

Firearm-Related Activity in Massachusetts

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Overview

Section 18 ³/₄ of Chapter 6A of the Massachusetts General Laws mandates that a report be completed by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) detailing the prevalence of firearm-related crimes, the number of arrests, prosecutions, and points of origins of these illegal firearms. This report will provide statistics on the state of illegal firearms in the Commonwealth for the years 2024-2025 to determine if recent laws have impacted the number of illegal firearms in the Commonwealth, the number of crimes committed with a firearm, and prosecutions related to these violations. The governing statute was amended by Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024, *An Act Modernizing Firearms Laws*, and now requires EOPSS:

(10) to develop a biennial report analyzing and reporting on the firearms trace data collected under section 131Q of chapter 140 and non-identifying gun sales transaction data held by the firearms records bureau to be sent to the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the chairs of the joint committee on public safety and homeland security not later than March 1 of every even-numbered year; provided, however, that the report shall contain, but not be limited to containing, the following information: (i) statistics related to firearms crimes and attempted or completed suicides by firearms; (ii) arrests and prosecutions of firearms-related offenses, to serve as an examination of the effectiveness of the commonwealth's firearms-related regulations; (iii) aggregate data on the source of firearms that have been confiscated and identified as being used in a crime or in an attempted or a completed suicide during the report period, including aggregate information on the manufacturer, whether the firearms were privately made or modified, state of origin and last known point of sale, transfer, loss or theft of such firearms and, if reasonably ascertainable, such firearms' means of entry into the commonwealth including, but not limited to, by state or federal highway, port of entry or any other means; (iv) an explanation of substantial changes in state and federal firearms-related laws and firearms-related statistics in the commonwealth; (v) the effectiveness of section 128B of said chapter 140; (vi) the effectiveness of current reporting mechanisms for lost and stolen firearms, including identifying the number of firearms traced to crimes and attempted or completed suicides that were determined to have been lost or stolen and, of these firearms, how many were reported lost or stolen prior to their use in the commission of those crimes and attempted or completed suicides; (vii) firearm purchase and sales patterns as they relate to firearms traced to crimes and attempted or completed suicides, including an analysis of the number of firearms traced to a crime or attempted or completed suicide that were originally purchased from a licensed firearm dealer or purchased through a secondary private seller; and (viii) an analysis of whether the license number used for the purchase or transfer of a firearm used in a crime or attempted or completed suicide was associated with the purchase or transfer of any other firearm, in the commonwealth or any other jurisdiction, within a 12-month period prior or subsequent to the sale of the recovered firearm and the total number of such firearms purchased or transferred by that license holder and whether any of such firearms were also used in the commission of a crime; and provided further, that all data referenced herein or relied upon in compiling the report shall be readily available to the public in an aggregate, nonidentifying and downloadable format.

Methodology and Data Collection

Currently, the data requested is not located within a single data set. For this report, crime statistics and arrest statistics were compiled by utilizing National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) data, which is voluntarily submitted to EOPSS and ultimately to the FBI by local, state, campus, and hospital police agencies. NIBRS data includes the nature and types of specific offenses in the incident, characteristics of the victim(s) and offender(s), types and value of property stolen and recovered, and characteristics of persons arrested in connection with a crime incident; not all police agencies submit crime data using NIBRS. It should be noted that in NIBRS data, it is possible to report multiple offenses, crimes, victims and weapons within one incident. For this report, data shall be reported as the total number of crimes where firearms were utilized during all of the offenses, unless otherwise noted. Information about homicides with a firearm and suicides with a firearm was compiled from the Massachusetts Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME). To examine case statuses and prosecutions of firearm cases, data was received from the Massachusetts Trial Court. Information about firearms confiscated or recovered was received from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Information on “Crime Guns” is collected in accordance with M.G.L. c. 140, § 131Q. Massachusetts State Police utilize a data collection tool in the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) environment to collect data on firearm recoveries and seizures in the Commonwealth. This system, referred to as the Crime Gun Tracking System allows law enforcement to enter data in the field in relation to the criminal incidents and the firearms associated with crimes. This database was upgraded in October of 2025 to collect additional information concerning the weapon used, and information related to the offender and the victim involved. Additional upgrades will lead to a direct integration with ATF and their E-trace program, as well as the ability to collect information on attempted suicides.

Moving forward, EOPSS will continue to work with municipal police departments, the Massachusetts State Police (MSP), the Commonwealth Fusion Center (CFC), and the ATF to maintain a dataset where this information may be more readily available. Recent upgrades to the Crime Gun Tracking system will allow future reports to rely on a more complete data set. In addition to this report, MSP also publish an annual report regarding firearms used in crimes based upon this collection tool. EOPSS has also successfully implemented the collection of information on Fatal and Non-Fatal shootings in NIBRS via the injury type field. This was implemented in 2024 and the data is included in this report for the first time.

Limitations of the Data

As mentioned above, it is difficult to locate and merge data that does not reside within a structured data environment. While NIBRS reporting now covers more than 98% of the population of the Commonwealth, some smaller agencies still do not report. Massachusetts State Police began reporting NIBRS in 2021 and manually enter reports into the Sidearm system. For this report, agencies that failed to submit data or are not contributing NIBRS data for either year were excluded from the crime and arrest statistics section of report, unless otherwise noted. For this report, NIBRS statistics were available for 391 Massachusetts police agencies.

With respect to prosecution, criminal charges involving firearms were examined for the years 2024-2025. It should be noted that this will not reflect all firearm-related arrests from this time frame, but only those resulting in prosecutions completed during these years, as some of the 2024-2025 arrests will not yet have been adjudicated. At the time of the writing of this report, ATF data was not available for 2024, so only 2023 data is included in the Origins of Firearms section. An update will be released when 2024 ATF trace data becomes available. In the future, this data will be available in real-time as an interface with the ATF has been built into the Crime Gun Tracking System to return results on the origin of the crime gun.

Statistics on Firearm-Related Crimes

Since in some cases, it is possible to convert NIBRS data to data in Summary or the Uniform Crime Reporting format, data, this methodology was utilized to provide a count of Homicides, Robberies and Aggravated Assaults with a Firearm across the Commonwealth for all agencies that submitted NIBRS data. These are the only three categories where it is possible to extract weapons data from UCR. The data is converted to summary, to compare against historical data, where NIBRS data was not available for all of the agencies. The number of victims of Homicides with a Firearm fell by 17 from 2024 to 2025 and when comparing 2022-2023 vs 2024-2025 the total fell by over 30%. The number of Robberies with a Firearm continued to decrease from 1,400 incidents in 2016 to approximately 1,000 in 2018 dropping again to 528 in 2024 and 453 in 2025. Aggravated Assaults with a Firearm fell off sharply in 2025 decreasing to 1,859 incidents.

Figure 1: NIBRS Data Converted to UCR				
Crime Type	2022	2023	2024	2025
Homicide with a Firearm	103	112	88	61
Robbery with a Firearm	620	593	528	453
Aggravated Assault with a Firearm	2,494	2,457	2,336	1,859
Total	3,217	3,162	2,952	2,373

Data Source: MA NIBRS Data

For the time period 2024-2025, there were 11,855 crimes in which firearms were utilized, down from 13,414 in 2022 - 2023. In 2024, 6,480 crimes were committed with a firearm, while in 2025, 5,375 crimes were committed with a firearm. When reporting NIBRS, the FBI allows for 15 crime types to include a reference to the use or presence of a firearm. Again, a significant drop in homicides and robberies led to the decreases observed from 2022-2023 to 2024-2025.

Figure 2: Firearm-Related Crimes 2024 - 2025			
Crime Type Using NIBRS Categories	2024	2025	Total
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	87	60	147
Negligent Manslaughter	1	1	2
Kidnapping/Abduction	60	39	99
All Rape	27	32	59
Fondling / Criminal Sexual Contact	16	12	28
Aggravated Assault	2,392	1,902	4,294
Extortion/Blackmail	32	17	49
Robbery	533	455	988
Weapon Law Violations	3,332	2,857	6,189
Grand Total	6,480	5,375	11,855
Data Source: MA NIBRS statistics. Data is a count of crimes where a firearm was listed as the weapon involved.			

