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## NICS September, 2021, Gun Sales Continue Trend to Second Highest Year

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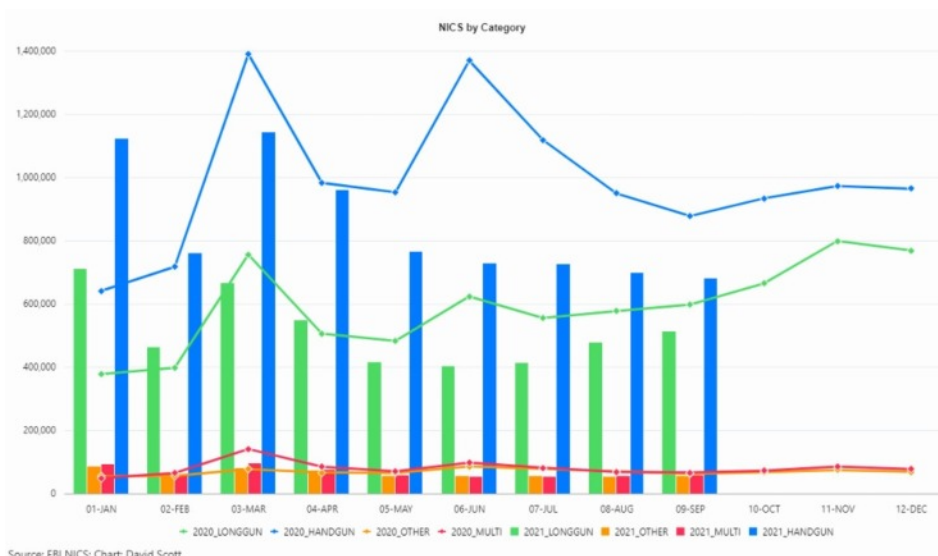
In the continuing trend for gun sales measured by the National Instant background Check System, (NICS), September 2020 was the second-highest in the history of NICS, coming in behind last years record number of about 1.61 million. September of 2021 had about 1.31 million gun sales recorded.

In 2019 the gun sales were less than a million, about 974 thousand guns were sold in September.

The number of gun sales traditionally picks up in September as hunting seasons are opening and approaching. This probably accounts for the converging numbers of handgun and long gun sales.

Handgun sales were about 681 thousand, long gun sales were 515 thousand. There were about 57 thousand "other" sales. "Other" can be anything from an unassembled receiver which could be made into either a handgun or a long gun, or a generic "firearm" such as the Mossberg Shockwave. There were about 24 thousand sales with multiple firearms on one form.

In the formulation to estimate total sales, this correspondent assumes 2.5 firearms per multiple sales.



Source: FBI NICS; Chart: David Scott

Uncertainty in the world, in the federal government, concerns about the ongoing COVID19 pandemic, and lack of trust in governmental institutions all are likely contributing to the ongoing demand for firearms in the United States of America.

The United States stands out, with the Second Amendment, as one of the very few countries where the right to keep and bear arms has not been denigrated and emasculated to a mere privilege, doled out to those who the local government trusts and is willing to allow to be armed.

Even 35 years ago, it was simple and relatively easy for Australians and Canadians to obtain rifles and shotguns, with almost no restrictions. The same could be said for Costa Rica and Switzerland. Politicians in England started distrusting their people after World War I, fearing a Bolshevik-style revolution. The contagion spread to the rest of the world.

With the first three quarters of 2021 in the bag, the trend is for 19 million gun sales to be recorded in the NICS system by the end of the year.

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That would mean about 481 million private firearms in the United States, up from about 308 million private firearms at the start of President Obama's first term in 2009.

The limitations on sales in the United States appear to be limitations imposed by industrial capacity to produce arms and ammunition, rather than by demand. Prices continue to be high, with few arms sold below retail.

Ammunition may be the most critical factor. It is much easier to start manufacturing firearms than to start a major ammunition manufacturing plant. Ammunition is not difficult to make a few rounds at a time in a home workshop; it is much harder to make safe in a mass manufacturing plant that can compete, even at today's inflated prices.

