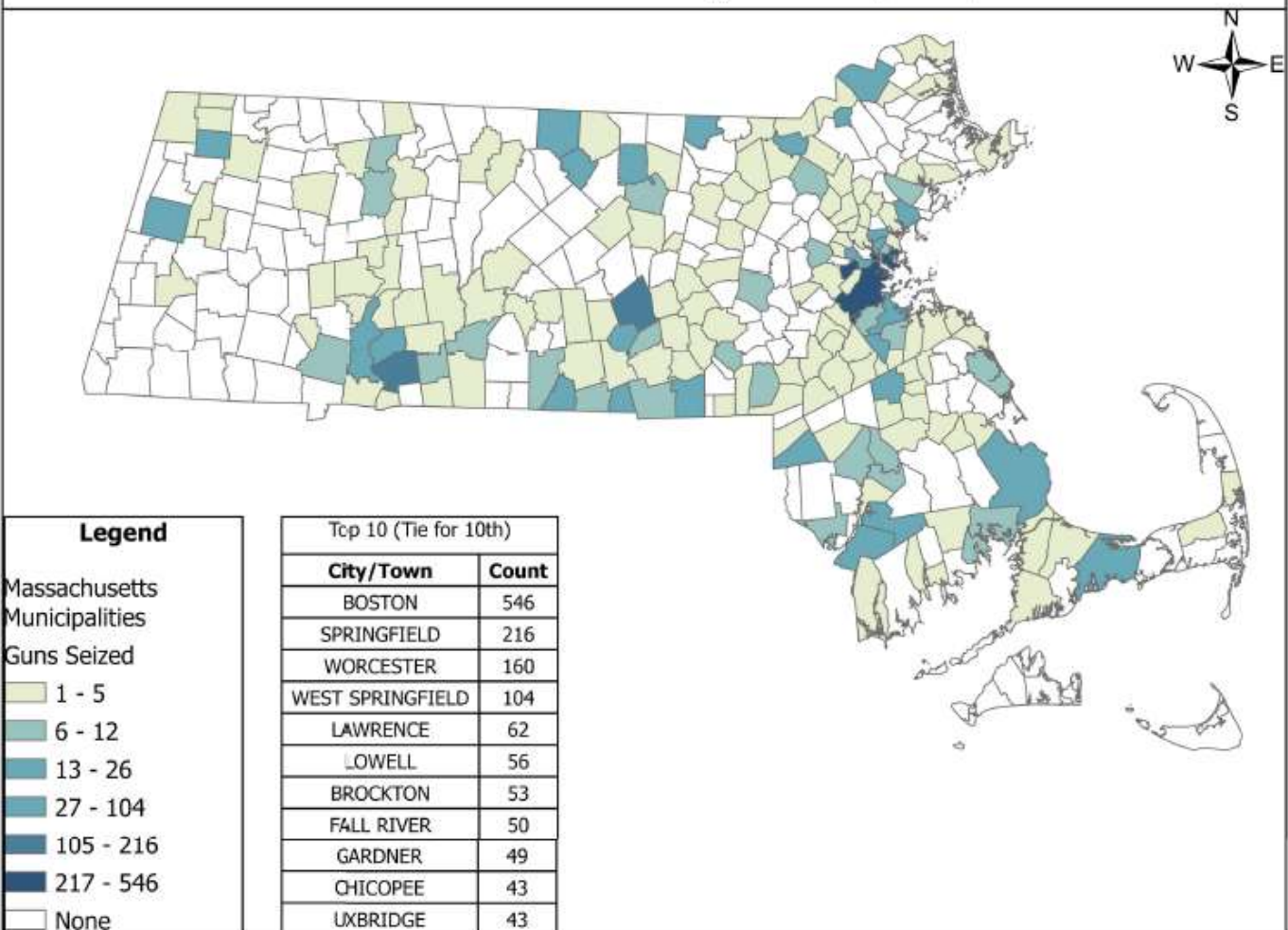
1. 9mm (1029 guns)
2. .40 caliber (197 guns)
3. .22 caliber (165 guns)



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Communities with Reported Crime Gun Seizures