As seen in Figure 2, Weapon Law Violations were the most frequent incident type. These incidents are typically for violating laws related to the manufacturing, selling, purchasing, transporting, possessing, concealing, or using of firearms. Common incidents within this category are arrests for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, and incidents of shots fired. Aggravated Assaults with a firearm could be Non-Fatal shootings, pistol whippings, threats with a firearm, or cases of shots fired at an intended target. The 2024 and 2025 numbers are fairly consistent with other years, as they typically hover between 2,300-2,500. The 2025 data may be lower due to the absence of Worcester crime data for 2025, who for staffing reasons was unable to submit all of their 2025 data by the deadline.

The remaining crime type with a significant number of firearms used was Robberies, with 988 down from 1,193 in 2022 - 2023. Robberies encompass street, commercial, home invasion and carjacking robberies.

Figure 3: Agencies with over 100 Crimes with Firearms 2024-2025					
Jurisdiction	2024	2025	Total	2025 Population	2025 Rate per 100,000
Springfield	1,307	925	2,232	154,218	599.80
Boston	973	868	1,841	642,823	135.03
Fall River	229	201	430	93,879	214.11
Holyoke	243	187	430	37,706	495.94
Brockton	205	217	422	108,938	199.20
New Bedford	221	183	404	100,876	181.41
Worcester**	291	33	324**	206,145	**
Lawrence	160	138	298	87,806	157.16
Lowell	98	156	254	113,124	137.90
Lynn	125	98	223	101,144	96.89
Chicopee	86	82	168	55,043	148.97
Pittsfield	81	67	148	43,078	155.53
Fitchburg	69	78	147	41,566	187.65
Cambridge	77	67	144	118,960	56.32
Suffolk State Police	58	65	123		
Quincy	69	43	112	102,465	41.97
Chelsea	78	31	109	378,337	81.93
Data Source: MA NIBRS Data. Population Data obtained from the US Census Bureau.					
** Worcester data only available for 2024 and January 2025.					

Sorting the firearm data by reporting agency reveals that the larger cities have more crimes with firearms, even when considering it on a per capita basis. This is the second consecutive report that Springfield has surpassed Boston as having the most incidents since the inception of this report, which utilized data going back to 2014. In this period, Springfield reported 2,232 crimes with a firearm, followed by Boston (1,841), Fall River (430), Holyoke (430), Brockton (422), New Bedford (404), Worcester (324), Lawrence (298) and Lowell (254). It should be noted that although in the top 10, Worcester only submitted 13 of the 24 months of data, so it is likely they would have even more incidents had the dataset been complete. (See Appendix Table 1 for a complete Town / City list.) This list remains incredibly consistent over the years. Springfield had consistently reported the second most amount of firearm crimes until the last 4 years. When rates of firearm incidents for 2025 are calculated per 100,000 residents, the numbers are similar, although Holyoke moves to the second position with a rate of 495.94/100,000; followed by Fall River (214.11), Brockton (199.2), Fitchburg (187.65) and New Bedford (181.41). Boston drops down to the 21st position when utilizing this method, while the small towns of Ware, Ashby, Bernardston, Williamsburg, Auburn, Winchendon, Webster, Tisbury and Greenfield moved into the top 20 on a per capita basis despite having a small number of incidents.

Homicides and Suicides with a Firearm

Homicides and suicides with a firearm were examined to determine the prevalence of firearm-related deaths in the Commonwealth. Data was collected from the OCME to examine this data. Looking at the last five years, the average number of homicides with a firearm is 102 per year, while the average number of suicides is 156. On average, approximately 250 lives are taken with a firearm every year in the Commonwealth. Again, there is a drastic decrease in the number of Homicides with a firearm in 2025. Firearm-related deaths are far more common among males. Over the last two years, 92% of suicides with a firearm have been committed by men, while 81% of victims fatally shot by others have been men.

Figure 4: Firearm-Related Deaths in MA 2021 - 2025							
Death Type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total	5 year Avg.
Homicide	102	109	122	104	74	511	102.2
Suicide	134	147	148	180	172	781	156.2
Total	236	256	270	284	246	1,292	258.4
Data Source: OCME Data							

Figure 5: Firearm-Related Deaths by Gender 2024 - 2025			
Death Type	Male	Female	Total
Homicide	144	34	178
Suicide *	324	27	351
Accidental	4	0	4
Undetermined / Other *	5	8	13
Total	477	69	546
Data Source: OCME Data * Contains two incidents where Gender was undetermined.			

When looking at where these homicide incidents occurred during 2024-2025, only four cities had more than 10 firearm-related homicides: Boston (41), Springfield (25), Worcester (14) and Brockton (10). (See Appendix Table 2 for a complete list.) For 2024 – 2025, homicides with a firearm were reported in 49 jurisdictions. Lawrence, Lowell, and New Bedford were next on the list with 7, 7 and 6 homicides. When examining suicides with a firearm, Boston and Worcester are at the top of the list, followed by Chicopee, Brockton, Weymouth, Fall River, Pittsfield and Monson; all with 6 or more suicides.

Shootings Data

EOPSS began collecting data on shootings in 2024. This began as a manual process by having agencies notify EOPSS of any victims that had been directly struck by gunfire. EOPSS would then manually change the reports in our warehouse to reflect this injury type for the victim. As the year progressed, several vendors began to add Gunshot Wound as an injury type. Often, as additional information was added to a report, the injury type would revert back to a previous code. Thus, 2024 data is not as thorough as it was when data closed in April of 2025. Boston and Springfield continued to have the most incidents where victims were struck by gunfire with Boston reporting 227 total shootings and Springfield reporting 152 shootings. For a full list of Shootings see Appendix 3.

Figure 6: Gunshot Wounds in the Commonwealth by Type 2024 -- 2025				
Gunshot Wounds Received During Offense Type	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Homicide	70	54	-16	-22.9%
Negligent Manslaughter	1	1	0	0.0%
Aggravated Assaults	282	254	-28	-9.9%
Robbery	12	9	-3	-25.0%
Total Gunshot Wounds	365	318	-47	-12.9%
Data Source: MA NIBRS Data				

Boston Shootings Data

Among the reporting agencies, Boston had the second-most firearms used in crimes, the most deaths, and readily publishes data on shootings, so Boston's data was chosen to be examined in further detail. The

2024 and 2025 figures were the lowest total shootings since 2005 when Boston Police began tracking this data. From 2005-2023, Boston averaged 39 homicides with a firearm and 198 non-fatal shootings which results in an average of approximately 236 shootings per year. The 20 fatal shootings in 2024 and 19 fatal shootings in 2025 were significantly below the average for this period or the next lowest year which was 2021 with 25 homicides with a firearm. The 120 shootings were 117 shootings below the average and 257 shootings below the highest year of 2016 which recorded 377 total shootings.

Figure 7: Boston Shootings 2021 - 2025							
Shooting Type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total	5 Year Average
Homicide	25	32	28	20	19	124	24.8
Non-Fatal	172	148	127	107	101	655	131
Total Shootings	197	180	155	127	120	779	155.8
Data Source: Boston Police Department - Boston Regional Intelligence Center							

Firearm-Related Arrest Statistics

NIBRS data contains clearance information along with firearms data. An incident can be “cleared” in several ways. The most common way for a case to be cleared is with an arrest (adult or juvenile). Another way a case can be cleared is by “exceptional clearance.” When a case is cleared exceptionally, an arrest does not take place despite probable cause existing to make such an arrest. Reasons for an exceptional clearance may include: death of an offender, the decision of the prosecutor not to go forward, the offender is in custody in another jurisdiction, the victim refuses to cooperate, or a juvenile is handled without being brought into custody. In 45.9% of the firearm offenses submitted, an arrest was reported or the offense was cleared exceptionally.

Figure 8: NIBRS Clearance Statistics 2024 - 2025				
Clearance Type	2024	2025	Total	% Cleared
Cleared By Arrest	2,782	2,613	5,395	45.5%
Exceptional Clearance	23	19	42	0.4%
Total Cleared	2,805	2,632	5,437	45.9%
Data Source: NIBRS data				

Prosecutions for Firearm Charges

For the period of 2024-2025, 25,321 criminal charges related to firearms were brought forward in the Commonwealth: 13,169 in 2024, and 12,152 in 2025. The most common charges did not change as compared to two years ago. The six most common charges still all have above 800 charges and range from over 4,000 charges to 830 charges. There was an increase of 1,583 charges between 2022 – 2023 vs 2024 – 2025 of 1,583.

