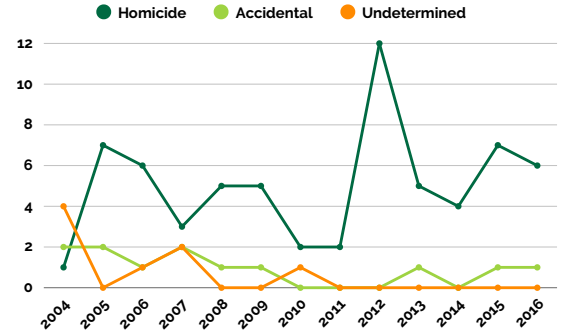
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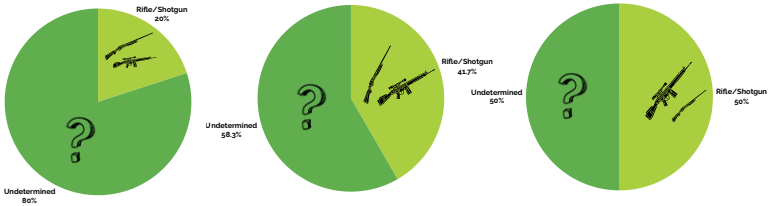
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Evolution of homicides and accidents with firearms (2004-2016)[1]



Types of Firearms Used in Fatal Incidents 2004-2016



Homicides: total 65 | Accidental: total 12 | Undetermined: total 8

Mass Shootings since 2000[2]

Ayia Napa, June 2016[5]

Rival gangs shooting
AK47 Rifle and a Glock Pistol
One of the perpetrators died at the scene, the others were arrested

Strovolos, June 2014[4]

Domestic violence
G3 Automatic Rifle
Perpetrator committed suicide



Homicide firearm victims: 2004-2016

based on medical data [6]

Lethal Gun Violence by Gender



Perpetrators of gun crime

Perpetrators of gun crime data unavailable

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Seizures 2017-2020[7-9]

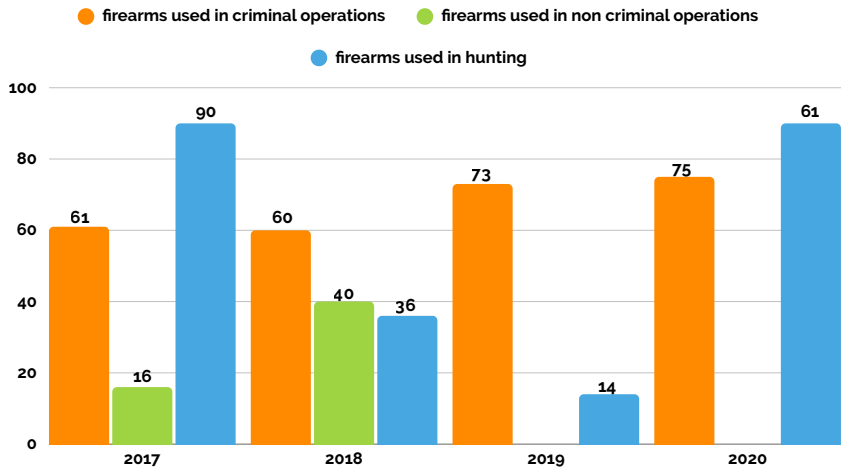
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Firearms seized

Rounds of ammunition data not available

Parts and components data not available

Seizures[10]

Context of seizures



Trafficking

The data currently available on the illicit trafficking of firearms in Cyprus are limited.

The lack of detailed data has resulted in a vague intelligence picture of Cyprus' role in firearms trafficking. However, it is believed that the country's geographical position makes it an attractive transit point for trafficking to and from North Africa and Turkey.[11]

Possession

There is limited data on the possession of firearms in Cyprus.

The Small Arms Survey estimates that as of 2017 there are 285,000 firearms held by civilians in Cyprus. Of those in circulation, 154,327 are registered, while the remaining 130,673 are believed to be unregistered. Legacy firearms constitute a considerable part of illegally possessed guns in Cyprus. [12]

The long history of conflicts and political transitions that the country has been through the past 70 years, including the Second World War, the colonial years (1955–1959), the inter-communal violence in 1963, the crisis of 1967, and the Turkish invasion in 1974, explain the high rates of illicit gun possession. [13]

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