2025 Crime Guns Seized by Municipality

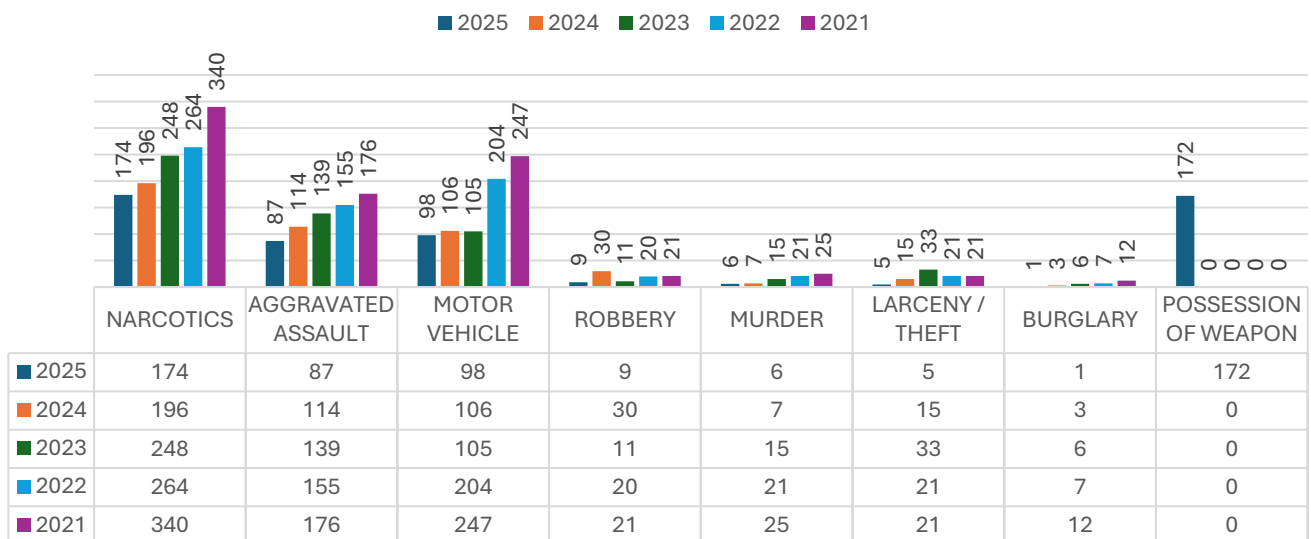




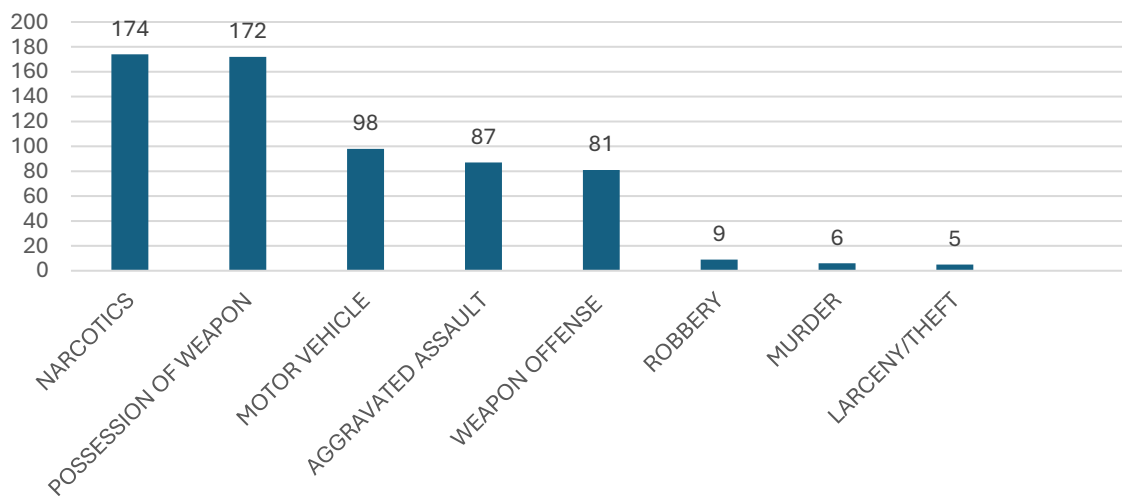
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Crime Type Associated with Crime Gun

TOP REPORTED CRIMES ASSOCIATED WITH SEIZED
CRIME GUNS
2021-2025



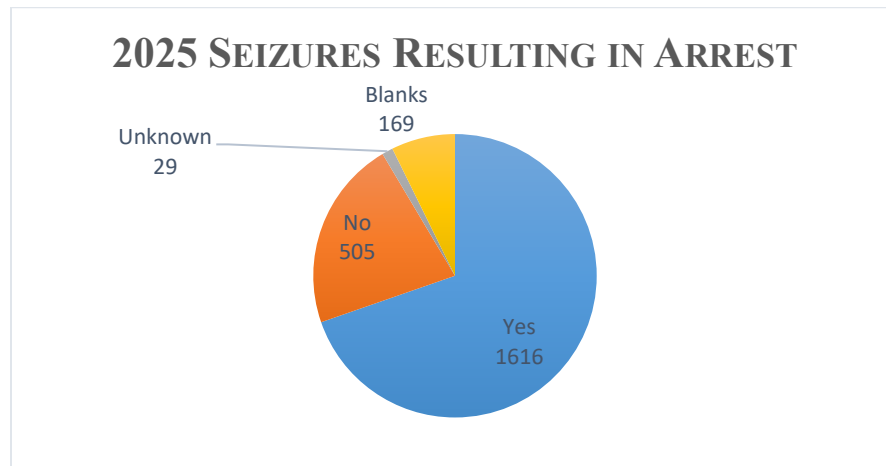
2025 SEIZURES BY CRIME TYPE





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Crime Gun Seizures Resulting in Arrest