Figure 9: Firearm Charges by Year 2022-2025					
Court Type	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Firearm Charges	12,248	11,490	13,169	12,152	23,738
Data Source: MA Trial Court					

The most common charges for this period were:

- Carry Firearm without License, G.L. c. 269, §10(a): 4,102 charges
- Carry Loaded Firearm without License, G.L. c. 269, §10(n): 3,183 charges
- Possess Firearm without FID Card, G.L. c. 269, §10(h): 3,140 charges
- Possess Large Capacity Firearm, G.L. c. 269, §10(m): 2,783 charges
- Improper Storage of Firearm, G.L. c. 140, §131L(a)&(b): 2,134 charges
- Discharge Firearm within 500 Feet of Building, G.L. c. 269, §12E: 830 charges

In addition, there were over 2,700 charges for Possession of a Large Capacity Feeding Device. Another charge that is being tracked is the Use of a 3D Printer to Manufacture a Firearm without a License. There were 45 charges in 2024-2025.

Crime Guns in Massachusetts

M.G.L. c. 140, § 131Q requires the entry of recovered crime guns into the Commonwealth Fusion Center's Crime Gun Tracking System. The law 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. For the years 2024 and 2025, information was submitted on 4,708 firearms, and arrests were made in approximately 73% of the seizures. The 4,708 recoveries were a decrease from the 4,900 recoveries from the previous two year period.

When looking at the types of firearms being seized by law enforcement, the majority of firearms are listed as pistols with over 71%. Rifles and revolvers also had over 300 seizures and privately made firearms and shotguns also had over 200 recoveries. The information on ghost guns or privately made firearms was pulled directly from the weapon type field, however, after

Figure 10: Crime Guns Reported to Commonwealth Fusion Center			
Arrest Made	2024	2025	Total
Yes	1,815	1,616	3,431
No	561	505	1,066
Unknown	13	198	211
Total	2,389	2,319	4,708
Data Source: Crime Gun Tracking System			

Figure 11: Recovered Weapon Types			
Weapon Type	2024	2025	Total
PISTOL	1,711	1,661	3,372
RIFLE	187	187	374
REVOLVER	185	136	321
PRIVATELY MADE FIREARM / GHOST GUN	107	101	208
SHOTGUN	110	91	201
ASSAULT RIFLE	61	50	111
OTHER / UNKNOWN	11	81	92
MACHINE GUN	6	6	12
SHOTGUN SAWED OFF	6	4	10
STUN GUN / TASER	5	2	7
Total	2,389	2,319	4,708
Data Source: Crime Gun Tracking System			

PMF / Ghost Guns	2024	2025	Total
PRIVATELY MADE FIREARM / GHOST GUN	205	196	401

further examining the data and reviewing other fields, the numbers increase, resulting in 205 ghost guns or privately made firearms seized in 2024 and 196 seized in 2025. Using this method, this weapon type becomes the second most frequently seized firearm in 2024-2025.

Analyzing the make of the firearms most often recovered reveals that the following had at least 50 recoveries: Glock (814), Smith & Wesson (643), Ruger (337), Taurus (336), Sig Sauer (238), Beretta (61), Remington (57) and Mossberg (52).

Figure 12: Status of Crime Guns Reported to Commonwealth Fusion Center									
Status of Crime Gun	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
LOST	13	10	3	9	9	13	6	10	57
STOLEN	206	184	175	168	192	187	149	156	1,112
UNKNOWN	1,727	1,638	1,767	2,153	2,218	2,281	2,234	2,153	11,784
TOTAL	1,946	1,832	1,945	2,330	2,419	2,481	2,389	2,319	12,953
Data Source: MA Crime Gun Tracking System									

Of the seized crime guns in 2024 – 2025, 305 had been reported as stolen, while 16 had been reported as Lost. These figures are consistent with prior years and the information is collected as of the time of entry into the Crime Gun Database.

Crime Guns in MIRCS

Matching serial numbers in the Crime Gun Tracking System against MIRCS resulted in 1,595 records. This should not be considered 1,595 individual firearms, but 1,595 instances where there was a match between the two sets of data. For example, it is possible that a firearm that was recovered after an aggravated assault had been purchased from a dealer and then sold or transferred multiple times. The number of individual crime guns that were located in MIRCS was 1,060.

Figure 13: Transaction Type for Crime Guns 2024 - 2025	
Transaction Type	Total
Loss/Theft	11
Personal Sale/Transfer	262
Registration	176
Sale	1,146
Total	1,595
Data Source: DCJIS	

Of the 1,595 matching records, 1,168 contained dealer information while 428 transactions contained personal information of a known seller; these numbers closely track the above transaction types. A total of 212 dealers had sold a firearm that was recovered as a crime gun. Forty-five dealers in 35 communities had more than five transactions involving crime guns. For a complete list of dealers with transactions involving crime guns from 2024-2025, see Appendix Table 4. When examining the details of personal sales, no patterns or anomalies were discovered with individuals selling multiple crime guns indicative of straw purchases or other illegal practices.

Origins of Firearms

When a firearm is recovered in Massachusetts, agencies have the option of running a trace via the ATF. Agencies may request traces for crime guns, or guns turned over to police. A trace can determine the place of production, as well as legal points of sale for the firearm. The source state is the last known retail sale. The ATF traced 3,487 guns recovered in Massachusetts in 2023 and established a source state in 2,316 cases. In 805 cases, the ATF determined the source state was Massachusetts. Other originating states that had at least 50 traces were: New Hampshire, Maine, Georgia, Florida, Vermont, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Rhode Island.

Figure 14: Source State for MA Guns	
Source State	2023
Massachusetts	805
New Hampshire	248
Maine	225
Georgia	137
Florida	124
Vermont	81
North Carolina	69
South Carolina	63
Virginia	54
Rhode Island	51
Data Source: ATF	

Of the 3,487 firearms traced, 2,866 (82%) were determined to be handguns (pistol, or revolver). Based upon these recoveries, the leading calibers also corresponded to handguns, with the exception of the shotgun:

- 9 mm (1633)
- .40 cal. (306)
- .22 cal. (267)
- .380 cal (223)
- 45 cal. (184)
- .38 cal (118)
- 12 gauge (112)

One measure that is often examined after a crime is how long following the original purchase was the firearm used in a crime. For 2023, the average for Massachusetts was 8.06 years, while the national average was 6.76 years. Of the traced firearms in Massachusetts in 2023, 1,336 had a time-to-crime of 3 or more years; 358 firearms had a time-to-crime of one year or less.

Firearm Licenses

Firearm licenses were examined several ways and all displayed similar trends across the years. When reviewing new applications for the years 2010-2025, 2013 had significantly higher applications than every other year with 41,427 applications. However, 2024 surpassed this total by approximately 30%. It should be noted that nationwide, at the time, 2013 had the highest number of National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) checks in the history of the program according to the FBI, which was indicative of higher gun sales nationwide. Following 2014, NICS checks steadily increased. In 2020 and 2021, the FBI again reported its highest number of NICS background checks with 39.6 million and 38.7 million. In 2022, this number fell off to approximately 31.6 million checks. These numbers continued to decrease in 2024 and 2025 with approximately 28 million and 26 million checks, respectively. In Massachusetts, the FBI reported conducting 299,437 NICS checks in 2024 and 261,773 checks in 2025. In Massachusetts, 2024

showed a significant increase in new license applications with over 53,000 applications. In 2024-2025, over 254,000 applications for firearm licenses were received and as of January 1, 2026, over 579,000 licenses were active in the Commonwealth.

