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# Texas Department of Public Safety



## *Regulatory Services Division*

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# 1 Executive Summary

This report is provided by the Regulatory Services Division (RSD) of the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) in accordance with the requirements outlined in House Bill 1927 (Government Code, Section 411.02096), 87th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature, 2021.

The report is to include information related to the carrying of firearms by persons in this state, including information specific to the License to Carry (LTC) program and any other relevant information related to the carrying of firearms in Texas.

The Regulatory Services Division licenses individuals to carry handguns within Texas, evaluates the eligibility of applicants through criminal history background checks, and monitors those currently licensed to ensure their continued eligibility.

The DPS Crime Records Division maintains various programs that collect information submitted by local criminal justice agencies throughout the state. Submitted information is compiled into statewide databases or systems and forwarded to national criminal justice databases at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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## 2 Definitions

The reports provide data based on calendar year.

### 2.1 Regulatory Service Reports

#### I Applications Received

The number of paid original and renewal applications received during the reporting period.

#### II Licenses Issued

The number of original and renewal licenses issued during the reporting period.

#### III Average LTC applications 2010-2023

The total number of original and renewal applications received in the current year compared to the average from 2010-2023.

### 2.2 Crime Records Reports

The number of arrests and convictions reported to the department during the specified year. These are grouped by offense codes.

#### I Arrest

Arrest data indicates the year of the arrest, which may not be the year in which the outcome is determined.

#### II Conviction

Conviction data indicates the year in which the conviction was finalized, which may not be the year in which the arrest originally occurred.

#### III Offense Codes

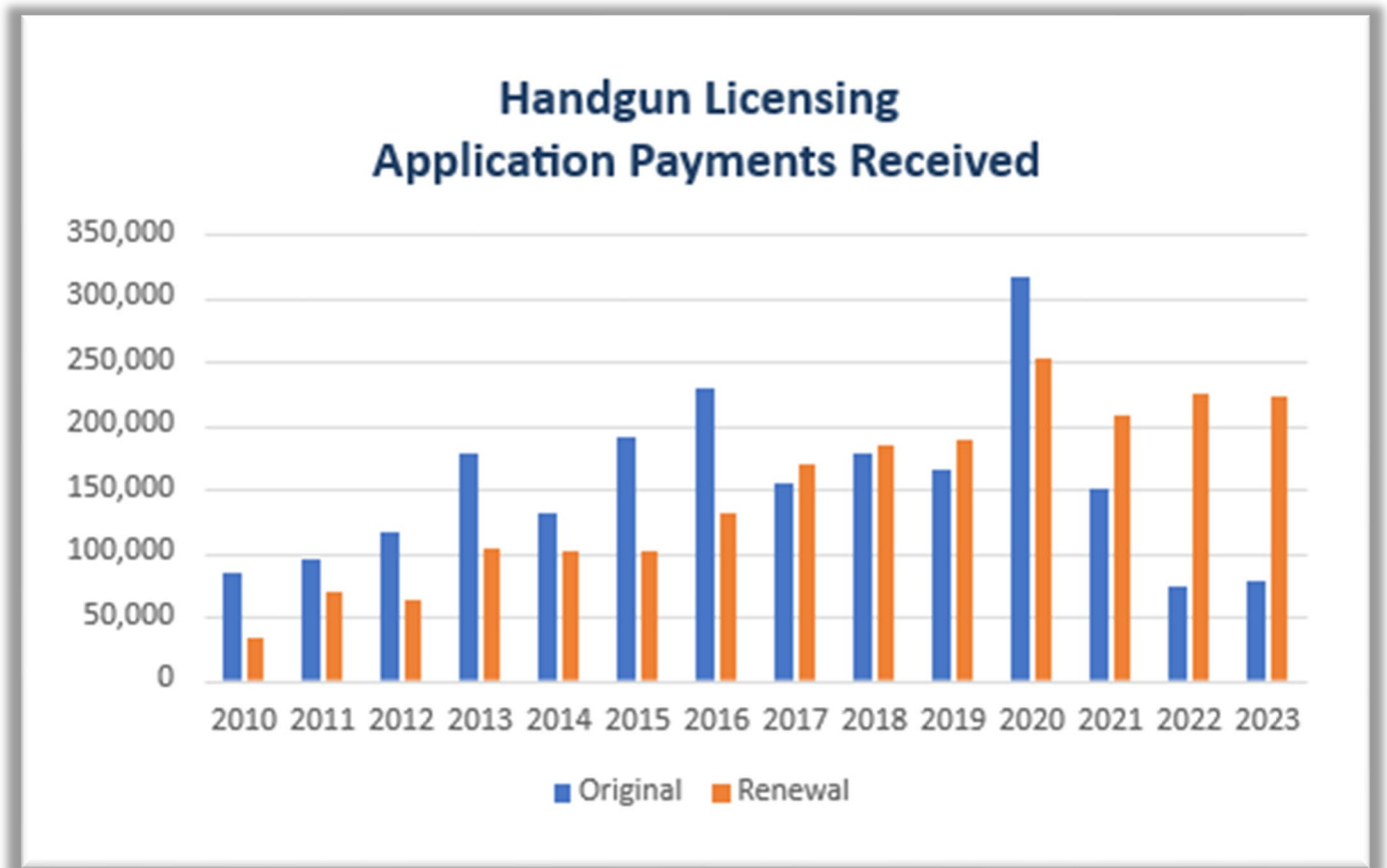
Offense codes are grouped by three broad categories:

- 65 Offenses that only include firearm/handgun
- 70 Offenses that reference deadly weapon
- 25 Offenses that reference firearm/handgun or other types of weapons

### 3 Regulatory Services

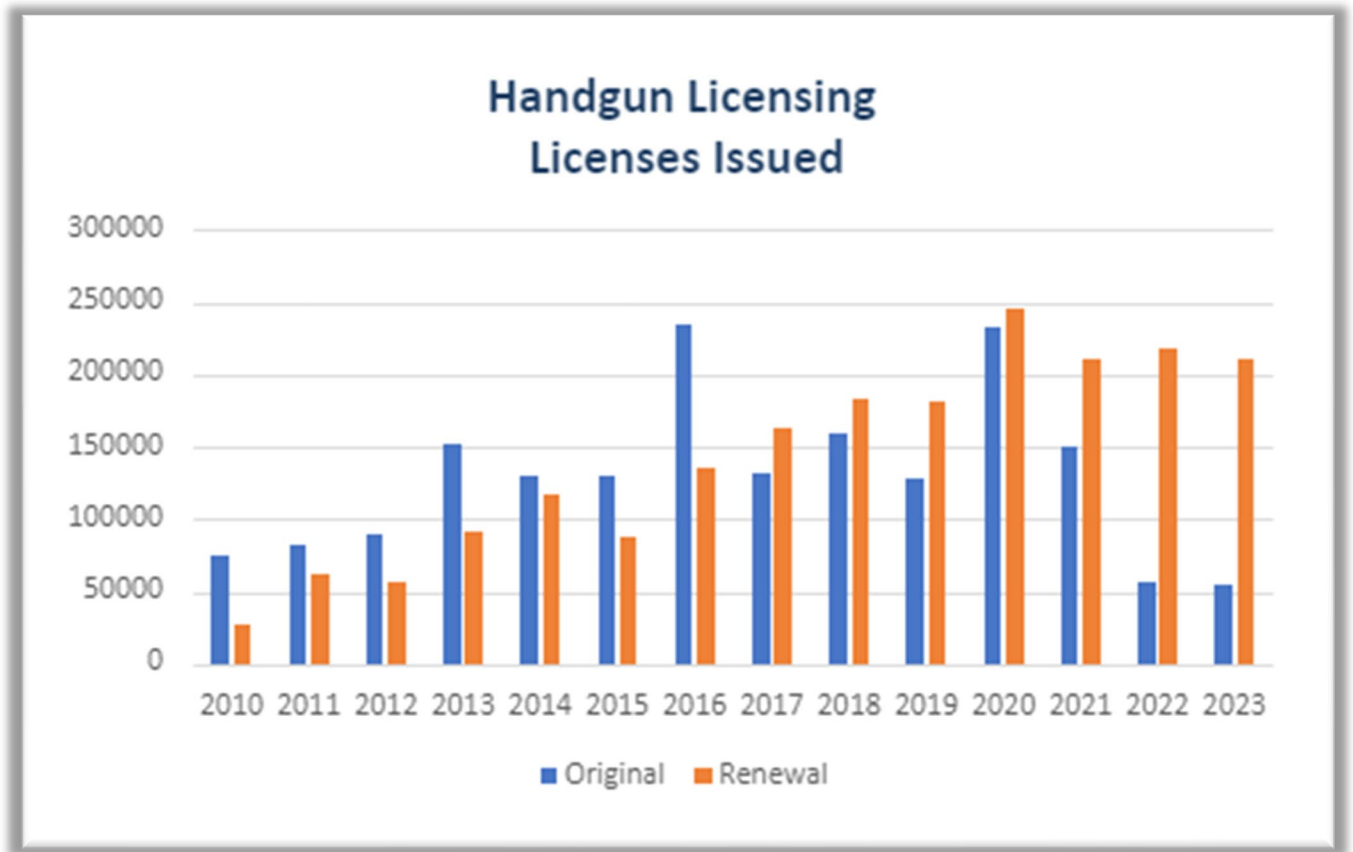
#### 3.1 Application Payments Received

The following graph outlines the total amount of paid Handgun License applications received by DPS for the calendar years 2010-2023. The chart shows the number of original, and renewal paid applications.