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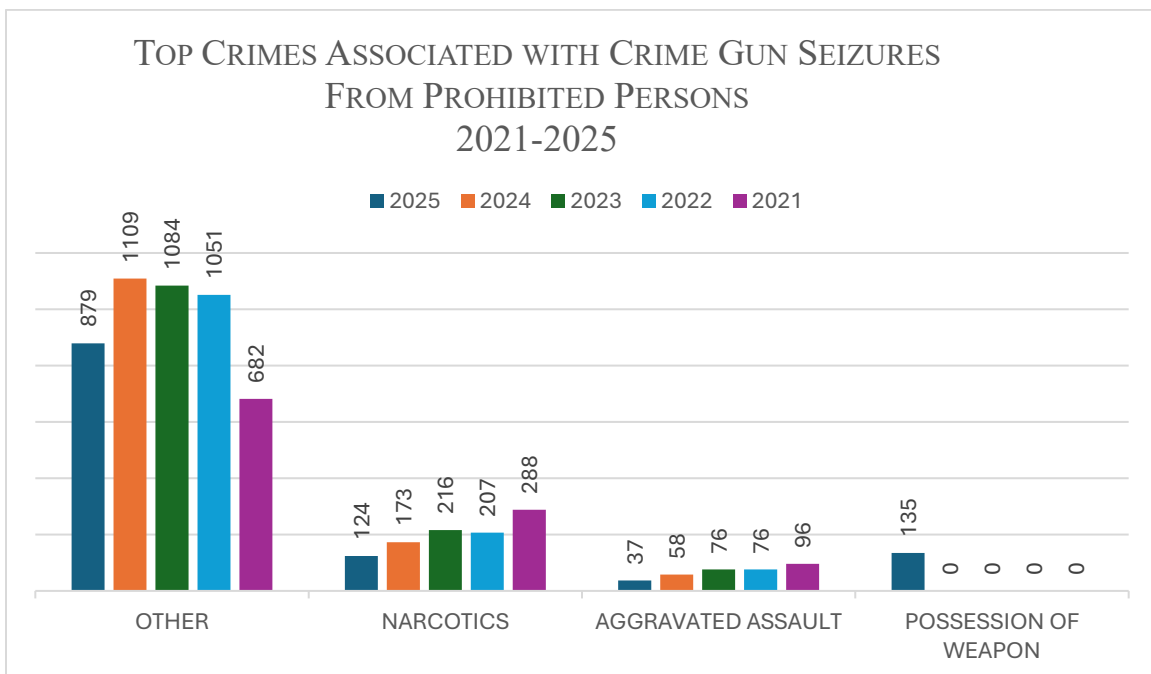
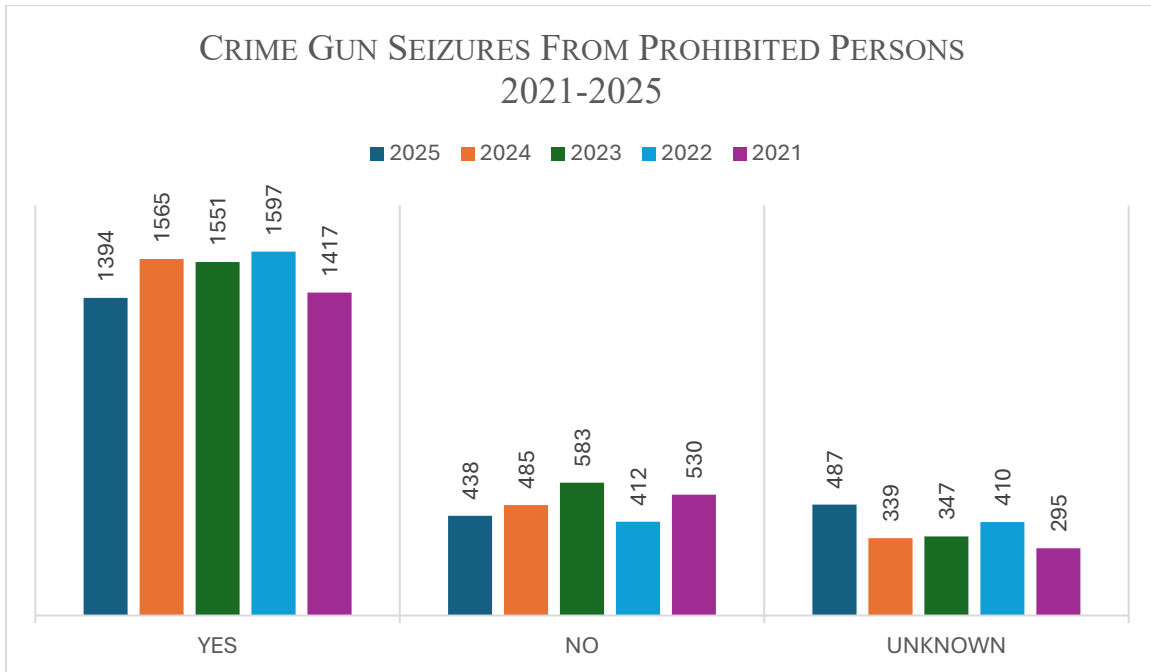
Evidence Associated with Crime Gun Seizures

