



HELPFUL VIOLENT CRIME FACTS

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In 2011 - the latest year for which detailed statistics are available - there were 12,664 murders in the US. Of those, 8,583 were caused by firearms, excluding two reporting states for which information is not available. Down 3% from the previous year. [1]

- This includes statistics of gang violence, violent crimes in the drug war or gang violence, justified homicides by police officers, and justified homicides of self-defense. [2]

Nationally, violent crime last year fell 3.8 percent for the fifth consecutive year.

- The nation is getting safer, but metro/urban areas still struggle with high rates of murder, rape, and assault. Particularly in cities with the strictest gun control or a high rate of gang associative violence.
- Yet, still there were 77 firearms murders in DC in 2010, down 22% on 2009.
- California - a state with high gang violence and strict gun control - had the highest number of gun murders last year - 1,790, which is 68% of all murders that year and equivalent to 3.25 per 100,000 people in the state. Big as that figure is, it's still down by 3% on the previous year. [3]

Per the FBI, you are more likely to die by hands or feet than shotguns or rifles which "gun control advocates" state should be banned because they're "scary looking". [4]

There are roughly 300+ million citizens in this country. There are 200+ million estimated firearms in this country. Given the firearm-ownership-to-citizen ratio and associated crime, the justification based on isolated violent (though highly publicized) incidents in which pharmaceutically-medicated psychopaths utilized firearms to commit mass murders seems to me irrational and denotes an underlying issue: the desire to control others regardless of the consequences.

[1]:<https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2011/crime-in-the-u.s.-2011/violent-crime/murder>

[2]: <https://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/fbi-releases-2011-crime-statistics>

[3]:<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2012/10/03/murders-in-chicago-what-can-stop-the-heartlands-bloodbath/1611679/>

[4]: <https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2011/crime-in-the-u.s.-2011/tables/expanded-homicide-data-table-8>