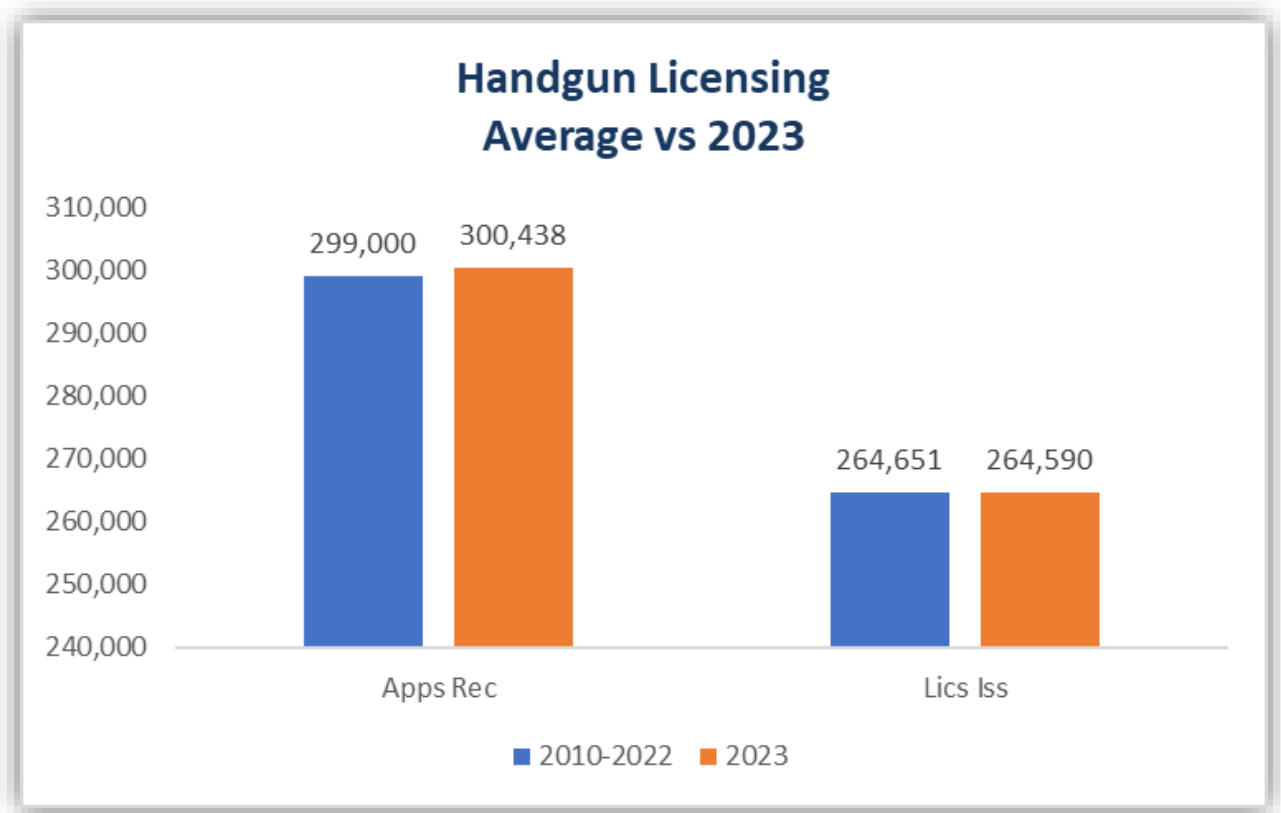


## 3.2 Licenses Issued

The following graph outlines the total amount of Handgun Licenses issued by DPS for the calendar years 2010-2023. The chart indicates the number of original and renewed licenses issued.