EVIDENCE ASSOCIATED WITH CRIME GUN SEIZURES			
	Yes	No	Pending at Time of Submission
Ballistics Evidence	361	1025	933
Fingerprint Evidence	166	956	1197



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Crime Gun Seizures from Prohibited Persons

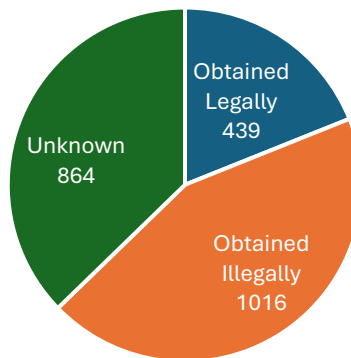




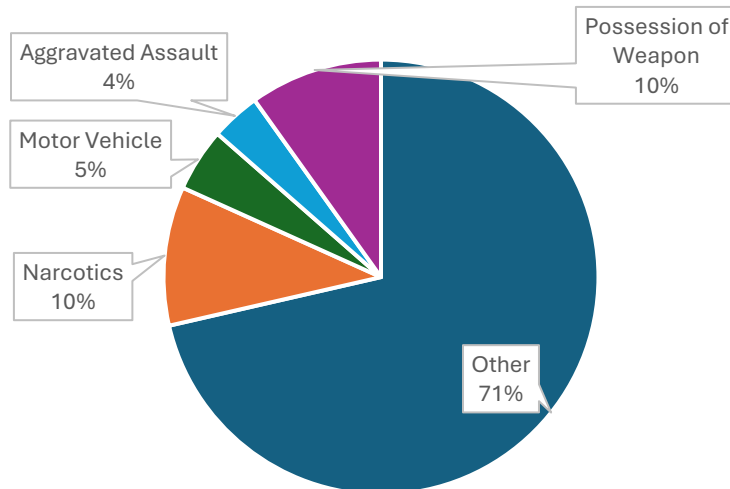
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Crime Gun Seizures - Weapons Obtained Illegally

2025 ILLEGALLY-OBTAINED VS. LEGALLY -OBTAINED GUNS



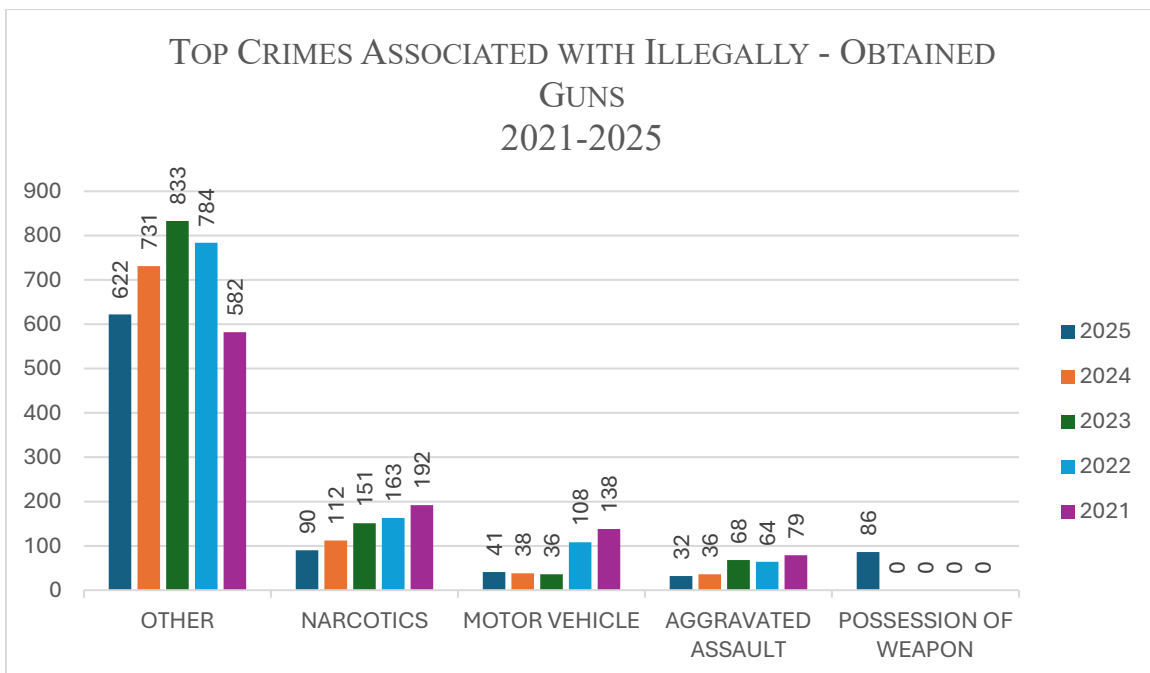
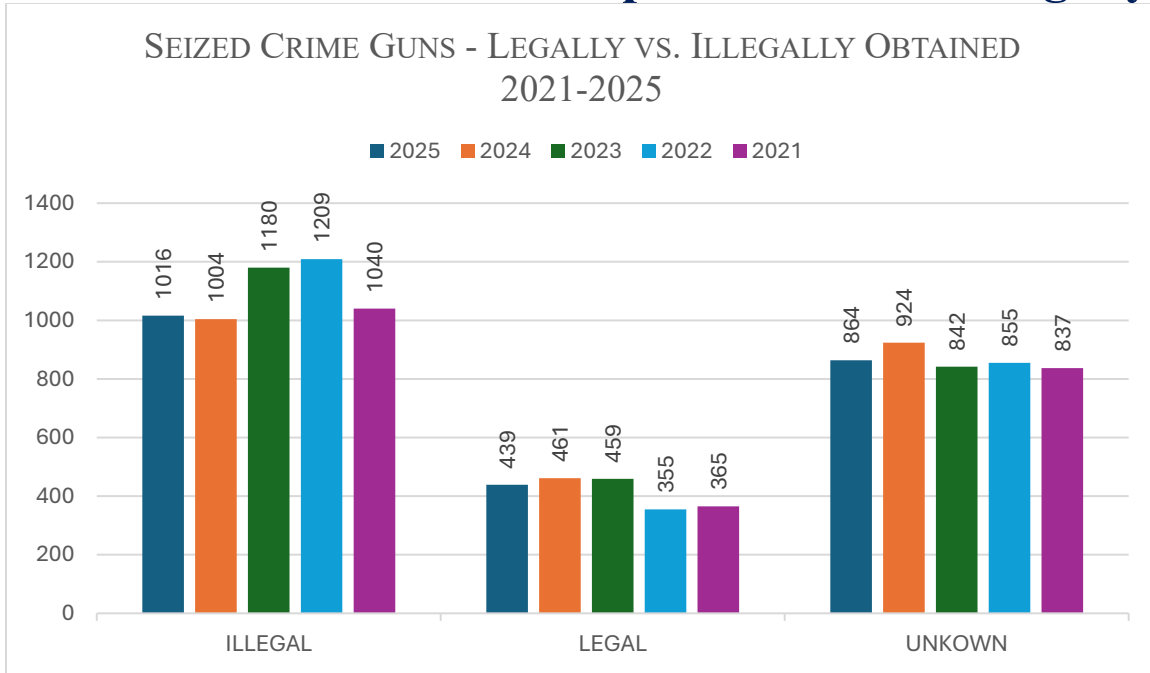
2025 TOP CRIMES ASSOCIATED WITH ILLEGALLY-OBTAINED GUNS