Figure 15: Firearm License Applications 2024 - 2025				
License Type	Application Type	2024	2025	Total
Firearms Identification Card	New	2,208	1,704	3,912
Resident Class A Large capacity License to Carry Firearms	New	51,369	37,782	89,151
Resident License to Possess a Machine Gun	New	148	93	241
Total New License Applications		53,725	39,579	93,304
Firearms Identification Card	Renewal	1,725	1,998	3,723
Resident Class A Large capacity License to Carry Firearms	Renewal	72,172	84,101	156,273
Resident License to Possess a Machine Gun	Renewal	343	362	705
Total Renewal Applications		74,240	86,461	160,701
Total Applications		127,965	126,040	254,005
Data Source: MA Firearm Records Bureau				

Figure 16: Active Firearm Licenses by Year 2020- 2026				
Active on:	Class A LTC	Class B LTC	FID Card	Total
01/01/20	401,922	0	25,605	427,527
01/01/21	448,758	0	24,289	473,047
01/01/22	493,944	0	24,567	518,511
1/1/2023	508,968	3	23,113	532,084
1/1/2024	520,892	2	21,457	542,351
1/1/2025	539,059	0	20,642	559,701
1/1/2026	559,796	0	19,724	579,520
Data Source: MA Firearms Record Bureau				

Firearm Sales

According to the Firearms Records Bureau data, firearm sales increased each year from 2006 to 2013, from 41,160 sales in 2006 to 110,350 sales in 2013. After 2013, the number of sales decreased to 102,081 in 2014 while 2015 produced 108,290 sales. The 2016 numbers were the highest the Firearms Record Bureau has recorded while the 2017 numbers were more consistent with data from 2013-2015. The numbers continued to decrease in 2018 and 2019 with dealer sales below 100,000. The 2020 and 2021 numbers mirrored the license application numbers where there was a significant increase to over 140,000 dealer sales in 2021. The 2024 data mirrored the increase in license applications with an increase to 132,771 sales, while the numbers fell off in 2025 to 107,753. Personal transfers have hovered between 20,000 - 25,000 transfers per year over the past ten years where 2021 and 2024 were slight outliers with over 27,000 transfers.

Figure 17: Firearm Sales & Transfers					
Transaction Type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Firearms Dealer Sales	140,230	115,383	111,264	132,771	107,753
Personal Transfers (Gun Portal)	27,475	24,434	24,254	27,269	24,696
Data Source: MA Firearms Records Bureau					

Changes in State and Federal Statutes

In 2024, Massachusetts passed comprehensive legislation to update the Commonwealth's firearms laws and to address gaps that existed in the law to enhance public safety. Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024, *An Act Modernizing Firearm Laws*, made several changes and additions to the General Laws, including the following key items:

1. Requires the Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS) to develop and maintain an electronic registration and serialization system for all firearms manufactured, assembled, purchased or possessed in Commonwealth. These systems went live in October 2026 and the firearms license holders have until October 2, 2026 to comply with the new requirements.
2. Requires DCJIS to build an automatic notification system for commitments under Section 35 and 36C of Chapter 123 of the General Laws, whereby licensing authorities would be automatically notified when one of their license holders is committed.
3. Requires DCJIS and EOPSS, in consultation with the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security to publish firearms data provided by law enforcement and criminal justice agencies online for public viewing. The Firearms Data Dashboards may be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/firearms-data-dashboards>.
4. Requires the MSP to update the Basic Firearms Safety Course. Requires firearms safety instructors to forward basic firearms safety course certificates issued to DCJIS. DCJIS must then forward to applicants. DCJIS is also required to make this information available to licensing authorities upon inquiry. These systems are currently live, and the MSP has a list of approved courses that may be found here: [Microsoft Word - Approved Basic Firearms Safety Course List Updated 04.09.2026](#).
5. Amends EOPSS's reporting requirements to the Legislature by adding a new biennial report, (the instant report), due by March 1 of every even-numbered year, that addresses the effectiveness of section 128B of chapter 140, and also provides an analysis of "whether the license number used for the purchase or transfer of a firearm used in a crime or attempted or completed suicide was associated with the purchase or transfer of any other firearm, in the commonwealth or any other jurisdiction, within a 12-month period prior to or subsequent to the sale of the recovered firearm and the total number of such firearms purchased and transferred by that license holder and whether any of such firearms were also used in the commission of a crime."
6. Requires law enforcement to report information to DCJIS relating to firearms used to commit a criminal act, including the commission of suicide. This is the information used to generate the instant report.

7. Requires the Courts to notify NICS and DCJIS upon expiration, surrender or suspension of harassment prevention orders.
8. Requires law enforcement agencies to transmit personally identifiable information and incident log or report numbers for section 12(a) and (b) applications to DCJIS. Requires DCJIS to provide a mechanism for reporting this information, and to integrate with MIRCS so that licensing officers can view it. This system is live.
9. Requires EOPSS to provide training seminars for licensing authorities, including annual dealer inspections. These trainings are scheduled and will be delivered on various dates in May 2026.
10. EOPSS, with the advice and counsel of the Firearm Control Advisory Board (FCAB), shall compile and publish a roster of assault-style firearms banned under section 131M. The FCAB has recommended a Roster to the Secretary who has it under advisement as of the publishing on this report.

Effectiveness of section 128B of Chapter 140

It is difficult to determine if this specific provision is having a significant positive effect on reducing firearm-related crime. The creation of the online gun portal and the Massachusetts Instant Record Check System (MIRCS) as well as utilizing the FBI's NICS program has closed loopholes and made it more difficult to purchase firearms with a criminal or mental health history. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Massachusetts continues to have the lowest per capita gun death rate in the country and is consistently in the bottom 5 states in per capita gun ownership. Looking at the data within this report for measures where the data is most accurate, state-wide fatal shootings and Boston shootings numbers, the statistics are very consistent across the analyzed time-frame. The current laws established by the 2014 legislation aim to better track firearms in the Commonwealth; however, what cannot be accounted for is the prevalence of illegal firearms other than those tracked by arrest.

One benefit of the passing of the 2014 legislation was the creation of a centralized data warehouse. This warehouse was built with input from EOPSS, MSP, CFC, municipal police departments, the Trial Court and the ATF. This warehouse allows end-users to query firearms in the CJIS environment to determine any individual who has owned the firearm, as well as the last owner on record, or if it has been reported stolen. It also allows the user to update information on the recovery of a firearm to include if it was used during a crime. By working closer with the ATF and their E-Trace program, users will be able to determine where the point of origin was for the firearm and also determine the 'time to crime' for the firearm. Recent upgrades to multiple reporting systems will only enhance the ability for law enforcement to track firearms entering and being used in the Commonwealth.

Data Sources:

NIBRS Data: National Incident Based Reporting System, MA Executive Office of Public Safety. Massachusetts is currently equipped to collect NIBRS data from 317 agencies. NIBRS captures the nature and types of specific offenses in the incident, characteristics of the victim(s) and offender(s), types and value of property stolen and recovered, and characteristics of persons arrested in connection with a crime incident. MA agencies submit their data through an online portal managed by Beyond2020. The data is stored in a repository also managed by Beyond2020. The data was queried by EOPSS on April 8, 2024.

Homicides & Suicides with a Firearm Data: OCME Database, MA Office of Chief Medical Examiner. Data was provided by Chief Medical Examiner Dr Mindy Hull.

Prosecution Data: MassCourts Case Management System, MA Trial Court. Charges were selected from the MGL where firearms were mentioned.