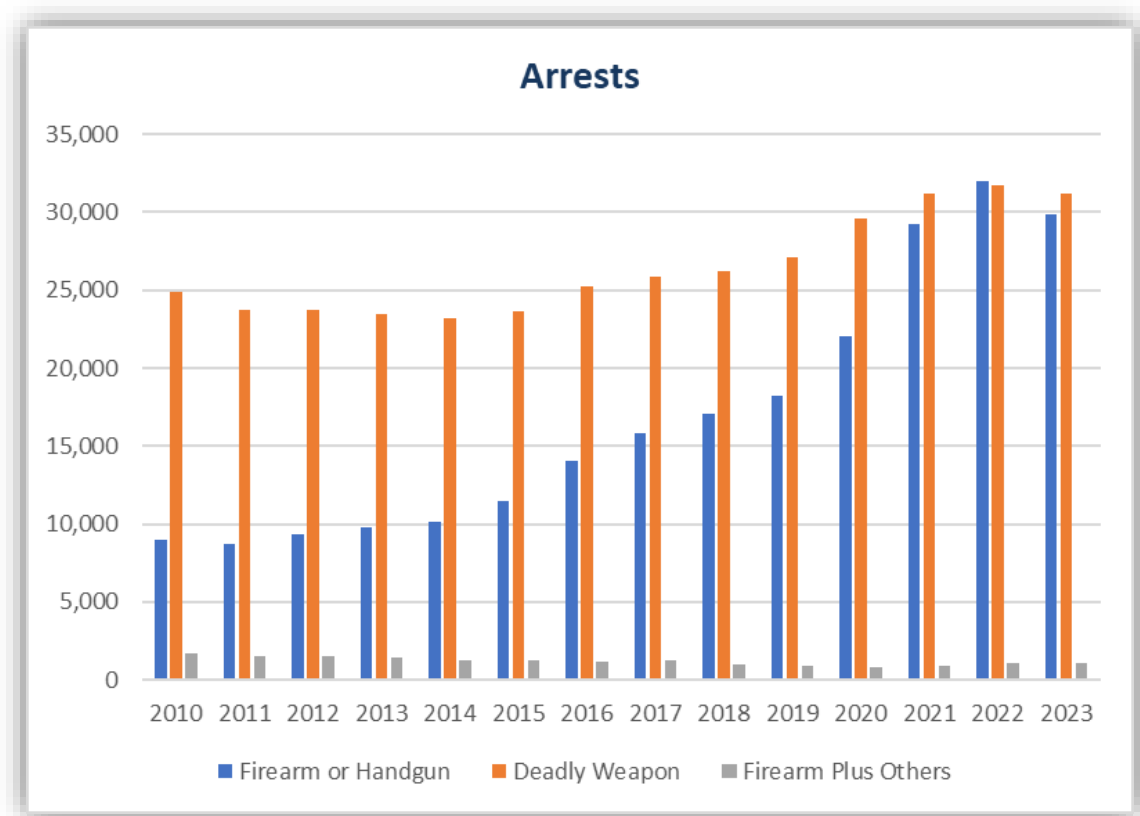
### 3.3 Applications Received and Issued Comparison



## 4 Crime Records

### 4.1 Arrests

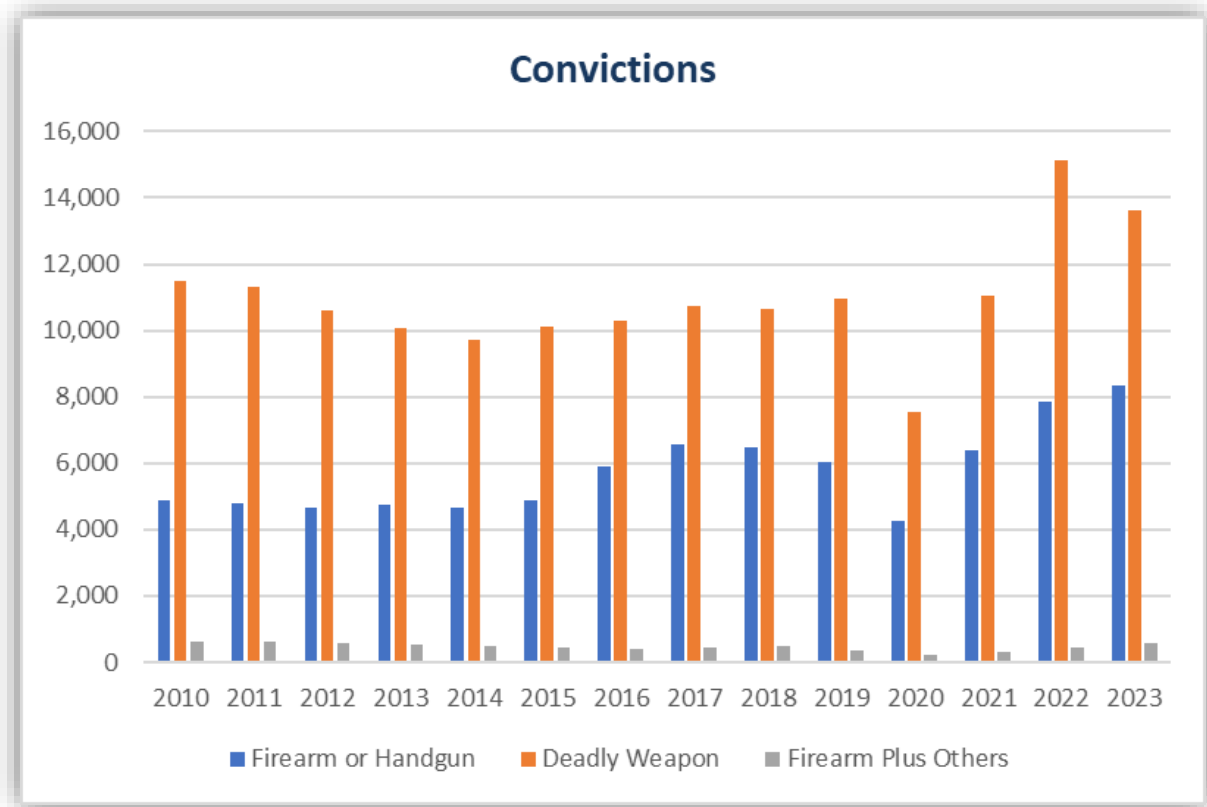
The following graph depicts arrest data involving three categories of offense codes: offenses involving a firearm/handgun, offenses involving a deadly weapon and offenses involving a firearm/handgun or other weapon. Each of these three categories contains multiple offense codes per category. The data provided below are aggregated amounts.