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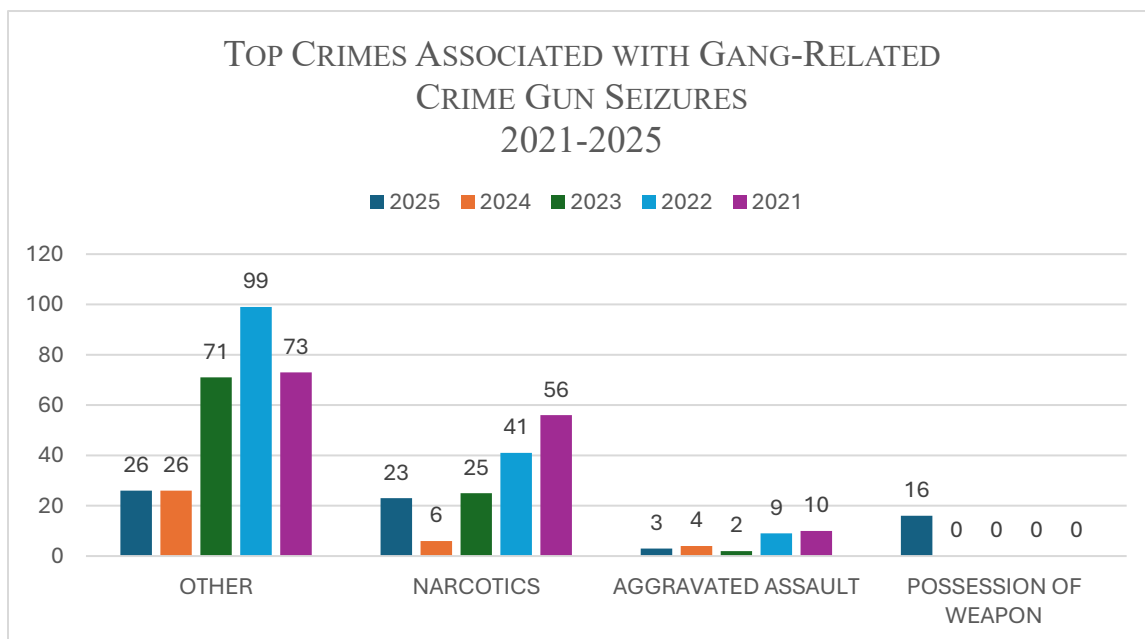
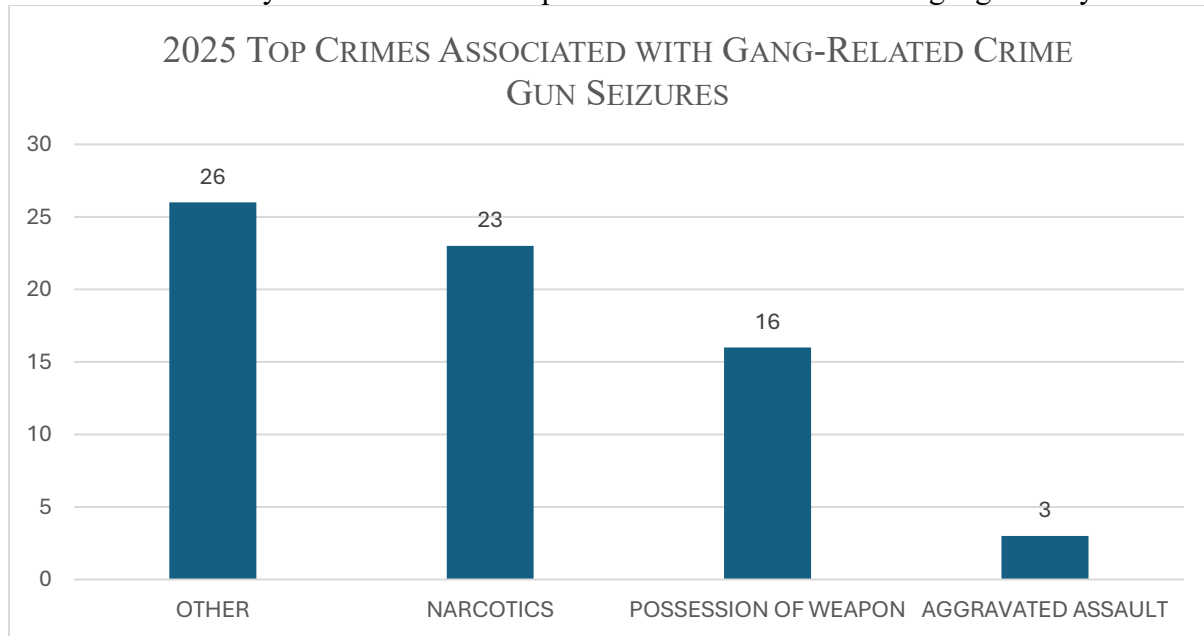




