



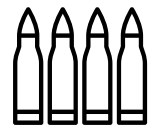


## Seizures 2016-2017<sup>10</sup>



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Firearms seized



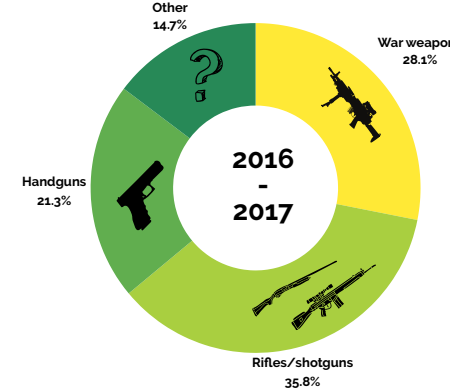
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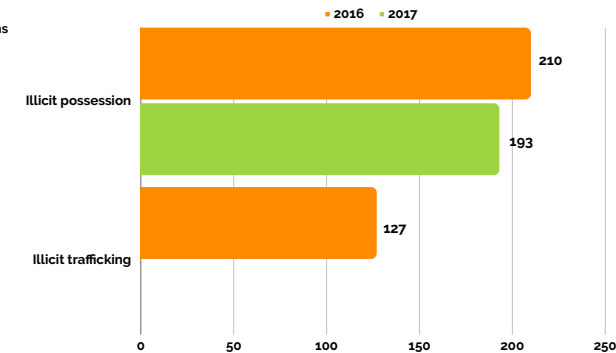
Parts and components data not available

## Seizures

Types of firearms seized<sup>11</sup>



Context of seizures 2016-2017<sup>12</sup>



## Trafficking



Hungary is an origin and transit country for illegal firearms and ammunition. However, not much is known about the phenomenon because of a lack of data.<sup>13</sup>



The land route comprising Austria, Slovenia, and Hungary remains a prominent smuggling route from the Western Balkans to Western Europe for firearms traffickers.<sup>14</sup>



The collapse of the Hungarian weapon industry at the end of the Cold War resulted in the large-scale theft and non-regularisation of firearms in Hungary. Firearms of Hungarian origin are usually found in neighboring Romania, while far-right extremist groups are known to facilitate the trafficking across Europe.<sup>15</sup>

## Possession

There is limited data on firearms possession in Hungary.



The Small Arms Survey estimates that as of 2017 there are 1,023,000 firearms held by civilians in Hungary. Of those in circulation, 81,700 are unregistered, while the remaining 211,300 are registered.<sup>16</sup>



Although private possession of firearms in Hungary is permitted only with special authorization, light arms, including rubber bullet guns and tear gas pistols can be purchased by anyone who has reached the minimum age.<sup>17-18</sup>

<sup>10</sup>. Data acquired from "Data UNODC Firearms Trafficking database": <https://dataunodc.un.org/dp-firearms-arms-seized>, last accessed 25 February 2023.  
<sup>11</sup>. Ibid.  
<sup>12</sup>. Ibid.  
<sup>13</sup>. Duquet, N. & Vanden Auweele, D., *Project TARGET: Targeting gun violence and trafficking in Europe*, Brussels, Flemish Peace Institute, pg. 148, (2022).  
<sup>14</sup>. Ibid. 145.  
<sup>15</sup>. Ibid. 150.

<sup>16</sup>. Krap, A., *Estimating Global Civilian-held Firearms Numbers (Annexe)*, Small Arms Survey, (2018) [https://web.archive.org/web/20180629102233/http://www.smallarmssurvey.org/fileadmin/docs/Weapons\\_and\\_Markets/Tools/Firearms\\_holdings/SAS-BP-Civilian-held-firearms-annexe.pdf](https://web.archive.org/web/20180629102233/http://www.smallarmssurvey.org/fileadmin/docs/Weapons_and_Markets/Tools/Firearms_holdings/SAS-BP-Civilian-held-firearms-annexe.pdf), last accessed on 6 November 2023.  
<sup>17</sup>. European Parliament, *Directive (EU) 2021/555 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons: Chapter 2*, (2021).  
<sup>18</sup>. CGTN, *Hungary's gun industry booming as people panic amid pandemic*, ( 3 April 2020).