## 4.2 Convictions

The following graph depicts conviction data involving three categories of offense codes: offenses involving a firearm/handgun, offenses involving a deadly weapon and offenses involving a firearm/handgun or other weapon. Each of these three categories contains multiple offense codes per category. The data provided below are aggregated amounts. Note that conviction data indicates the year in which the conviction was finalized, which may not be the year in which the arrest originally occurred.



## 5 Offense Codes

List of offense codes used in this report sorted by firearm/handgun only, deadly weapon only, and firearm/handgun plus other weapons.

### 5.1 Offense Codes Referencing Firearm – Handgun Only

Offense Code	Statute	Citation	Literal
13140004	PC	22.02(b)(4)	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT MASS SHOOTING
13140001	PC	22.02(b)(3)(A)	AGG ASSAULT MV DISCH FIREARM AT HAB/BLDG/VEH
13140003	PC	22.02(b)(3)(C)	AGG ASSAULT MV DISCH FIREARM AT H/B/V SBI
16020016	EDC	37.125(c)	THREATEN EXHIBIT/USE FIREARM SCHOOL/BUS
23000049	PC	31.03(a)	THEFT FIREARM < \$400
23000050	PC	31.03(a)	THEFT FIREARM < \$400 BY CHECK
23000051	PC	31.03(a)	THEFT FIREARM < \$400 PB SERV
23000052	PC	31.03(a)	THEFT FIREARM < \$400 BY CHECK PB SERV
23000053	PC	31.03(a)	THEFT TWO OR MORE FIREARMS
23000054	PC	31.03(a)	THEFT TWO OR MORE FIREARMS BY CHECK
23000055	PC	31.03(a)	THEFT TWO OR MORE FIREARMS PB SERV
23000056	PC	31.03(a)	THEFT TWO OR MORE FIREARMS BY CHECK PB SERV
23000057	PC	31.03(a)	THEFT FIREARM > \$400
23000058	PC	31.03(a)	THEFT FIREARM > \$400 BY CHECK
23000059	PC	31.03(a)	THEFT FIREARM > \$400 PB SERV
23000060	PC	31.03(a)	THEFT FIREARM > \$400 BY CHECK PB SERV
23040004	PC	31.21(e)	UNAUTH POSS CATLYTC CNVRTR PREV/CONSP/GUN IAT
23990008	PC	31.03(e)(4)(C)	THEFT OF FIREARM
23990022	PC	31.03(e)(4)(C)	THEFT OF FIREARM PB SERV
23990037	PC	31.03(e)(4)(C)	THEFT OF FIREARM BY CHECK
23990048	PC	31.03(e)(4)(C)	THEFT OF FIREARM BY CHECK PB SERV

Offense Code	Statute	Citation	Literal
23990091	PC	31.03(e)(1-6)	THEFT FIREARM PUB SERV/ELDERLY
23990154	PC	31.03(f)	THEFT OF FIREARM ENH IAT
52000002	EDC	4.31(a)	EXHIBITION FIREARM ANY PORTION PUB/PRIV SCHOOL
52020001	PC	46.035(A,B,C,D,E)	UNL CARRY HANDGUN LIC HOLD
52020002	PC	46.035(B-1)(B-2)	UNL CARRY HANDGUN LIC HOLD ALCH PREM/CORR FAC
52020005	PC	46.035(g)	UNL CARRY HANDGUN LIC HOLDER
52020006	PC	46.035(g)	UNL CARRY HANDGUN LIC HOLDER ALCH PREM/COR FAC
52030003	PC	46.02(a)	UNLAWFUL CARRYING WEAPON
52030005	PC	46.02(c)	UNLAWFUL CARRYING WEAPON ON ALCOHOL PREMISES
52030006	PC	46.04	UNLAWFUL CARRYING WEAPON RESTRICTED PREMISES
52030014	PC	46.02(f)	UNL CARRYING WEAPON ON ALCOHOL PREMISES
52030015	EDC	37.125	EXHIBITING FIREARM ON CAMPUS OR SCHOOL BUS
52030019	OC	1702.169	FIREARM RESTRICTIONS FOR PI/SECURITY OFFICER
52030027	PC	46.02(b)	UNL CARRYING WEAPON
52030029	PC	46.03(g)	UNL CARRYING WEAPON PROHIBITED PLACES
52030035	PC	46.03(g-2)	UNL CARRY WEAPON CERTAIN PROHIBITED PLACES
52030036	PC	46.02(e)(1)	UNL CARRY WEAPON W/ FELONY CONV
52030037	PC	46.02(e)(2)	UNL CARRY WEAPON W/ MISD FV CONV
52120008	EDC	37.125(b)	THREAT EXHBT/USE FIREARM SCHOOL/BUS W/POSS/ACC
52130002	PWC	143.023(a)	DISCHARGE FIREARM IN/ON LAKE LAVON/COLLIN CO
52130004	PC	42.015(a)	RECKLESS DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM
52130005	PC	22.05(b)(1)	DEADLY CONDUCT DISCH FIREARM INDIV(S)
52130006	PC	22.05(b)(2)	DEADLY COND DISCH FIREARM HAB/BUILD/VEH
52130007	PC	42.12(b)	DISCHARGE FIREARM IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES
52140005	PC	46.06(d)	UNL TRANSFER:HANDGUN
52140008	PC	46.06(d)(1)	UNLAWFUL TRANSFER OF HANDGUN UNDER 18YOA