Firearm Origin Data: Firearms Tracing System, Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information. Available from: <https://www.atf.gov/resource-center/firearms-trace-data-massachusetts-2023#total>

Census Data: State & County Quick Facts, US Census Bureau. Available from: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/>

Firearm Licensing & Sales Data: Massachusetts Gun Transaction Portal, MA Department of Criminal Justice Information Services, Firearms Records Bureau. Data was queried from databases to determine the number of firearm sales, as well as the number of active firearm licenses. The data is available publicly from: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/data-about-firearms-licensing-and-transactions#personal-transfers,-registrations-&-firearms-reported-lost/stolen>

Federal Bureau of Investigation National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS): Data on the number of checks performed by Month and Year: Retrieved from the FBI at: https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/cjis/nics_firearm_checks_-_day_month_year.pdf/view

Table 1: Crimes with Firearms			
Agency	2024	2025	Total
Abington	11	9	20
Acton	3	5	8
Acushnet	1	13	14
Adams	7	1	8
Agawam	17	16	33
Amesbury	3	3	6
Amherst	10	4	14
Andover	4	5	9
Arlington	2	3	5
Ashburnham	7	3	10
Ashby	0	6	6
Ashland	4	6	10
Athol	12	7	19
Attleboro	33	23	56
Auburn	15	26	41
Avon	1	2	3
Ayer	6	6	12
Barnstable	57	42	99
Barnstable State Police	3	2	5
Barre	2	2	4
Becket	0	2	2
Bedford	3	3	6
Belchertown	11	4	15
Bellingham	8	18	26
Belmont	2	3	5
Berklee Coll of Music	2	1	3
Berkley	2	2	4
Berkshire State Police	5	8	13
Berlin	1	0	1
Bernardston	4	5	9
Beverly	12	13	25
Billerica	9	6	15
Blackstone	3	4	7
Bolton	3	0	3
Boston	973	868	1,841
Boston University	1	0	1
Bourne	15	13	28
Boxborough	1	1	2
Boylston	1	2	3
Braintree	15	11	26
Brewster	0	2	2
Bridgewater	8	12	20

Table 1: Crimes with Firearms			
Agency	2024	2025	Total
Bridgewater State Univ.	2	1	3
Brimfield	0	1	1
Bristol State Police	23	20	43
Brockton	205	217	422
Brookfield	2	2	4
Brookline	2	13	15
Burlington	8	2	10
Cambridge	77	67	144
Canton	5	6	11
Carlisle	0	1	1
Carver	4	6	10
Charlton	7	10	17
Chatham	4	0	4
Chelmsford	5	7	12
Chelsea	78	31	109
Cheshire	0	2	2
Chesterfield	1	0	1
Chicopee	86	82	168
Chilmark	0	1	1
Clinton	1	0	1
Cohasset	2	4	6
Concord	0	5	5
Curry College	3	0	3
Dalton	6	4	10
Danvers	5	6	11
Dartmouth	21	13	34
Dedham	2	7	9
Deerfield	4	4	8
Dennis	5	13	18
Dighton	5	2	7
Douglas	8	4	12
Dover	1	2	3
Dracut	10	8	18
Dudley	4	5	9
Dukes State Police	0	1	1
Duxbury	0	4	4
East Bridgewater	10	4	14
East Brookfield	3	3	6
East Longmeadow	7	8	15
Eastham	1	2	3
Easthampton	2	5	7
Easton	10	10	20

Table 1: Crimes with Firearms			
Agency	2024	2025	Total
Edgartown	1	1	2
Egremont	1	1	2
Environmental Police	12	16	28
Erving	0	1	1
Essex State Police	25	17	42
Everett	30	22	52
Fairhaven	20	11	31
Fall River	229	201	430
Falmouth	26	10	36
Fitchburg	69	78	147
Foxborough	5	13	18
Framingham	39	29	68
Franklin	5	6	11
Franklin State Police	4	6	10
Freetown	7	3	10
Gardner	15	15	30
Gill	1	1	2
Gloucester	8	11	19
Goshen	1	0	1
Grafton	5	5	10
Granby	1	5	6
Granville	1	0	1
Great Barrington	2	4	6
Greenfield	25	24	49
Groton	0	2	2
Hadley	3	2	5
Halifax	0	2	2
Hampden	1	0	1
Hampden State Police	38	59	97
Hampshire State Police	6	4	10
Hanover	5	4	9
Hanson	3	3	6
Hardwick	0	1	1
Harvard	2	2	4
Harwich	4	1	5
Hatfield	1	0	1
Haverhill	41	43	84
Hingham	4	5	9
Hinsdale	0	2	2
Holbrook	5	4	9
Holden	2	1	3
Holland	0	1	1

Table 1: Crimes with Firearms			
Agency	2024	2025	Total
Holliston	1	1	2
Holyoke	243	187	430
Hopedale	0	2	2
Hubbardston	1	1	2
Hudson	2	5	7
Hull	3	0	3
Ipswich	6	1	7
Kingston	5	4	9
Lakeville	9	0	9
Lancaster	2	1	3
Lanesboro	1	1	2
Lawrence	160	138	298
Lee	1	5	6
Leicester	7	9	16
Lenox	1	0	1
Leominster	29	47	76
Leverett	1	0	1
Lexington	2	2	4
Lincoln	0	2	2
Littleton	1	4	5
Longmeadow	5	1	6
Lowell	98	156	254
Ludlow	6	4	10
Lunenburg	3	1	4
Lynn	125	98	223
Lynnfield	2	1	3
MA Coll. of Liberal Arts	1	0	1
Malden	39	14	53
Manchester-by-the-sea	1	0	1
Mansfield	10	8	18
Marblehead	11	2	13
Marion	0	2	2
Marlborough	21	18	39
Marshfield	2	4	6
Mashpee	2	3	5
Mattapoissett	1	1	2
Maynard	5	0	5
Medfield	4	3	7
Medford	30	15	45
Melrose	6	2	8
Mendon	2	1	3
Merrimac	1	0	1

Table 1: Crimes with Firearms			
Agency	2024	2025	Total
Merrimack College	0	2	2
Methuen	8	14	22
Middleborough	13	11	24
Middlesex State Police	13	18	31
Middleton	1	6	7
Milford	10	16	26
Millbury	6	3	9
Millis	1	1	2
Milton	4	7	11
MIT	3	0	3
Monson	1	8	9
Montague	4	7	11
Montgomery	0	1	1
Nahant	1	0	1
Nantucket	6	1	7
Natick	25	4	29
Needham	2	1	3
New Bedford	221	183	404
New Braintree	0	1	1
New Marlboro	1	0	1
Newbury	1	3	4
Newburyport	3	6	9
Newton	12	3	15
Norfolk	6	0	6
Norfolk State Police	14	10	24
North Adams	4	11	15
North Andover	10	14	24
North Attleborough	3	2	5
North Brookfield	0	2	2
North Reading	3	4	7
Northampton	21	13	34
Northborough	6	2	8
Northbridge	8	3	11
Northfield	3	0	3
Norton	10	2	12
Norwell	4	0	4
Norwood	13	24	37
Oak Bluffs	2	3	5
Oakham	6	2	8
Orange	4	4	8
Orleans	0	1	1
Otis	0	1	1

Table 1: Crimes with Firearms			
Agency	2024	2025	Total
Oxford	9	8	17
Palmer	12	14	26
Paxton	1	1	2
Peabody	21	29	50
Pembroke	4	2	6
Pepperell	9	4	13
Pittsfield	81	67	148
Plainville	6	2	8
Plymouth	35	26	61
Plymouth State Police	32	16	48
Plympton	1	4	5
Princeton	0	2	2
Provincetown	0	1	1
Quincy	69	43	112
Randolph	35	17	52
Raynham	8	5	13
Reading	2	1	3
Rehoboth	10	7	17
Revere	61	38	99
Rochester	4	2	6
Rockland	10	7	17
Rockport	0	1	1
Roxbury Community Coll.	1	0	1
Russell	4	1	5
Rutland	0	1	1
Salem	12	9	21
Salem State University	2	0	2
Salisbury	4	3	7
Sandwich	10	6	16
Saugus	17	12	29
Scituate	0	1	1
Seekonk	8	10	18
Sharon	2	1	3
Sherborn	0	1	1
Shirley	3	1	4
Shrewsbury	4	5	9
Shutesbury	0	1	1
Somerset	2	9	11
Somerville	31	26	57
South Hadley	19	6	25
Southampton	0	1	1
Southborough	3	6	9

