



## Croatia — Gun Facts, Figures and the Law

### Gun Numbers

### Stockpiles

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#### Civilian Guns

##### Number of Privately Owned Firearms

The estimated total number of guns held by civilians in Croatia is 950,000<sup>1</sup> to 969,160<sup>2</sup>

##### Rate of Civilian Firearm Possession per 100 Population

The rate of private gun ownership in Croatia is 8.3<sup>3</sup> to 21.7<sup>1</sup> firearms per 100 people

##### Number of Privately Owned Firearms - World Ranking

In a comparison of the *number* of privately owned guns in 178 countries, Croatia ranked at No. 53<sup>4</sup>

##### Rate of Privately Owned Firearms per 100 Population - World Ranking

In a comparison of the *rate* of private gun ownership in 178 countries, Croatia ranked at No. 26<sup>1</sup>

##### Number of Registered Firearms

The number of registered guns in Croatia is reported to be 371,702<sup>4</sup> <sup>2</sup> to 376,000<sup>5</sup>

##### Rate of Registered Firearms per 100 Population

The rate of registered firearms per 100 people in Croatia is 8.36<sup>6</sup>

##### Estimated Number of Illicit Firearms

Unlawfully held guns cannot be counted, but in Croatia there are estimated to be 597,458<sup>2</sup>

##### Estimated Rate of Illicit Firearms per 100 Population

Unlawfully held guns cannot be counted, but in Croatia there are estimated to be 13.29<sup>6</sup> illicit firearms per 100 people

#### Government Guns

##### Number of Military Firearms

The defence forces of Croatia are reported to have 260,689<sup>27</sup> to 619,200<sup>8</sup> firearms

##### Number of Law Enforcement Firearms

Police in Croatia are reported to have 14,000<sup>9</sup> to 38,700<sup>2</sup> firearms

## Death and Injury

## Impacts

**Total Gun Deaths****Homicides (any method)**

In Croatia, annual homicides by any means total

2009: 49<sup>[11](#)</sup>

2008: 71

2007: 62

2006: 74

2005: 68

2004: 83

2003: 69

2002: 80

2001: 83

2000: 111

1999: 121

1998: 131

1997: 118

1996: 122

1995: 166

**Rate of Homicide per 100,000 People (any method)**

In Croatia, the annual rate of homicide by any means per 100,000 population is

2009: 1.1<sup>[11](#)</sup>

2008: 1.6<sup>[11](#) [12](#)</sup>

2007: 1.4

2006: 1.7<sup>[11](#)</sup>

2005: 1.5

2004: 1.9

2003: 1.5

2002: 1.8

2001: 1.9

2000: 2.5

1999: 2.7

1998: 2.9

1997: 2.6

1996: 2.6

1995: 3.6

**Gun Homicides**

In Croatia, annual firearm homicides total

2010: 25<sup>[13](#)</sup>

2009: 23<sup>[13](#) [11](#)</sup>

2008: 30

2007: 33

2006: 41  
2005: 27  
2004: 37  
2003: 27  
2002: 23<sup>13</sup>  
2001: 33  
2000: 48  
1999: 69  
1998: 86  
1997: 55  
1996: 71  
1995: 94

### **Rate of Gun Homicide per 100,000 People**

In Croatia, the annual rate of firearm homicide per 100,000 population is

2010: 0.57<sup>13</sup>  
2009: 0.52<sup>13 11</sup>  
2008: 0.68  
2007: 0.74  
2006: 0.92  
2005: 0.61  
2004: 0.83  
2003: 0.61  
2002: 0.52<sup>13</sup>  
2001: 0.74  
2000: 1.1  
1999: 1.52  
1998: 1.91  
1997: 1.2  
1996: 1.58  
1995: 1.97