Offense Code	Statute	Citation	Literal
52170001	PC	46.14	FIREARM SMUGGLING
52170002	PC	46.14(b)	FIREARM SMUGGLING 3 OR MORE FIREARMS
52170004	PC	46.14(b)	FIREARM SMUGGLING
52170005	PC	46.11(a)	FIREARM SMUGGLING IAT WFZ 46.14
52170007	PC	46.11(a)	UNL TRANSF HANDGUN UNDER 18YOA IAT WFZ 46.06
52990002	PC	46.13(e)	MAKE FIREARM ACCESS TO CHILD DEATH/SBI
52990007	PC	30.06(d)	TRESSPASS/HOLDER OF CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE
52990009	EDC	37.125(b)	EXHIBIT FIREARMS ON CAMPUS OR SCHOOL BUS
52990010	PC	46.02(c)	UNL CARRYING WEAPON ON ALCOHOL PREMISES
52990012	PC	46.11(a)	UNL CARRYING WEAPON IAT WFZ 46.02
52990013	PC	46.11(a)	UNL CARRY WEAPON ALCH PREMISES IAT WFZ 46.02
52990015	PC	46.11(a)	UNL CARRY HANDGUN LIC HOLDER IAT WFZ 46.035
53110001	PC	42.01(a)(9)(a)(10)	DISORDERLY CONDUCT DISCH OR DISPLAY FIREARM
53110003	PC	42.01(a)(7)(8)	DISORDERLY CONDUCT DISCHARGE/DISPLAY FIREARM
53110006	PC	42.01(d)	DISORDERLY CONDUCT DISCHARGE/DISPLAY FIREARM
64110025	PC	20.05(b)(1)(D)	SMUGGLING OF PERSONS: FIREARM
71990034	PC	28.07(b)(1)	THROW OBJECT/DISCH FIREARM RR EQUIP
71990035	PC	28.07(b)(1)	THROW OBJECT/DISCH FIREARM RR EQUIP BI

## 5.2 Offense Codes That Reference Deadly Weapon

Offense Code	Statute	Citation	Literal
10000001	PC	20.04(b)	AGGRAVATED KIDNAPPING RELEASE VICTIM ALIVE
10000004	PC	20.04(b)	AGGRAVATED KIDNAPPING VICTIM NOT RELEASED
10990003	PC	20.04(c)	AGG KIDNAPPING REL VICTIM SAFE PLACE
10990004	PC	20.04(a)(1-6)	AGG KIDNAPPING
10990005	PC	20.04(b)	AGG KIDNAPPING W/DEADLY WEAPON
10990006	PC	20.04(d)	AGG KIDNAPPING REL VICTIM SAFE PLACE
10990007	PC	20.04(a)(1)	AGG KIDNAPPING FOR RANSOM/REWARD
10990008	PC	20.04(d)	AGG KIDNAPPING FOR RANSOM/REWARD SAFE RELEASE
10990009	PC	20.04(a)(2)	AGG KIDNAPPING USE AS SHIELD/HOSTAGE
10990010	PC	20.04(d)	AGG KIDNAPPING USE AS SHIELD/HOSTAGE SAFE REL
10990011	PC	20.04(a)(3)	AGG KIDNAPPING FACILITATE
10990012	PC	20.04(d)	AGG KIDNAPPING FACILITATE SAFE RELEASE
10990013	PC	20.04(a)(4)	AGG KIDNAPPING BI/SEXUAL ABUSE
10990014	PC	20.04(d)	AGG KIDNAPPING BI/SEXUAL ABUSE SAFE RELEASE
10990015	PC	20.04(a)(5)	AGG KIDNAPPING TERRORIZE
10990016	PC	20.04(d)	AGG KIDNAPPING TERRORIZE SAFE RELEASE
10990017	PC	20.04(a)(6)	AGG KIDNAPPING INTERFERE PERFORMANCE
10990018	PC	20.04(d)	AGG KIDNAPPING INTERFERE PERFORMANCE SAFE REL
10990021	PC	20.04(b)	AGG KIDNAPPING W/ DEADLY WEAPON
10990022	PC	20.04(d)	AGG KIDNAPPING W/ DEADLY WEAPON SAFE RELEASE
11000001	PC	22.021(a)(1)(B)	AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSLT CHILD
11000006	PC	22.021(a)(1)(A)	AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSLT ANOTHER PERSON
11990003	PC	22.021	AGG SEXUAL ASSLT
11990004	PC	22.021(a)(2)(B)	AGG SEXUAL ASSLT CHILD

