This archive holds factual information on firearms. It’s purpose is to provide DSSA members timely information to have a productive conversation with friends, colleagues and others about firearm topics. It includes material on the 2nd Amendment, gun ownership, self defense, hunting, sport shooting, etc. We make every effort to ensure the information and articles are accurate. If you see an a problem, please let up know via the email link found below.

Federal Statistical Data and Studies:

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| [FBI - Homepage](https://www.fbi.gov/) |  |
| [FBI - Crime Statistics](https://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/crimestats/) | The FBI regularly publishes statistical crime reports, detailing specific offenses and outlining trends that can help you better understand crime threats both nationally and locally. |
| [FBI - Gun Checks/NICS](https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/nics) | NICS is located at the FBI’s Criminal Justice Information Services Division in Clarksburg, West Virginia. It provides service to FFLs in 30 states, five U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia. Upon completion of the ATF Form 4473, FFLs contact the NICS Section to request a background check with the descriptive information provided on the ATF Form 4473 |
| [ATF Resource Center](https://www.atf.gov/resource-center/data-statistics) | ATF is a law enforcement agency in the United States DOJ that protects our communities from violent criminals, criminal organizations, the illegal use and trafficking of firearms, the illegal use and storage of explosives, acts of arson and bombings, acts of terrorism, and the illegal diversion of alcohol and tobacco products. |
| [ATF Regulations PDF](https://www.atf.gov/file/11241/download) |  |
| [Firearm Violence, 1993-2011 - DOJ](http://www.maierassociates.com/GunControl/DOJFireArmViolence-1993-2011.pdf) | A DOJ study firearm violence fomr 1993 – 2011 with many tables and charts. During this period all forms of violence has dramatically decreased. |
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| [Census.gov](http://www.census.gov/) | The U.S. Census Bureau has been headquartered in Suitland, Md. since 1942, and employs 4,285 staff members. The Census Bureau is part of the [U.S. Department of Commerce](http://www.commerce.gov/) and overseen by the [Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)](http://www.esa.doc.gov/) within the Department of Commerce. |
| [How to calculate crime rate](http://www.ehow.com/how_5663586_calculate-crime-rate.html) | A link to the eHow topic. Frequently the statistics are quoted as crimes per 100,000 citizens. The formula for this calculation is # crimes/population x 100,000. |

The above resources will allow you to research and validate factual crime and gun statistics. For example see Page 13 Table 14 of The DOJs Firearm Violence report on the percentage of firearms used by convicted felons from a gun show.