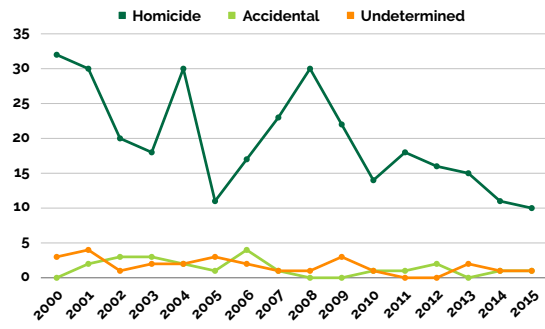
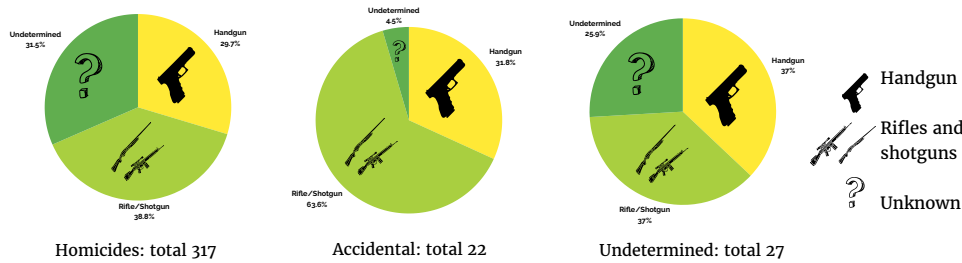


Evolution of homicides and accidents with firearms (2000-2015)¹



Types of Firearms Used in Fatal Incidents 2000-2015



Mass Shootings since 2000²

Jokela, November 2007³⁻⁴

8 Killed, 1 Injured
School shooting
Semi-automatic pistol (legal ownership)
Perpetrator also committed suicide

Kauhajoki, September 2008⁵⁻⁶

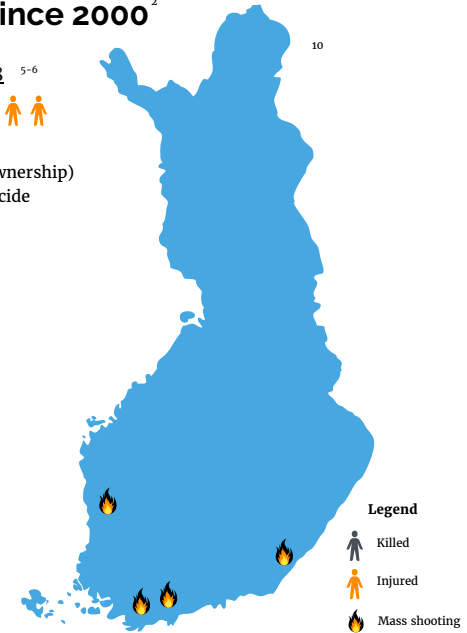
8 Killed, 1 Injured
School shooting
Semi-automatic pistol (legal ownership)
Perpetrator also committed suicide

Espoo, December 2009⁷⁻⁸

4 Killed, 1 Injured
Shopping mall shooting
9 mm CZ 75 pistol (stolen in burglary 1990)
Perpetrator committed suicide

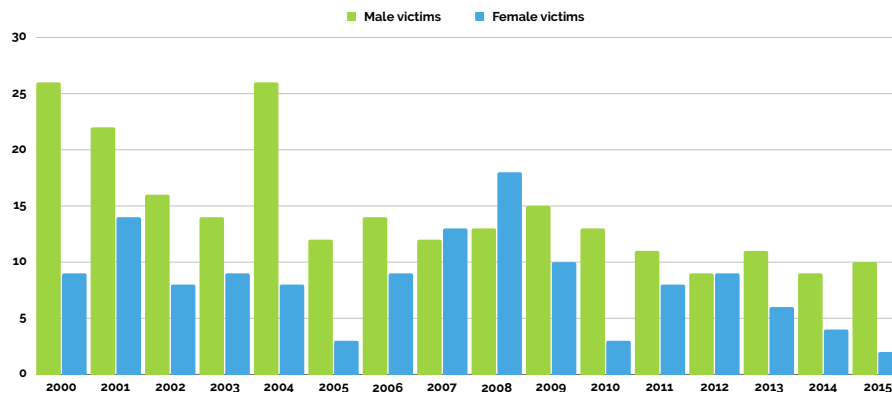
Imatra, December 2016⁹

3 Killed
Shooting occurred outside a restaurant
Hunting rifle
Perpetrator arrested



Homicide firearm victims: 2000-2015

based on medical data¹¹ Lethal Gun Violence by Gender



Perpetrators of gun crime

While males make up the majority of the perpetrators of all annual homicides in Finland, an academic study reveals that from 1993 to 2005 compared to previous years, factors influencing female perpetrators before and during the homicide have increasingly become more similar to male perpetrators. For instance, improved gender equality in the country as well as the increased alcohol consumption by women from 1969 to 2009 seems to have influenced female-perpetrated spousal homicides.¹²

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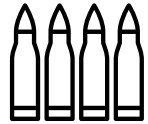


Seizures 2010-2013¹³



11,082

Firearms seized



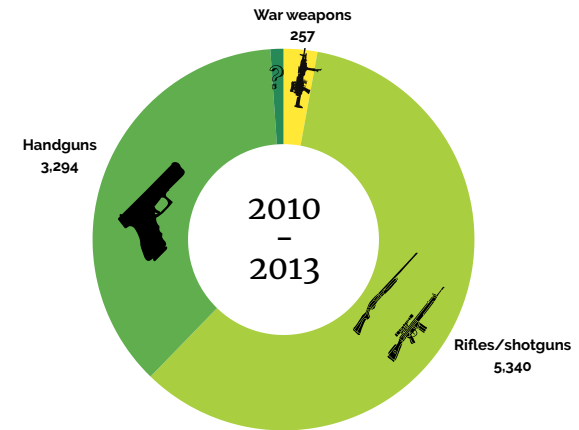
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Seizures¹⁴

Type of firearms



Trafficking



Finland is a destination and transit country for the illegal trafficking of firearms. In 2014, Finland reported that up to 70% of its firearms seized are imported.¹⁵



Finnish customs reported firearms trafficking offences to be relatively stable between the years 2013-15 but more than doubled for the year 2016.¹⁶



The regulation of handguns since two school shootings in the 2000s has led to the increasingly popularity of (converted) gas pistols. These are usually purchased online but can also regularly be found in postal packages.¹⁷

Possession



As a result of the 2017 EU firearms directive and its subsequent national implementation, Finland has streamlined its permit process with the goal to do so without compromising gun safety.¹⁸



Finland has a substantial national reservoir of legal firearms in comparison to other EU states.¹⁹ Finland's Ministry of the Interior states that over 1,500,000 licensed firearms are in the country.²⁰ As of 2019 the discrepancy between registered hunters (303,000) and licensed weapons (1,500,000+) is disproportionately large. Such a large discrepancy can lead to the embezzlement of firearms.²¹

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