### **Handgun Homicides**

In Croatia, annual handgun homicides total

2010: 14<sup>13</sup>  
2009: 4  
2008: 7  
2007: 14  
2006: 10  
2005: 13  
2004: 8  
2003: 8  
2002: 7  
2001: 5  
2000: 4  
1999: 12  
1998: 11

1997: 5  
1996: 12  
1995: 11

**Rate of Handgun Homicide per 100,000 People**

In Croatia, the annual rate of handgun homicide per 100,000 population is

2010: 0.32<sup>13</sup>  
2009: 0.09  
2008: 0.16  
2007: 0.32  
2006: 0.23  
2005: 0.29  
2004: 0.18  
2003: 0.18  
2002: 0.16  
2001: 0.11  
2000: 0.09  
1999: 0.26  
1998: 0.24  
1997: 0.11  
1996: 0.27  
1995: 0.23

**Long Gun Homicides**

In Croatia, annual long gun homicides total

2010: 3<sup>13</sup>  
2009: 4  
2008: 2  
2007: 4  
2006: 2  
2005: 3  
2004: 5  
2003: 3  
2002: 2  
2001: 3  
2000: 5  
1999: 4  
1998: 2  
1997: 4  
1996: 5  
1995: 6

**Rate of Long Gun Homicide per 100,000 People**

In Croatia, the annual rate of long gun homicide per 100,000 population is

2010: 0.07<sup>13</sup>  
2009: 0.09

2008: 0.05  
2007: 0.09  
2006: 0.05  
2005: 0.07  
2004: 0.11  
2003: 0.07  
2002: 0.05  
2001: 0.07  
2000: 0.11  
1999: 0.09  
1998: 0.04  
1997: 0.09  
1996: 0.11  
1995: 0.13

### **Gun Homicides (Other)**

In Croatia, annual gun homicides (other) total

2010: 8<sup>13</sup>  
2009: 15  
2008: 21  
2007: 15  
2006: 29  
2005: 11  
2004: 24  
2003: 16  
2002: 14  
2001: 25  
2000: 39  
1999: 53  
1998: 73  
1997: 46  
1996: 54  
1995: 77

### **Rate of Gun Homicide (Other) per 100,000 People**

In Croatia, the annual rate of gun homicide (other) per 100,000 population is

2010: 0.18<sup>13</sup>  
2009: 0.34  
2008: 0.47  
2007: 0.34  
2006: 0.65  
2005: 0.25  
2004: 0.54  
2003: 0.36  
2002: 0.32  
2001: 0.56  
2000: 0.89

1999: 1.16  
 1998: 1.62  
 1997: 1.01  
 1996: 1.20  
 1995: 1.61

### **Suicides (any method)**

In Croatia, annual suicides by any means total

2008: 795<sup>14</sup>  
 2007: 776  
 2006: 798  
 2005: 875<sup>15</sup>  
 2004: 871<sup>16</sup> <sup>15</sup>  
 2003: 885<sup>17</sup>  
 2002: 875  
 2001: 882  
 1999: 989<sup>18</sup>

### **Rate of Suicide per 100,000 People (any method)**

In Croatia, the annual rate of suicide by any means per 100,000 population is

2008: 17.70<sup>6</sup>  
 1999: 22.34<sup>18</sup>

## **Gun Suicides**

### **Handgun Suicides**

### **Long Gun Suicides**

### **Gun Suicides (Other)**

### **Unintentional Gun Deaths**

In Croatia, annual unintentional shooting deaths total

2010: 3<sup>20</sup>  
 2009: 3  
 2008: 5  
 2007: 6  
 2006: 5  
 2005: 9  
 2004: 3  
 2003: 3  
 2002: 6  
 2001: 10  
 2000: 5  
 1999: 11  
 1998: 12  
 1997: 29  
 1996: 31

1995: 63

### **Rate of Unintentional Gun Death per 100,000 People**

In Croatia, the annual rate of unintentional shooting death per 100,000 population is