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Gang Activity Associated with Crime Gun Seizures

Overview: 82 (3.5% of reported firearms) were classified as gang related; however, 1,391 firearms (60%) were reported with an unknown nexus to gang activity. The charts below depict the analysis of the firearms reported with a known nexus to gang activity.

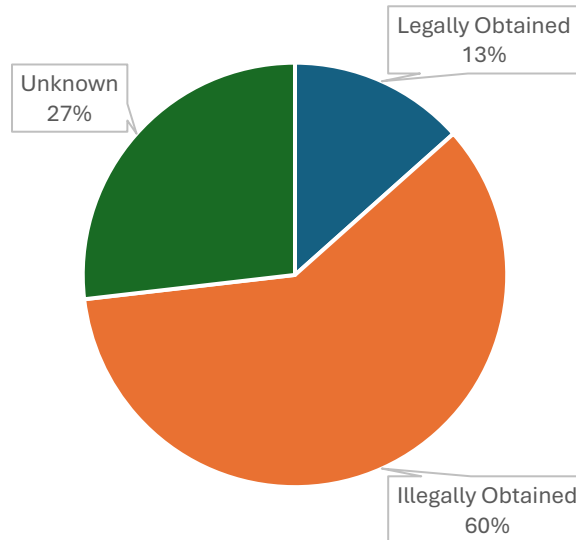




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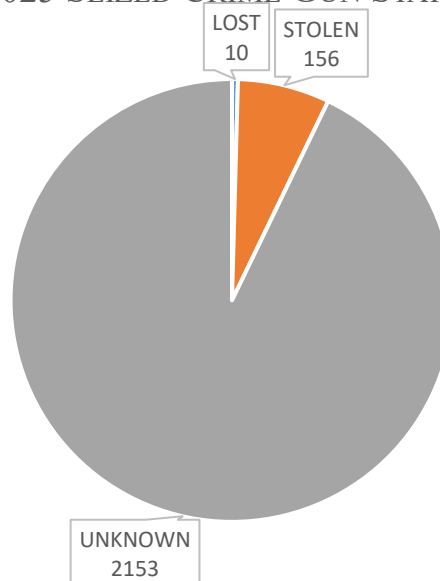
Gang Activity Associated with Crime Gun Seizures

2025 GANG RELATED CRIME GUN SEIZURES LEGALLY VS. ILLEGALLY OBTAINED



Seized Crime Gun Status (Lost or Stolen)