Table 1: Crimes with Firearms			
Agency	2024	2025	Total
Southbridge	20	21	41
Southwick	4	2	6
Spencer	4	3	7
Springfield	1,307	925	2,232
Springfield College	0	2	2
Springfield Tech. CC	0	1	1
Stockbridge	2	0	2
Stoneham	2	3	5
Stoughton	21	14	35
Stow	1	3	4
Sturbridge	8	7	15
Sudbury	2	2	4
Suffolk State Police	58	65	123
Sunderland	0	1	1
Sutton	2	8	10
Swampscott	6	1	7
Swansea	6	8	14
Taunton	32	31	63
Templeton	1	1	2
Tewksbury	12	15	27
Tisbury	1	7	8
Topsfield	2	1	3
Townsend	3	2	5
Truro	1	1	2
Tufts Univ. Medford	2	0	2
Tyngsborough	3	2	5
U-Mass Amherst	1	0	1
U-Mass Boston	0	1	1
U-Mass Dartmouth	1	1	2
U-Mass Lowell	1	0	1
U-Mass Worcester	6	4	10
Upton	0	1	1
Uxbridge	8	2	10
Wakefield	6	15	21
Walpole	8	8	16
Waltham	20	27	47
Ware	5	20	25
Wareham	21	15	36
Warren	4	0	4
Watertown	7	4	11
Wayland	0	1	1
Webster	12	25	37

Table 1: Crimes with Firearms			
Agency	2024	2025	Total
Wellesley	2	1	3
Wellfleet	0	4	4
Wenham	0	3	3
West Bridgewater	4	9	13
West Brookfield	2	0	2
West Newbury	1	2	3
West Springfield	29	15	44
Westborough	6	11	17
Westfield	11	17	28
Westford	6	3	9
Westminster	6	2	8
Weston	0	1	1
Westport	8	5	13
Westwood	6	2	8
Weymouth	26	15	41
Whately	1	0	1
Whitman	5	4	9
Wilbraham	16	7	23
Williamsburg	1	4	5
Williamstown	1	1	2
Wilmington	6	11	17
Winchendon	8	16	24
Winthrop	5	6	11
Woburn	16	10	26
Worcester	291	33	324
Worcester Polytechnic In	3	0	3
Worcester State Police	28	34	62
Wrentham	1	0	1
Yarmouth	13	13	26

Table 2: Homicides & Suicides 2024-2025			
Town	2024	2025	Total
Boston	30	26	56
Springfield	18	11	29
Worcester	19	9	28
Brockton	7	10	17
Chicopee	7	6	13
Lowell	10	2	12
Fall River	6	4	10
Unknown	6	4	10
Lawrence	5	4	9
Pittsfield	4	4	8
New Bedford	3	4	7
Weymouth	5	2	7
Haverhill	5	1	6
Lynn	2	4	6
Monson	3	3	6
Taunton	4	2	6
Fitchburg	3	2	5
Holyoke	4	1	5
Medford	0	5	5
Methuen	3	2	5
Out of State	3	2	5
Plymouth	2	3	5
Raynham	2	3	5
Andover	2	2	4
Bridgewater	2	2	4
Cambridge	3	1	4
Chelsea	1	3	4
Fairhaven	2	2	4
Newton	2	2	4
Wakefield	2	2	4
Wilbraham	3	1	4
Acton	3	0	3
Ashburnham	2	1	3
Beverly	0	3	3
Holbrook	2	1	3
Holden	3	0	3
Leicester	1	2	3
Leominster	2	1	3
North Andover	3	0	3
Revere	2	1	3
Rockland	1	2	3
Rowley	2	1	3

Table 2: Homicides & Suicides 2024-2025			
Town	2024	2025	Total
Sandwich	2	1	3
Saugus	1	2	3
Shrewsbury	2	1	3
Somerville	3	0	3
Waltham	2	1	3
Wareham	1	2	3
Watertown	0	3	3
Westfield	0	3	3
Westminster	2	1	3
Agawam	0	2	2
Amherst	1	1	2
Auburn	1	1	2
Ayer	0	2	2
Bedford	2	0	2
Belchertown	2	0	2
Bourne	0	2	2
Boylston	1	1	2
Dedham	0	2	2
Dennis	1	1	2
Falmouth	1	1	2
Foxborough	2	0	2
Franklin	1	1	2
Gloucester	3	0	2
Holland	0	2	2
Holliston	2	0	2
Hyannis	0	2	2
Manchester-by-the-Sea	0	2	2
Mashpee	2	0	2
Montague	0	2	2
Oxford	1	1	2
Pepperell	2	0	2
Plympton	1	1	2
Randolph	1	1	2
Scituate	0	2	2
Sheffield	1	1	2
Shelburne Falls	1	1	2
South Hadley	0	2	2
Southwick	2	0	2
Spencer	2	0	2
Tewksbury	0	2	2
Webster	0	2	2
West Brookfield	1	1	2

Table 2: Homicides & Suicides 2024-2025			
Town	2024	2025	Total
Westport	0	2	2
Williamstown	0	2	2
Acushnet	0	1	1
Ashby	1	0	1
Ashland	0	1	1
Attleboro	0	1	1
Barnstable	1	0	1
Barre	0	1	1
Beckett	0	1	1
Blandford	1	0	1
Boxborough	0	1	1
Brewster	0	1	1
Brimfield	1	0	1
Brookfield	0	1	1
Brookline	0	1	1
Burlington	1	0	1
Charlton	0	1	1
Chatham	1	0	1
Chesterfield	1	0	1
Clarksburg	0	1	1
Clinton	1	0	1
Cummington	0	1	1
Dalton	0	1	1
Danvers	1	0	1
Dracut	0	1	1
Dunstable	1	0	1
Duxbury	0	1	1
East Bridgewater	1	0	1
East Longmeadow	0	1	1
Easthampton	0	1	1
Easton	1	0	1
Framingham	0	1	1
Freetown	0	1	1
Gardner	0	1	1
Granville	0	1	1
Greenfield	1	0	1
Groton	1	0	1
Hadley	0	1	1
Hanover	1	0	1
Hanson	1	0	1
Hinsdale	0	1	1
Hubbardston	1	0	1

Table 2: Homicides & Suicides 2024-2025			
Town	2024	2025	Total
Ipswich	1	0	1
Kingston	0	1	1
Lakeville	0	1	1
Lanesborough	1	0	1
Lenox	0	1	1
Ludlow	1	0	1
Lunenburg	0	1	1
Lynnfield	0	1	1
Malden	0	1	1
Melrose	1	0	1
Merrimac	1	0	1
Middleborough	0	1	1
Middleton	0	1	1
Millbury	0	1	1
Millville	1	0	1
Milton	0	1	1
Nantucket	1	0	1
Newburyport	0	1	1
Norfolk	0	1	1
North Brookfield	0	1	1
North Reading	1	0	1
Northampton	0	1	1
Northborough	1	0	1
Northbridge	0	1	1
Northfield	1	0	1
Norton	0	1	1
Oakham	1	0	1
Palmer	0	1	1
Peabody	1	0	1
Pembroke	1	0	1
Petersham	1	0	1
Plainville	1	0	1
Reading	1	0	1
Richmond	1	0	1
Rockport	1	0	1
Salem	1	0	1
Salisbury	1	0	1
Savoy	1	0	1
Seekonk	0	1	1
Sharon	0	1	1
Souh Dartmouth	1	0	1
Southampton	1	0	1

Table 2: Homicides & Suicides 2024-2025			
Town	2024	2025	Total
Southbridge	0	1	1
Stoughton	1	0	1
Tolland	0	1	1
Tyngsboro	0	1	1
Upton	0	1	1
Uxbridge	1	0	1
Wales	1	0	1
Walpole	1	0	1
Warren	0	1	1
Wellesley	0	1	1
West Springfield	1	0	1
Westborough	1	0	1
Westford	1	0	1
Westhampton	0	1	1
Weston	1	0	1
Whatley	1	0	1
Wilmington	0	1	1
Winchendon	1	0	1
Windsor	1	0	1
Wrentham	0	1	1
Data Source: OCME Data where the Manner of Death was listed as Homicide or Suicide			

