



ANALYSIS OF TORONTO POLICE SERVICE 'CRIME GUN' STATISTICS FOR 2018

REVEALED: Licensed gun owners are not a major source of crime guns in Toronto

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION (Links to original documentation)

TORONTO POLICE SERVICE(TPS) RELEASE 'CRIME GUN' STATISTICS FOR 2018

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KEY FINDINGS

Crime Guns Seized = **833**

Non-Crime Guns Seized = **1,470**

Crime Guns Seized reported stolen from licensed gun owners and businesses – **Breakdown not available.**

Crime Guns Seized that were reported stolen in Canada = **33** (4%)

Crime Guns Seized from licensed gun owners and businesses = **49** (5.9%)

Crime Guns Seized that TPS attempted to trace = **833**

Crime Guns Seized that were successfully traced = **475** (57% of 833 crime guns)

Crime Guns Seized that were successfully traced to the U.S. = **333** (70% of successful traces)

Crime Guns Seized in that were successfully traced to the Canada = **142** (30% of successful traces)

Crime Guns Seized in that were legally registered in Canada = **66** (13.6% of 485 pistols and revolvers)

Number of Crime Guns Seized by Type of Firearm:

- Handgun = **485** (58%)
- Long gun = **93** (11%)
- Prohibited = **45** (5%)
- Toy gun = **16** (2%)
- Air gun = **157** (19%)
- Other = **37** (4%)

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Straw Purchases by Licenced Gun Owners = 6

NOTE: Number of licensed gun owners who were arrested and charged in 2018 with Weapons Trafficking and Transfer Firearm Without Authority Offences. May not include all licensed gun owners who were charged with Conspiracy offences where the substantive offence was Weapons Trafficking.

AUGUST 24, 2018 - TORONTO POLICE RELEASE CRIME GUN STATS FOR 2007 to 2017

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