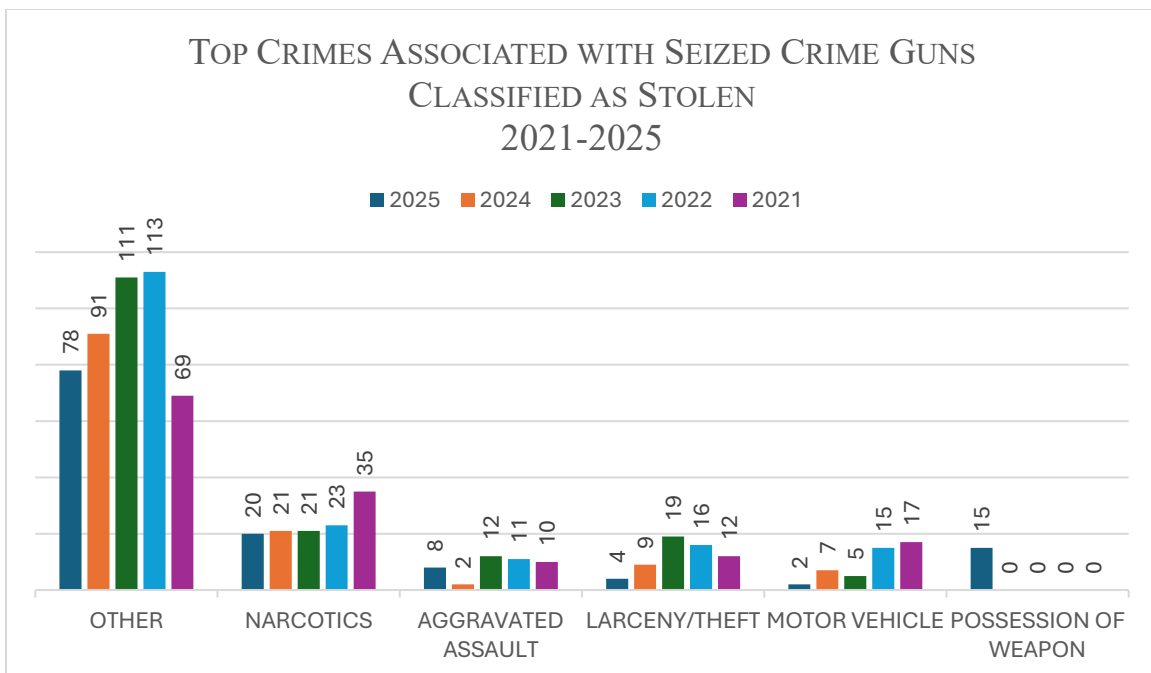
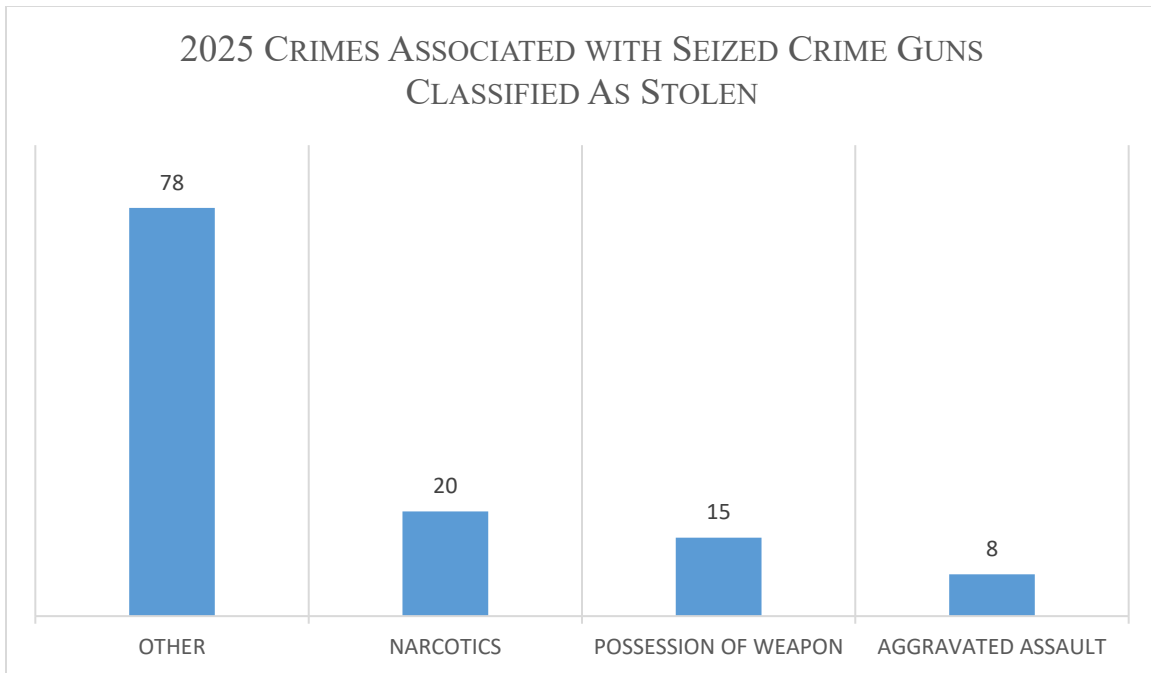
2025 SEIZED CRIME GUN STATUS