Table 3: Total Shootings 2024 -2025			
Town	2024	2025	Total
Acton	1	0	1
Arlington	1	0	1
Attleboro	1	0	1
Auburn	0	1	1
Barnstable	1	3	4
Bedford	2	0	2
Belmont	0	1	1
Berkshire State Police	1	0	1
Beverly	0	1	1
Billerica	1	0	1
Boston	107	120	227
Brockton	18	26	44
Brookline	0	2	2
Cambridge	5	4	9
Canton	0	1	1
Chelsea	5	1	6
Chicopee	3	2	5
Danvers	0	1	1
Dedham	0	2	2
East Bridgewater	1	0	1
Easton	0	1	1
Everett	0	3	3
Fall River	8	4	12
Fitchburg	2	0	2
Haverhill	0	2	2
Holbrook	1	0	1
Holyoke	5	0	5
Lawrence	22	10	32
Leominster	1	2	3
Lowell	15	11	26
Lynn	2	7	9
Medford	1	1	2
Methuen	0	1	1
Middlesex State Police	1	0	1
Milton	0	2	2
MIT	1	0	1
New Bedford	18	6	24
Newton	1	0	1
North Andover	1	0	1
Northbridge	0	1	1
Norwood	0	2	2
Pittsfield	5	0	5

Table 3: Total Shootings 2024 -2025			
Town	2024	2025	Total
Quincy	1	0	1
Randolph	4	0	4
Raynham	0	1	1
Revere	1	0	1
Rockland	0	2	2
Salem	0	1	1
Saugus	0	2	2
Shrewsbury	0	1	1
Somerset	0	1	1
Somerville	3	0	3
Springfield	88	64	152
Taunton	2	6	8
Waltham	2	1	3
Watertown	0	2	2
Worcester	32	18	50
Worcester State Police	0	1	1
Total	364	318	682
Data Source: NIBRS Data with an Injury Type of Gunshot Wound			

Table 4: Dealers with Transactions Involving Crime Guns			
Dealer Name	Total Crime Gun Transactions	Town	Total 2025 Transactions
FOUR SEASONS	97	WOBURN	9,041
AVID SPORTS	85	PITTSFIELD	0
THE GUN PARLOR	55	WORCESTER	3,904
GUNS INC.	53	WEST SPRINGFIELD	1,146
MASS FIREARMS SCHOOL	52	HOLLISTON	4,602
ON TARGET FIREARMS OF DRACUT	41	DRACUT	341
PIONEER VALLEY ARMS	38	EAST LONGMEADOW	3,436
J&J ARMS LLC	37	DEDHAM	1,618
OUTERLIMITS LLC	28	HOLBROOK	3,139
STEVES FIREARM INSTRUCTION LLC	26	STOUGHTON	1,314
DOWNRANGE INC	26	HYANNIS	5,452
HUNTER'S TRADING POST, LTD.	25	WEYMOUTH	1,609
CULVERINE FIREARMS	24	AGAWAM	1,184
TOMBSTONE TRADING COMPANY	23	BROOKFIELD	1,452
NICK'S SPORT SHOP INC.	23	PALMER	2,747
COLLECTOR'S COIN GALLERY	19	STONEHAM	772
THE SPORTSMANS DEN	18	QUINCY	843
DAVE'S SPORTING GOODS	18	PITTSFIELD	1,318
BASS PRO SHOP	17	FOXBOROUGH	3,663
NORTH SHORE FIREARMS, LLC	16	MIDDLETON	1,229
VILLAGE SPORTS	15	WESTPORT	1,630
DECKER ENTERPRISES INC. DBA/PETES GUN SHOP	15	ADAMS	0
ARMOR BEARER SPORTS	15	SPRINGFIELD	3
R & R GUN SALES	13	BELCHERTOWN	930
CABELAS WHOLESALE INC	13	BERLIN	4,321
BASS PRO SHOPS/CABELAS	13	BERLIN	4,321
PRECISION POINT FIREARMS OF WOBURN	12	WOBURN	1,104
ON TARGET TRAINING INC	12	EAST BRIDGEWATER	540
NORTHEAST ARMS LLC	11	PEABODY	980
NORTH SHORE FIREARMS-MIDDLETON	11	MIDDLETON	1,229
GUNS AND GUN PARTS	11	WEST SPRINGFIELD	350
WEBSTER LAKE SPORTING INC.	10	WEBSTER	671
SHOOTING SUPPLY	10	WESTPORT	2,734
THE GUN RACK	9	TURNERS FALLS	3,145
WAYNE'S WEAPONRY	8	WEST BOYLSTON	0
R&M GUN VAULT	8	EAST LONGMEADOW	758
PATRIOT ARMS OF NEW ENGLAND	8	IPSWICH	0
GARTMAN ARMS CO INC	8	WRENTHAM	507
POWDERHORN OUTFITTERS	7	HYANNIS	0
M & M PLIMOTH BAY OUTFITTERS, INC.	7	PLYMOUTH	404
GUNS AND GEAR LLC - AGAWAM	7	AGAWAM	810
GUNS AND GEAR LLC	7	AGAWAM	810
ARMOUR SPORTS INC	7	TAUNTON	831
GT ARMS LLC	6	WAREHAM	17
CUSTOM GUN SERVICE	6	WINCHENDON	509
TROY CITY TACTICAL	5	FALL RIVER	0
THE NORWOOD ARMORY	5	NORWOOD	0
SHAWSHEEN FIREARMS & GUNSMITHING	5	BILLERICA	1,051
NORTHEAST TRADING CO, INC.	5	NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH	0
MIDDLEBORO GUN SHOP	5	MIDDLEBORO	140
MATCH SHOT-GARDNER	5	GARDNER	0
B.G. SPORTING INC	5	WESTFIELD	220
A-10 ARMS & AMMO INC	5	SOUTHWICK	0
WEBSTER LAKE SPORTING INC. DBA BOBS GUN AND A	4	WEBSTER	671
THE ORIGINAL BOBS SHOOTING RANGE AND GUN SHC	4	SALISBURY	0
STONEY ACRE SPORTS	4	SUTTON	105
PTM GUNS & INSTRUCTION	4	BRIDGEWATER	397
MATCH SHOT	4	GARDNER	0
MASS ARMAMENT LLC	4	BELLINGHAM	1,049
KC SMALL ARMS	4	EASTHAMPTON	540
GUN ROOM OF SHREWSBURY INC	4	SHREWSBURY	0
GRRR GEAR INC	4	ORANGE	0
GREG DERR PRECISION ARMS	4	MARSHFIELD	126
DEFENSIVE DYNAMICS LLC	4	LITTLETON	180