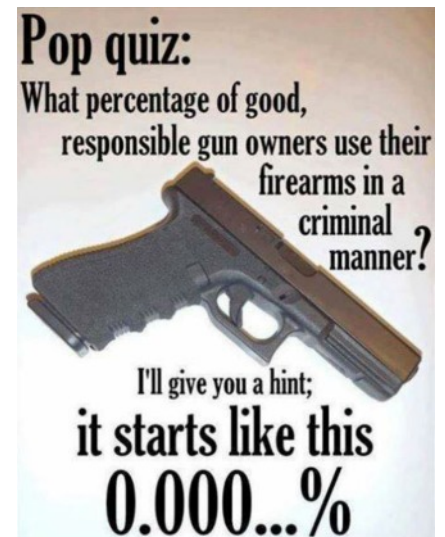
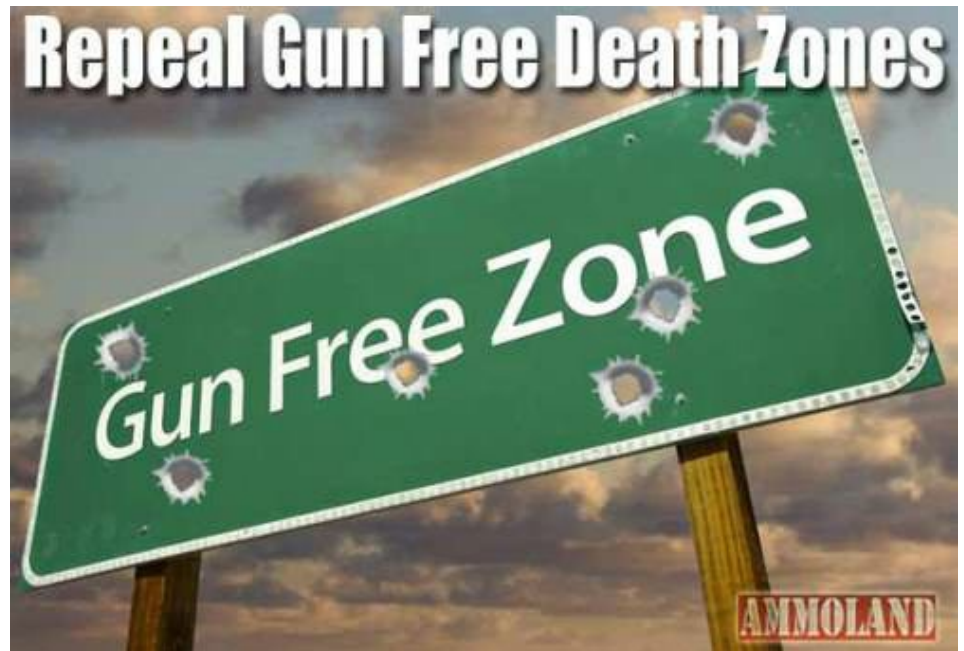
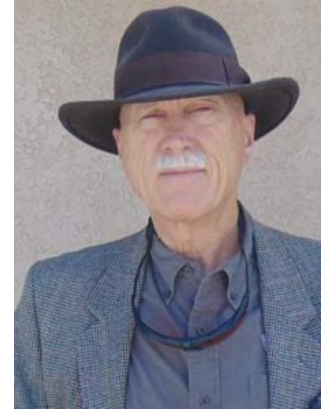
If a person cannot find ammunition available, they very likely will delay purchasing a firearm. As Rudyard Kipling wrote in *Kim*: "Of what use is a gun unfed?"

Record numbers of Americans fear a second Civil War. Record numbers consider a break-up of the United States a possibility.

With those scenarios in mind, the record number of guns being sold in the last two years is easily understandable.

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# Special Report

## Below the Radar: Potential Gun Legislation you Need to Know About

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### HR 5273 - Gun Safety Board and Research Act of 2021

(AmmoLand.com)- In a day and age when Silicon Valley is using “harmful misinformation” as an excuse to engage in censorship of pro-Second Amendment supporters, some legislation will become much more dangerous, even with the likelihood that the Supreme Court will issue some favorable [Second Amendment rulings](#) in the future. One of these bills is something discussed before in the pages of Ammoland.