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Seized Crime Gun Status (Lost or Stolen)





2024 CRIME GUN REPORT – Appendix 1

Crime Gun Seizures by City or Town of Seizure

CITY OR TOWN	NUMBER OF GUNS SEIZED
ABINGTON	1
ACTON	2
ADAMS	18
AGAWAM	4
AMESBURY	3
ARLINGTON	1
ASHBURNHAM	3
ASHFIELD	1
ATHOL	1
ATTLEBORO	18
AUBURN	18
AVON	1
BARNSTABLE	21
BELCHERTOWN	3
BELLINGHAM	4
BELMONT	1
BERKLEY	1
BERNARDSTON	4
BEVERLY	1
BILLERICA	10
BLACKSTONE	1
BOSTON	546
BOURNE	2



CITY OR TOWN	NUMBER OF GUNS SEIZED
BRAINTREE	8
BREWSTER	2
BRIDGEWATER	5
BROCKTON	53
BROOKLINE	4
BURLINGTON	2
CAMBRIDGE	16
CANTON	4
CHARLTON	5
CHELMSFORD	5
CHELSEA	10
CHICOPEE	43
CLARKSBURG	4
CLINTON	3
COHASSET	2
DALTON	2
DANVERS	1
DEDHAM	5
DEERFIELD	6
DOUGLAS	12
DRACUT	5
DUDLEY	10
EAST BRIDGEWATER	5
EASTHAM	2
EAST HAMPTON	2
EVERETT	16
FAIRHAVEN	1



CITY OR TOWN	NUMBER OF GUNS SEIZED
FALL RIVER	50
FALMOUTH	1
FITCHBURG	26
FOXBOROUGH	5
FRAMINGHAM	12
FRANKLIN	6
FREETOWN	25
GARDNER	49
GLOUCESTER	2
GRAFTON	5
GRANBY	3
GREENFIELD	8
GROVELAND	4
HADLEY	2
HALIFAX	1
HAMPDEN	2
HARDWICK	5
HARVARD	1
HATFIELD	2
HAVERHILL	37
HINGHAM	1
HINSDALE	3
HOLBROOK	3
HOLYOKE	15
HOPKINTON	1
HULL	1
KINGSTON	3
LAWRENCE	62



CITY OR TOWN	NUMBER OF GUNS SEIZED
LEE	3
LEICESTER	4
LEOMINSTER	7
LITTLETON	4
LONGMEADOW	2
LOWELL	56
LUDLOW	2
LUNENBURG	1
LYNN	19
MALDEN	14
MARION	7
MARLBOROUGH	3
MARSHFIELD	7
MEDFORD	4
METHUEN	2
MILFORD	11
MILLBURY	6
MILTON	9
MONSON	1
MONTAGUE	1
MONTGOMERY	3
NEW BEDFORD	2
NEWBURY	5
NEWTON	1
NORFOLK	1
NORTH ADAMS	2
NORTHAMPTON	3
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH	3



CITY OR TOWN	NUMBER OF GUNS SEIZED
NORTHBOROUGH	1
NORTHBRIDGE	3
NORTH BROOKFIELD	2
NORTON	1
NORWOOD	1
ORANGE	3
OTHER	30
OXFORD	2
PALMER	11
PEABODY	12
PEPPERELL	15
PITTSFIELD	39
PLYMOUTH	14
PLYMPTON	1
PRINCETON	2
QUINCY	26
RANDOLPH	15
RAYNHAM	7
READING	1
REVERE	3
ROCHESTER	2
ROCKLAND	2
SALISBURY	3
SANDWICH	1
SAUGUS	3
SAVOY	2
SCITUATE	1
SHARON	5



CITY OR TOWN	NUMBER OF GUNS SEIZED
SHELBURNE	1
SHREWSBURY	4
SOUTH HADLEY	4
SOUTHBRIDGE	17
SPENCER	4
SPRINGFIELD	216
STERLING	1
STONEHAM	2
STOUGHTON	3
STOW	4
STURBRIDGE	6
SUNDERLAND	1
SUTTON	1
SWANSEA	6
TAUNTON	6
TEWKSBURY	5
TYNGSBOROUGH	1
UPTON	1
UXBRIDGE	43
WAKEFIELD	2
WALPOLE	2
WALTHAM	7
WARE	2
WAREHAM	11
WEBSTER	17
WELLESLEY	1
WEST SPRINGFIELD	104
WEST BRIDGEWATER	3



CITY OR TOWN	NUMBER OF GUNS SEIZED
WEST BROOKFIELD	2
WESTFIELD	8
WESTFORD	4
WESTHAMPTON	1
WESTPORT	2
WESTWOOD	2
WEYMOUTH	3
WHITMAN	1
WILBRAHAM	11
WILLIAMSTOWN	1
WILMINGTON	1
WINCHENDON	16
WINCHESTER	1
WOBURN	4
WORCESTER	160
WRENTHAM	1