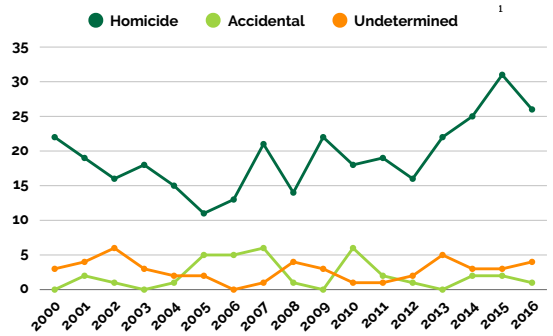
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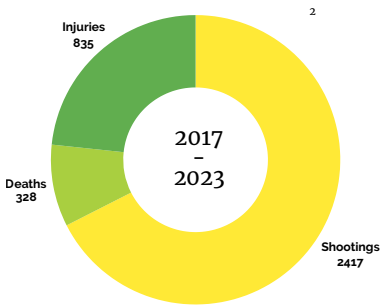
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Evolution of homicides and accidents with firearms (2000-2016)

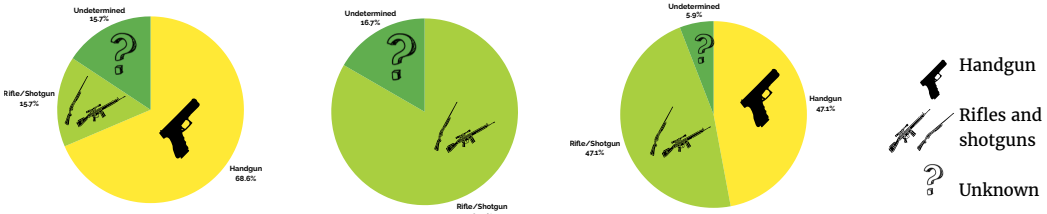


[1]



[2]

Types of Firearms Used in Fatal Incidents 2000-2016 [3]



Homicides: total 121 | Accidental: total 6 | Undetermined: total 17

Mass Shootings since 2000 [4]

Gothenburg, March 2015 [5]



Gang shooting
Assault rifle
Perpetrator arrested

Malmö, 2018 [6]



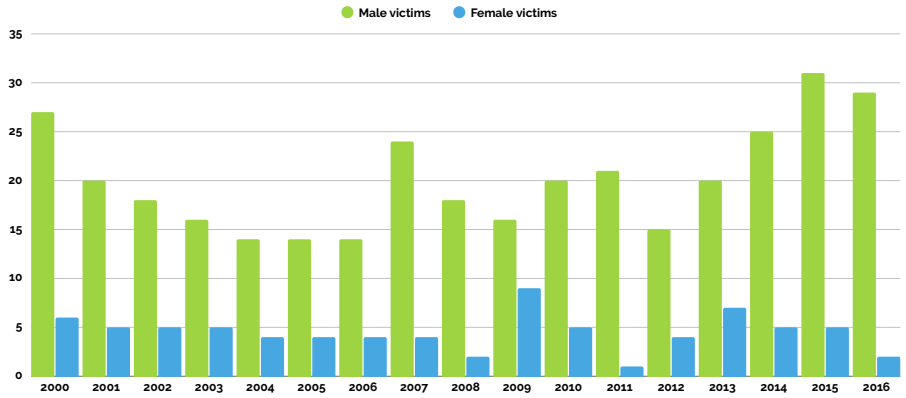
Drive-by shooting
Shotgun
Perpetrator escaped



Homicide firearm victims: 2000-2016

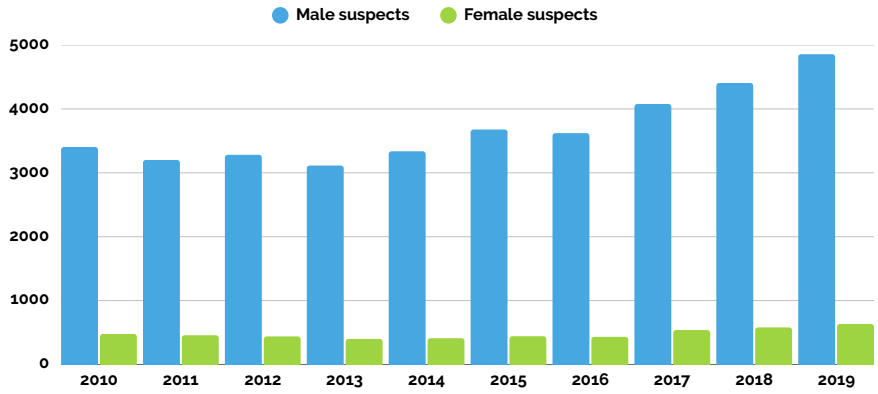
based on medical data [7]

Lethal Gun Violence by Gender



Sweden has one of the highest rates of shootings in Europe with a firearm-homicide rate significantly higher in comparison to European averages. [8]

Suspects of gun crime 2010-2019 [9]



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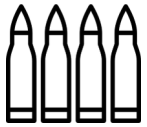
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Seizures 2016-2020[10]



5,198

Firearms seized



24,272

Rounds of ammunition seized

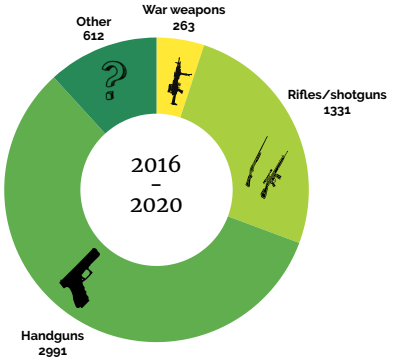


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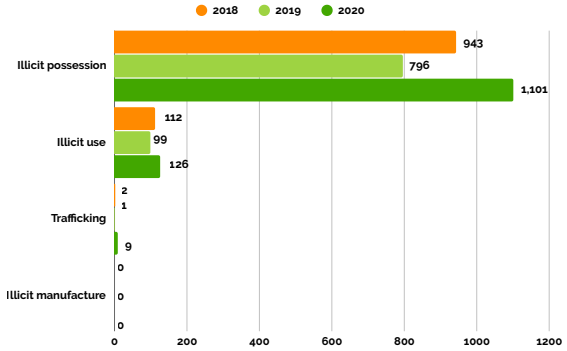
Parts and components seized

Seizures[11]

Types of firearms seized



Context of seizures 2018-2020



Trafficking



Sweden is a destination country for illegal firearms. Traditionally, the principal origin region that firearms have arrived from has been the Balkans. However, the problem has become increasingly multifaceted as various routes and methods of trafficking have become available. [12]



The trafficking of live-firing firearms into Sweden, generally using ant-type trafficking methods, is one of the most common and well-known firearm-trafficking phenomena in the country. [13]



The Öresund Bridge connecting Malmö with Copenhagen is the most common land route for firearm trafficking through which significant numbers of firearms transit. [14]

Possession



According to various sources, Swedish firearms licence holders saw a downward trend from 2002 until 2015 (689,150 to 560,000). However, from 2015 until 2019 saw an increase of (560,000 to 580,000) licences.[15-20]



The Small Arms Survey estimates that, as of 2017, there are 2,296,000 firearms held by civilians in Sweden. Of those in circulation, 1,955,478 are registered, while the remaining 340,522 are considered unregistered. [21]



According to the Small Arms Survey in 2017 military holdings of firearms amounted to 139,180 while law enforcement holdings amounted to 38,000. [22]

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