[HR 5273](#), the Gun Safety Board and Research Act of 2021, is a reintroduction of the [Gun Safety Board and Research Act of 2019](#). The act was dangerous for Second Amendment supporters when it was introduced. Today, though, the danger has been magnified.

Representative Mark Desaulnier (D-CA) introduced this legislation to create a “Gun Safety Board” in the Department of Health and Human Services. In case you haven’t noticed, anti-Second Amendment extremists are now talking about the Second Amendment as a [“public health” issue](#).

These days, social media companies are particularly quick to censor those who purportedly “medical misinformation” or who “contradict expert consensus.” Enter Desaulnier’s “Gun Safety Board,” which will provide the “expert consensus” from your pick of “researchers” like



Arthur Kellerman, Daniel Webster, and Katherine Kaufer Christoffel.

The pretext for censorship is being set up right before us. Social media companies will censor posts that contain information “contradicting expert consensus” on public health issues. Who will provide that “expert consensus?” The CDC on one hand, Desaulnier’s “Gun Safety Board” on another... and they will put out every sort of study and report imaginable.

We can guess what they’d say. It’s like any of the “research” funded by the Joyce Foundation or Bloomberg: The answers were already determined – the Second Amendment and those who exercise it are the “virus” that causes the “disease” of gun violence. Any studies – like those conducted by Gary Kleck or John Lott which back up an ownership for, say, self-defense – will be subsequently dismissed as “misinformation” by the “expert consensus.”

It’s a corrupt set-up, and in one sense, Second Amendment supporters should take it as a sign of desperation by our enemies. But on the other hand, desperate anti-Second Amendment extremists can do a lot of things. Second Amendment supporters should contact their Representative and Senators and urge them to oppose HR 5273. They also need to work to defeat anti-Second Amendment extremists at the federal, state, and local levels via the ballot box as soon as possible.

### S 2125 and HR 4011 - Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act

Legislation doesn’t have to mention firearms to have the potential to deliver a substantial hit to our Second Amendment rights. In fact, one bill has no mention of firearms at all, but could lead to serious attacks on our rights as a consequence of the policy it would form.

The Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act, known as [S 2125](#)

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and [HR 4011](#) in the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, pose a hidden but near-existential threat to our right to keep and bear arms. The Senate version was sponsored by Senator Chris Murphy of Connecticut, an avowed enemy of our Second Amendment rights. The House version is being sponsored by Representative Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts.

You might be wondering how this bill that doesn't even mention firearms can be a threat to our Second Amendment rights. That's a very understandable question to ask. What this bill does is prohibit the use of federal grant funds for hiring police officers to station those officers at schools. In a sense, it is similar to the [Secure Communities, and Safe Schools Act](#) from the last Congress, which prohibited the use of federal grants to support teachers who took training to be armed.

You might be asking why this places our Second Amendment rights at risk. It's a good question. To get the answer to that question, one has to just look at the horrific shooting at Sandy Hook Element-

ary School in Newtown, Connecticut. Police took about ten minutes to arrive – a total of 600 seconds. You know what that body count was, and you also know just what that shooting did in terms of being a recruiting tool for Bloomberg and his anti-Second Amendment extremist agenda.

Compare that to the [West Freeway Church of Christ incident](#). Armed parishioners on the scene ended the threat in less than ten seconds. [Bumblng cowards of Broward County](#) aside, most cops on the scene of a potential mass shooting would tend to act very quickly. At Columbine, an armed police officer on the scene saved lives.

In this day and age, creating "gun free" zones is an unmitigated piece of weapons-grade idiocy in the most charitable interpretation. Delaying the introduction of appropriately-equipped people to address a would-be mass shooter will only increase the body count. Good for the recruiting efforts of anti-Second Amendment extremist groups, but not for anyone else.