Offense Code	Statute	Citation	Literal
11990005	PC	22.021(a)(2)(C)	AGG SEXUAL ASSAULT 65 YEARS OR OLDER
11990006	PC	22.021(a)(2)(C)	AGG SEXUAL ASSAULT OF ELDERLY/DISABLE PERSON
12000001	PC	29.03	AGGRAVATED ROBBERY
12990002	PC	29.03	AGG ROBBERY
13000001	PC	22.02(a)(3)	AGG ASSLT CAUSES BI COURT PROCEEDING PARTICIP
13000002	PC	22.02(a)(1)	AGG ASSLT CAUSES SBI
13000003	PC	22.02(a)(2)	AGG ASSLT THREATEN CITED BOARD MEMBR/EMPL/PO
13000004	PC	22.02(a)(4)	AGG ASSLT W/DEADLY WEAPON
13000005	PC	22.02(a)(2)	AGG ASSLT W/DEADLY WPN CITED BOARD MEM/EMPL/PO
13020001	PC	22.02(b)(1)(A)	AGG ASSAULT DATE/FAMILY/HOUSE W/WEAPON SBI
13140002	PC	22.02(b)(3)	AGG ASSLT MV DISCH FRARM RKLS HAB/BLDG/VEH SBI
13150001	PC	22.02(b)(1)	AGG ASSAULT BY/AGAINST PUBLIC SERVANT
13150002	PC	22.02(b)(2)	AGG ASSAULT AGAINST PB SERVANT
13150003	PC	22.02(b)(3)	AGG ASSLT AGAINST WITNESS/INFORMANT
13150005	PC	22.02(a)(2)	AGG ASSLT W/DEADLY WEAPON
13150006	PC	22.02(b)(4)	AGG ASSAULT ON SECURITY OFFICER
13150007	PC	22.02(b)(1)	AGG ASSAULT DATE/FAMILY/HOUSE W/WEAPON
13150008	PC	22.02(b)(2)(C)	AGG ASSAULT IN RETALIATION
13150009	PC	22.02(b)(2)(D)	AGG ASSAULT AGAINST SECURITY OFFICER
13150010	PC	22.02(b)(2)(A)	AGG ASSAULT BY PUB SERVANT
13150011	PC	22.02(b)(2)(B)	AGG ASSAULT AGAINST PUB SERVANT
13150012	PC	22.02(b)(2)(D)	AGG ASSAULT AGAINST PROCESS SERVER
13150013	PC	22.02(b)(2)(E)	AGG ASSAULT AGAINST SECURITY OFFICER
13150014	PC	22.02(b)(1)(B)	AGG ASSAULT W/WEAPON BRAIN INJURY/PARALYSIS
13990053	PC	22.02(3)(A,B)	ASSAULT BY/AGAINST PUB SERVANT W/WEAPON
13990056	PC	22.02(3)(b)(1)	ASSAULT CAUSES BI DATE/FAMILY/HOUSE W/WEAPON

