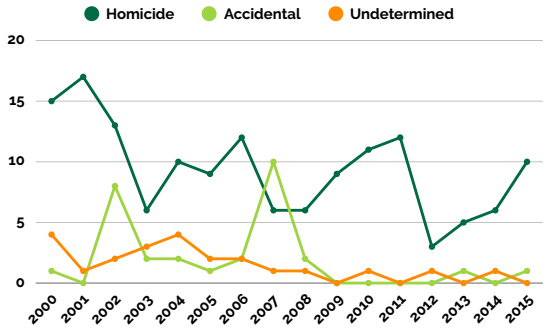
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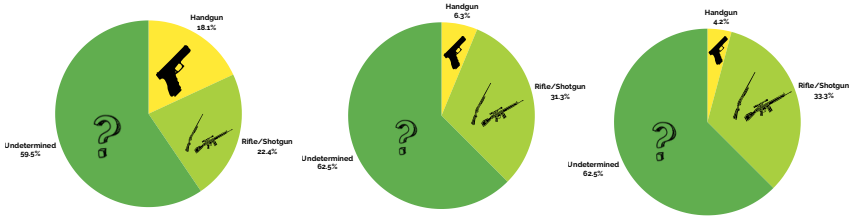
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Evolution of homicides and accidents with firearms (2000-2015) [1]



Types of Firearms Used in Fatal Incidents 2000-2015



Homicides: total 116 | Accidental: total 16 | Undetermined: total 24

Handgun
Rifles and shotguns
Unknown

Mass Shootings since 2000 [2]

Copenhagen, March 2015 [3-4]

Mass Shooting
Colt Canada M95 Rifle, 7.65 mm caliber pistol, 9 mm caliber pistol
Perpetrator shot dead by the police

Copenhagen, July 2022 [5-6]

Mall Shooting
Rifle
Perpetrator arrested



Homicide firearm victims: 2000-2015

based on medical data [7]

Lethal Gun Violence by Gender



Perpetrators of gun crime

Perpetrators of gun crime data unavailable

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Seizures 2016, 2017 and 2019[8]

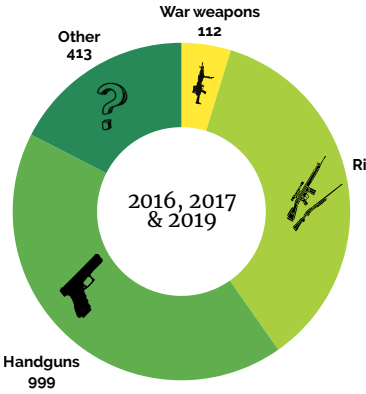
2,364
Firearms seized

441,324
Rounds of ammunition seized

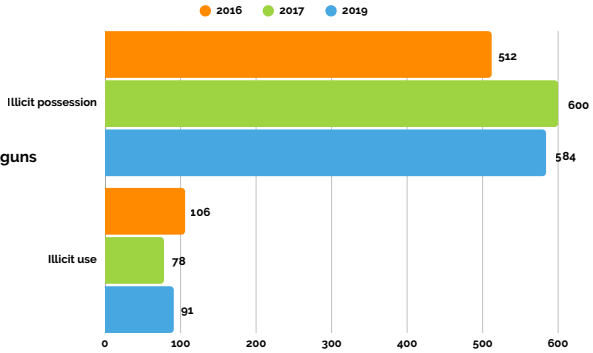
5,128
Parts and components seized (2016-2020)

Seizures[9]

Types of firearms seized



Context of seizures 2019



Trafficking

Denmark is a transit country for firearms being trafficked into Sweden: the Öresund bridge between Copenhagen and Malmö is the most common entry point for illicit firearms being trafficked overland into that country.[10]

To a lesser extent, Denmark is also a destination country: in recent years, the country has seen a significant increase in the trafficking of gas and alarm pistols, weapons that would require a license in Denmark and are instead legally purchased in countries with a more lenient firearms legislation. They are then illegally brought to Denmark and converted to fire live ammunition to be sold on the illegal market. [11]

Possession

Denmark has one of the strictest gun ownership laws in Europe. The only type of weapon that civilians may own without a licence are air rifles of a calibre of 4.5 mm or less. Excluding the firearms that are prohibited, the rest require a licence that can be granted only for sports shooting and hunting purposes. [12]

The Small Arms Survey estimates that, as of 2017, there are 567,000 firearms held by civilians in Denmark. Of those in circulation, 340,000 are registered, while the remaining 227,000 are considered unregistered. [13]

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