Second Amendment supporters need to contact their Representative and Senators and politely urge them to oppose S 2125 and HR 4011, and instead urge them to support efforts that will really secure schools, including allowing teachers to carry firearms. In addition, anti-Second Amendment extremists need to be defeated at the ballot box at the federal, state, and local levels.

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WHEN THERE IS A BOMBING,  
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disarm myself  
and trust that you  
can keep guns from  
**criminals?**

# Recent Events Prove To Be At The Root Of Ammo Shortage

by Michael Thomas

The website [Ammo.com](https://ammo.com) recently released a study it performed over an 18-month period. It measured ammunition purchases during three events:

- The Covid Pandemic
- The BLM Riots of 2020
- The Biden Presidency

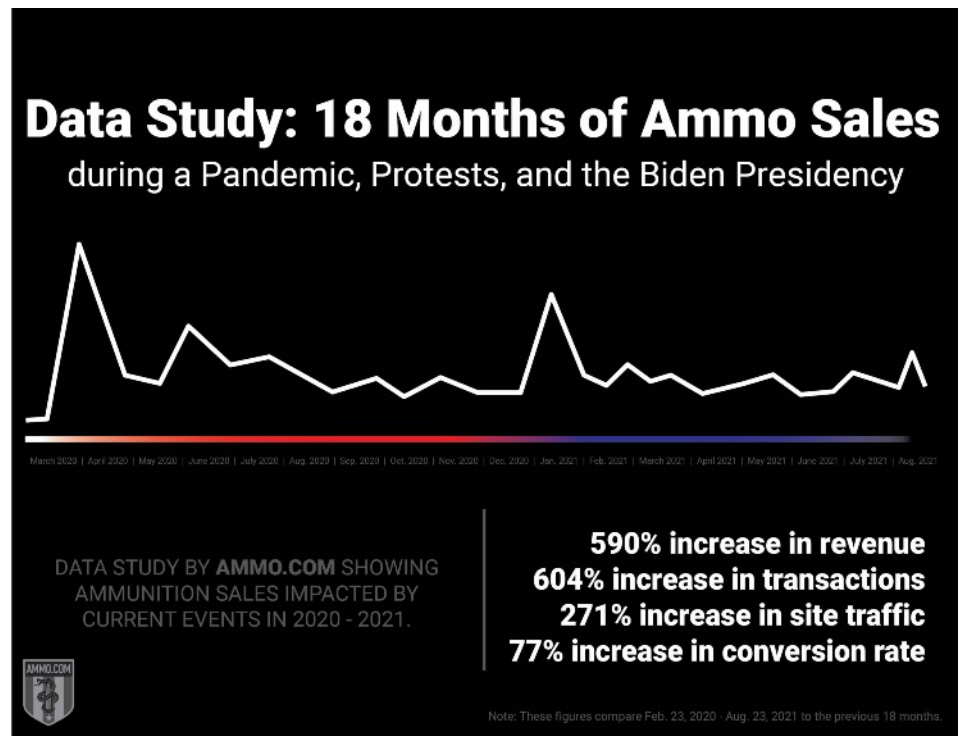
Each event was responsible for a large increase in sales, accompanied by an equal rise in the purchase of handguns and rifles.

Data from February 23, 2020 – August 23, 2021, compared to the previous 18 months (August 24, 2018 – February 22, 2020) indicated:

- 590% increase in revenue
- 604% increase in transactions
- 271% increase in site traffic
- 77% increase in conversion rate

Colorado ended up ranking in two of the three events: 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation during the pandemic and 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation as a result of the “defund the police” and BLM rallies that destroyed parts of several U.S. cities, including Denver.

In the pandemic, Colorado sales increased 659% overall, based on a 1,471% increase in 9mm sales, 834% in 5.56 sales, and 7346% in .380 ACP sales. That last one is a bit hard to imagine, and appeared only in Colorado in all top-ten results in the three events.



During the riots and protests, Colorado came in at the 10<sup>th</sup> position, seeing a 195% sales increase in ammunition purchases. The leader, again, was 9mm, with an increase of 199%. .223 showed up with a 428% increase, followed by 5.56 with 143%.