<b>Offense Code</b>	<b>Statute</b>	<b>Citation</b>	<b>Literal</b>
13990058	PC	22.02(3)(C)	ASSAULT CAUSES BI RETALIATION W/WEAPON
13990062	PC	22.02(3)(D)	ASSAULT ON SECURITY OFFICER W/WEAPON
35990208	PC	38.11 (D)(2)	PROH SUB CORR FACIL-POSS DEADLY WEAPON
35990212	PC	38.11(a)(2)	PROH SUB CORR FACIL-PROV DEADLY WEAPON
48010007	PC	38.03(d)	RESIST ARREST SEARCH OR TRANSP DEADLY WEAPON
49010005	PC	38.10(b)	IMPLEMENTS FOR ESCAPE DEADLY WEAPON
49030006	PC	38.09(b)	IMPLEMENTS FOR ESCAPE DEADLY WEAPON
49030009	PC	38.09(b)	IMPLMNTS FOR ESC CORR FAC/CSTDY DEADLY WEAPON
52030013	PC	46.10	DEADLY WEAPON IN PENAL INSTITUTION
57070012	PC	30.05(a)	CRIMINAL TRESPASS W/DEADLY WEAPON
57070017	PC	30.05(d)	CRIMINAL TRESPASS W/DEADLY WEAPON
57070018	PC	30.05(d)(3)(B)	CRIMINAL TRESPASS W/DEADLY WEAPON
57070022	PC	30.05(d)(3)(C)	CRIMINAL TRESPASS W/DEADLY WEAPON
64110033	PC	20A.02(b)(4)(A)	TRAFFICKING PERSON EXHIBIT DEADLY WEAPON
73990731	PC	71.02(e)	ENGAGE ORG CRIM ACTVTY USE/EXHBT DEADLY WEAPON
73990732	PC	71.02(e)	ENGAGE ORG CRIM ACTVTY USE/EXHBT DEADLY WEAPON
73990733	PC	71.02(e)	ENGAGE ORG CRIM ACTVTY USE/EXHBT DEADLY WEAPON
73990734	PC	71.02(e)	ENGAGE ORG CRIM ACTVTY USE/EXHBT DEADLY WEAPON
73990735	PC	71.02(e)	ENGAGE ORG CRIM ACTVTY USE/EXHBT DEADLY WEAPON
73990736	PC	71.02(e)	ENGAGE ORG CRIM ACTVTY USE/EXHBT DEADLY WEAPON

### 5.3 Offense Codes That Reference Firearm/Handgun or Other Types of Weapons

Offense Code	Statute	Citation	Literal
29030018	PC	28.09(c)(2)	DAM/DEST/VAND/IMP CRIT INFRST GUN/DRN/CYBR/EXP
29990017	PC	28.03(b)(4)(B)	CRIM MISCH<\$1500 HAB DAMAGE FIREARM/EXPLOSIVE
29990066	PC	28.03(b)(5)(B)	CRIM MISCHIEF FIREARM/WEAPON DEATH LIVESTOCK
52000004	PC	38.17	TAKING WEAPON OR ATTEMPT FROM PEACE OFFICER
52030002	PC	46.06(a)(1-4,7-9)	PROHIBITED WEAPONS
52030008	PC	46.07	UNLAWFUL TRANSFER OF CERTAIN WEAPONS
52030009	PC	46.03	UNL CARRYING WEAPON PROHIBITED PLACES
52030010	PC	46.05(a)(1-4,7-9)	PROHIBITED WEAPONS
52030016	PC	46.11	PROH WEAPONS/WEAPONS FREE ZONE
52030018	PC	46.11	UNL CARRY WEAPON/WEAPONS FREE ZONE
52030021	PC	38.14	TAKE WEAPON FROM AN OFFICER
52030022	PC	38.14	ATTEMPT TO TAKE WEAPON FROM AN OFFICER
52030025	PC	46.05(e)	PROH WEAPON
52030031	PC	46.11(a)	PROH WEAPON IAT WFZ 46.05
52130001	PWC	131.011(d)	DISCHARGE FIREARM/EXPLOSIVE CAMERON CO LAND
52130003	PWC	237.022(d)	DISCHRG FIREARM/EXPLOS PROHIB KLEBERG CO LAND
52140004	PC	46.06	UNL TRANSF OF CERTAIN WEAPONS
52140006	PC	46.11	UNL TRANSF CERTAIN WEAPONS/WEAPON FREE ZONE
52140007	PC	46.11	UNL TRANSF CERTAIN WEAPON U/18 WEAPON FREE ZON
52170003	PC	46.06(d)	UNL TRANSF OF CERTAIN WEAPONS
52170008	PC	46.11(a)	UNL TRANSF OF CERTAIN WEAPONS IAT WFZ 46.06
52990001	PC	38.14(b)	TAKING/ATT WEAPON FROM PEACE OFFICER
52990004	PC	38.14	TAKING/ATT WEAPON FROM AN OFFICER



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<b>Offense Code</b>	<b>Statute</b>	<b>Citation</b>	<b>Literal</b>
52990014	PC	46.11(a)	UNL CARRY WEAPON PROHIBIT PLACES IAT WFZ 46.03
57070024	PC	30.05(d-3)	CRIM TRES W/ WEAPON-FAIL TO DEPART IAT

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## 6 Federal Resources and Reports

### 6.1 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

ATF issues firearms licenses and conducts firearms licensee qualification and compliance inspections. In addition to aiding the enforcement of Federal requirements for gun purchases, compliance inspections of existing licensees focus on assisting law enforcement to identify and apprehend criminals who illegally purchase firearms. Information on this site includes data compiled by ATF relating to firearms.

[Data & Statistics | Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives \(atf.gov\)](#)

### 6.2 Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS)

The National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) conducts background checks on people who want to own a firearm or explosive. Information on this site includes how NICS is utilized during a firearm purchase and reports on data collected by NICS.

[National Instant Criminal Background Check System \(NICS\) — FBI](#)