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COLLECTOR'S FIREARMS AND MILITARIA	4	CHELMSFORD	221
CHESHIRE SPORTING GOODS	4	CHESHIRE	564
BLUE NORTHERN TRADING COMPANY	4	AYER	0
BILL'S SERVICE SUPPLY	4	HANOVER	332
B&K SALES, LLC	4	NATICK	638
THE SHOOTIST	3	EAST BRIDGEWATER	79
THE GUNRUNNER LLC	3	MIDDLEBOROUGH	758
RON'S GUN SHOP	3	DRACUT	0
RICHIE'S SPORTING SUPPLY	3	WESTPORT	0
PARADIS FIREARM REPAIR	3	NORTH BROOKFIELD	0
OUTBACK ARMS, LLC	3	PLYMPTON	1,137
NORTH CHATHAM OUTFITTERS	3	NORTH CHATHAM	360
MICRO ARC WELDING INC/PULLMAN ARMS INC	3	WORCESTER	204
LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT INC	3	WALTHAM	0
JOHN J LORENZ	3	LITTLETON	0
J&S GUNS AND AMMO	3	ACUSHNET	419
HS TRADING INC	3	AUBURN	0
GUN PARLOR	3	WORCESTER	0
GUARDIAN ARMS	3	WESTBOROUGH	913
GFA GREGS REPAIR SERVICE	3	NATICK	0
FAT CAT SPORTS	3	BRIDGEWATER	150
ELITE GUNSMITHING CORP	3	FRAMINGHAM	0
DOUGLAS AUCTIONEERS	3	DEERFIELD	0
CLUBHOUSE GUN SHOP	3	LEOMINSTER	247
BEARDED ARMS, LLC	3	CHICOPEE	969
BAYSTATE FIREARMS TRAINING OF PEABODY	3	PEABODY	0
WITCH CITY ARMS, LLC	2	BEVERLY	95
WARE GUN SHOP	2	WARE	0
VANTAGE DEFENSE LLC	2	WOBURN	523
TRIPLE A GUNS, INC.	2	WEST SPRINGFIELD	0
STRICKLAND & SON'S	2	BERKLEY	1
SOUTH SHORE GUNS	2	BRIDGEWATER	73
SHTF ARMS & INSTRUCTION LLC	2	LITTLETON	0
SDW LLC	2	SOUTH EASTON	530
RON'S SPORT SHOP	2	DARTMOUTH	150
PULLMAN ARMS INC	2	WORCESTER	60
PIONEER ARMS LLC	2	WHITINSVILLE	1,015
PERSONAL DEFENSE SPECIALISTS INC	2	SOUTH HADLEY	0
PATRIOT CUSTOM MANUFACTURING INC.	2	NORTH ATTLEBORO	276
OLD MILL GUN SHOP	2	LEOMINSTER	0
NEW ENGLAND BALLISTIC SERVICES INC	2	HOPEDALE	452
MINUTEMAN ARMAMENT	2	LITTLETON	104
MARK HEAVNER	2	HOLLISTON	0
MAGNUM ENTERPRISES, LLC	2	ORANGE	0
JUREK BROTHERS INC.	2	GREENFIELD	103
HARDLINE FIREARMS LLC	2	BRIDGEWATER	43
FUDD FREE FIREARMS	2	TEWKSBURY	372
FIRST ROUND ACADEMY	2	WALPOLE	67
FAIRHAVEN FIREARMS	2	FAIRHAVEN	0
DOWN RANGE SPORTS	2	BARRE	1,039
DICK'S SPORTING GOODS #175	2	PLYMOUTH	0
COLLECTOR'S GALLERY	2	STONEHAM	0
BLUEFISH OUTFITTERS, INC	2	ORLEANS	0
BAY STATE FIREARMS	2	SALISBURY	0
ATLANTIC TACTICAL	2	WESTWOOD	453
ARCHERY AND ARMS LLC OF AUBURN	2	AUBURN	0
AMERICA RISING	2	TEMPLETON	136
AJS FIREARMS	2	ACUSHNET	4
AC ARMS	2	MENDON	257
WA ARMS	1	ROCKLAND	0
VILLAGE GUN SHOP	1	NORTHBOROUGH	0
TOMBSTONE TRADING COMPANY	1	WARE	1,452
TITAN TACTICAL FIREARMS	1	LITTLETON	0
THE SKEET EXCHANGE	1	WEST BARNSTABLE	0

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THE ARMORY INC	1	WOBURN	8
TAUGWANK SPUR CORP	1	AGAWAM	0
STEVE'S TACTICAL	1	STOUGHTON	0
STEELWORKS DEFENSE SOLUTIONS	1	LITTLETON	0
STATE LINE GUNS AND AMMO & ARCHERY	1	PLAISTOW	43
SPORTSMANS OUTFITTER INC	1	BERKLEY	91
SOUTH SHORE INDUSTRIES - ABINGTON	1	ABINGTON	88
SOUTH SHORE INDUSTRIES	1	ROCKLAND	4
SMITTYS SPORTING GOODS	1	DALTON	0
SMITH & WESSON	1	SPRINGFIELD	0
SILVER CITY FIREARMS	1	TAUNTON	0
ROACH'S SPORTING GOODS	1	CAMBRIDGE	60
REGO CUSTOMS INC	1	PROVINCETOWN	0
PRIVATE	1	PEACE DALE	0
PINNACLE FIREARMS AND TRAINING INC	1	UXBRIDGE	326
PHEASANT RIDGE INC	1	SEEKONK	40
PETES GUN AND TACKLE	1	HUDSON	0
PACK AND POSTAL CENTER	1	LANCASTER	324
OVERWATCH OUTPOST	1	CHARLEMONT	0
OUTER LIMITS PRO SHOP	1	BROCKTON	0
OLD GLORY GUNS & AMMO	1	GREENVILLE	0
OLD GLORY GUN SHOP	1	GREENVILLE	0
NORTON ARMS & AMMO	1	NORTON	111
NORTHERN ATLANTIC ENTERPRISES LLC	1	REHOBOTH	378
NORTHEAST TRADING COMPANY	1	NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH	0
NITOR CORP	1	SOUTHWICK	0
NICKS SPORTS SHOP	1	PALMER	2,747
NEXT LEVEL FIREARMS	1	(blank)	0
NATICK OUTDOOR STORE	1	NATICK	256
MR. JONES	1	PURCELLVILLE	0
MJ ARMS LLC	1	ROCKLAND	8
MISTER GUNS LLC	1	PLANO	0
MINUTEMAN ARMORY	1	TEMPLETON	0
MIKE'S GUN SHOP	1	NORTHBRIDGE	0
MICHAEL BORKOWSKIS SPORTING GOODS	1	THREE RIVERS	0
MASSHOLE FIREARMS	1	LITTLETON	492
MASS. FIRE ARMS SCHOOL	1	HOLLISTON	4,602
MASS RIFLE ASSOCIATION	1	WOBURN	2
MASS FIREARMS	1	HOLLISTON	4,602
MANCHESTER FIRING LINE	1	MANCHESTER	0
M&M GUN SHOP	1	NEW BEDFORD	0
LAW ENFORCEMENT FIREARMS	1	AGAWAM	0
KAYTON CO.	1	WHITEHALL	0
J&S GUNS	1	ACUSHNET	419
IMAGING DATA CORPORATION	1	CLINTON	0
HYE TECH ARMAMENT	1	LITTLETON	0
HITMAN FIREARMS, LLC	1	TYNGSBOROUGH	0
GUN AND SPORT NORTH EXCHANGE LLC	1	METHUEN	0
GUN AND SPORT NORTH	1	LAWRENCE	0
GOOSE HUMMOCK SHOP	1	ORLEANS	0
GENERAL ORDNANCE	1	ROCKLAND	0
FOUNDING FATHERS TACTICAL & SHOOTING SUPPLIE	1	SUTTON	80
FOLEY'S FRANKS	1	SOUTH HADLEY	0
FLINT ARMAMENT, INC	1	FALL RIVER	0
FLINT ARMAMENT INC. II	1	EAST FREETOWN	0
FIREARMS PROFESSIONALS INC	1	AGAWAM	0
FERREIRAS FIREARMS	1	NORTON	107
FAIRGROUND TRADERS INC.	1	BROCKTON	0
EPHESIAN ARMS INC	1	FALL RIVER	0
EAGLE EYE FIREARM LLC	1	BRIDGEWATER	70
DICK'S SPORTING GOODS #255	1	NATICK	0
DICK'S SPORTING GOODS #151	1	WORCESTER	0
DICK'S SPORTING GOODS #035	1	WEST SPRINGFIELD	0
DGS INC	1	MARSHFIELD	0

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DF ARMS LLC	1	BRIDGEWATER	84
DEMALIA FIREARMS & TRAINING	1	HUBBARDSTON	473
DEFENSIVE DYNAMICS OF HUDSON	1	HUDSON	180
D&S GUN WORKS	1	HANCOCK	0
CUSTOM DEFENSE SOLUTIONS USA	1	LITTLETON	1,174
CRICKET FIREARMS	1	WESTON	124
COMMONWEALTH FIREARMS & TRAINING CENTER, LT	1	SOMERSET	0
COLLECTORS FIREARMS AND MILITERIA	1	PELHAM	221
CARR'S SPORTING GOODS INC	1	TAUNTON	0
CALLAGHAN'S FIREARMS SALES	1	MARLBOROUGH	0
C&F GUNS	1	MIDDLEBOROUGH	0
BOURNE BRIDGE GUNS & AMMO INC	1	BOURNE	0
BOSTON GUN AND RIFLE ASSOCIATION	1	BOSTON	10
BEHIND ENEMY LINES	1	SANDWICH	5
BAY STATE SURPLUS	1	KINGSTON	62
BASS PRO SHOPS	1	FLORIDA	0
ANTIQUE ARMORY	1	MIDDLEBOROUGH	0
AMERICAN FIREARMS SCHOOL	1	NORTH ATTLEBORO	0
AERO PARK ARMS	1	PLYMOUTH	60
508 GUNS & AMMO LLC	1	WALPOLE	925
Data Source: DCJIS Data reflects crime guns seized in 2024-2025 matched against all transaction data, thus the dealer where the firearm was purchased may no longer have a Federal Firearms License			