2010: 0.07<sup>20</sup>

2009: 0.07

2008: 0.11

2007: 0.14

2006: 0.11

2005: 0.2

2004: 0.07

2003: 0.07

2002: 0.14

2001: 0.23

2000: 0.11

1999: 0.24

1998: 0.27

1997: 0.63

1996: 0.69

1995: 1.32

### **Unintentional Handgun Deaths**

In Croatia, annual unintentional shooting deaths by handgun total

2008: 2<sup>20</sup>

2007: 1

2006: 1

2005: 2

2001: 2

2000: 2

1999: 5

1998: 3

1997: 4

1996: 1

1995: 6

### **Rate of Unintentional Handgun Death per 100,000 People**

In Croatia, the annual rate of unintentional shooting death by handgun per 100,000 population is

2008: 0.05<sup>20</sup>

2007: 0.02

2006: 0.02

2005: 0.05

2001: 0.05

2000: 0.05

1999: 0.11

1998: 0.07

1997: 0.09

1996: 0.02

1995: 0.13

## **Unintentional Long Gun Deaths**

## **Unintentional Gun Deaths (Other)**

## **Gun Deaths from Undetermined Cause**

## **Long Gun Deaths from Undetermined Cause**

## **Gun Deaths (Other) from Undetermined Cause**

## **Gun Industry**

## **Production**

### **Regulation of Firearm Makers**

In Croatia, the manufacture of small arms, ammunition and/or their components is permitted only if the maker holds a valid licence<sup>22 23</sup>

### **Small Arms Manufacture - World Ranking**

In a classification of the world's small, medium and major firearm manufacturers, Croatia is ranked 'small'<sup>24</sup>

## **Gun Trade and Trafficking**

## **Transfers**

### **Regulation of Firearm Exports**

### **Regulation of Firearm Imports**

### **Smuggling Guns and Ammunition**

Reports suggest that the level of firearm and ammunition smuggling in Croatia is high<sup>35 36 37 38 39 40</sup>

### **Market Cost of an AK-47 Assault Rifle (US\$)**

The asking price for an AK-47 pattern assault weapon in Croatia is reported to be US\$300<sup>41</sup>

### **Regulation of Arms Brokers**

In Croatia, the activities of arms brokers and transfer intermediaries are specifically regulated by law<sup>42 43</sup>

### **End User Certificates**

Customs regulations in Croatia include<sup>44 45 42 26 46 47</sup> certification of the intended end user of any small arms or ammunition transfer, and/or a written declaration of its intended end use

### **Transparency of Small Arms Transfers**

In the most recent survey of state transparency when declaring firearm and ammunition exports, Croatia was ranked number 25 among 49 major small arms exporting nations in 2011, with a score of 10.50 points of a possible total of 25<sup>48</sup>

## Gun Regulation

## Measures

### Firearm Regulation - Guiding Policy

#### Firearm Law

Guiding gun control legislation in Croatia includes the Weapons Law 1992 and the Law on Manufacturing<sup>50</sup>, Overhaul, and Trade in Armaments and Military Equipment<sup>51 52</sup>

#### Firearm Regulation Authority

Guns in Croatia are regulated by the Legislative Board of the House of Representatives<sup>53</sup>, the Agency of the Government of the Republic of Croatia<sup>54</sup>, the Police Department<sup>55 56</sup>, the Ministry of the Interior,<sup>23 31</sup> and the Ministry of the Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship<sup>57</sup>

#### Right to Possess Firearms

In Croatia, the right to private gun ownership is not guaranteed by law<sup>58</sup>

#### Prohibited Firearms and Ammunition

#### Gun Owner Licensing

#### Firearm Registration

#### Gun Sales and Transfers

#### Storage and Transport of Guns and Ammunition

#### Marking and Tracing Guns and Ammunition

#### Carrying Guns

#### Penalty for Illicit Firearm Possession

#### Collection, Amnesty and Destruction Programmes

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