Not measured by Ammo.com in the study, but destined to have a long-term impact on shooters is the recent ban on imports of ammunition from Soviet bloc countries, especial-

ly Russia. While American manufacturers were closed down, or at least working at reduced levels, the Soviets were still producing ammunition at near-normal levels.

All current inventories will supposedly be sold, and outstanding contracts for ammo will supposedly still be allowed to be completed, but then the shortage will appear again if American manufacturing cannot catch up quickly.

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# Current List of Anti-Gun Businesses You Might Want To Avoid Giving Your Money

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by Lee Williams

Do you watch movies at AMC Theaters? Was the film produced by Bad Robot?

Do you eat at Chipotle, Shake Shack, Panera, Burger King, or Subway, or have a meal delivered by Door Dash?

Do you wear clothes from Levi Strauss, the Gap, or Gucci?

Do you watch CNN, MTV, NBC, HBO, MSNBC, or Showtime?

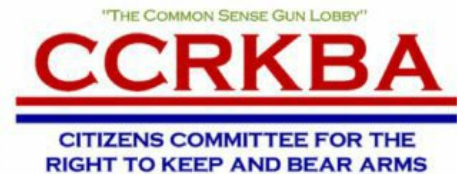
Do you browse Tinder, Yelp, eBay, or Pinterest on a Microsoft computer with Comcast internet?

Do you shop at Costco?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you have financially supported companies that want to strip us of our God-given constitutional rights.

The [Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms](#) maintains a list of anti-gun businesses, which is also known as the “Don’t feed them” list. To be added to the list, a company and/or their decision-makers have either instituted an anti-gun corporate policy or lobbied lawmakers to draft or support anti-gun legislation. In other words, they had to take action – anti-gun action – against the Second Amendment. None of the firms made the list by accident.

“We’re not calling for a boycott of these companies,” CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb said last year when four more firms were added to the list. “But we are providing this information to American gun owners so they can make informed deci-



sions about where to spend their hard-earned money without unknowingly supporting efforts to erode an important constitutional right.”

One of the beauties of the American Free-Market system is that it allows business leaders to run their company in any manner they choose, and the marketplace will then decide whether their decisions were prudent or ill-conceived.

Like Mr. Gottlieb, I don’t support boycotts as they’re a favored tactic of the gun prohibitionists. Nowadays, they seem ready to scream “BOYCOTT!” for even the most minor of reasons or for no reason at all. Still, I work hard for my money, so I would rather patronize a business that supports my constitutional rights – all of my constitutional rights. Therefore, I use the list to screen out those firms that don’t support me. That’s not a boycott. It’s being an informed consumer.

## [CCRKBA’s list of anti-gun businesses.](#)

Some of the businesses won’t be missed. I’ve never needed a \$1,350 Gucci man-purse, especially after they donated \$500,000 to March for Our Lives. I don’t watch CNN or MSLSD, browse Tinder, eat at Burger King or subscribe to HBO, especially since the Sopranos ended.

Costco, on the other hand, will be difficult. I hope someone talks some sense into their CEO, Craig Jelinek. This gun owner already misses his great deals.

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# Harvard Researcher: About Half of New Gun Owners are Women

In a blow to the tired stereotypes perpetuated by gun control supporters, a recent academic survey found broad diversity among recent first time gun buyers. The findings bolstered what many observers had anecdotally discovered, the last year-and-a-half's pandemic and civil unrest-fueled record-breaking gun sales.

Provided with the preliminary survey results, the Wall Street Journal reported, the *2021 National Firearms Survey*, designed by Deborah Azrael of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Matthew Miller of Northeastern University, show an estimated 3.5 million women became new gun owners from January 2019 through April of this year. About 4 million men became new gun owners over that period, they found.

Therefore, the study suggests that 46.6% of new gun owners since January 2019 were women.

The news is of particular interest to those who understand the Second Amendment isn't about duck hunting. Pew Research Center data suggests that women are more likely than men to cite self-defense



as their reason for purchasing a firearm. In 2017, Pew reported,

Male and female gun owners are equally likely to cite protection as a reason why they own guns: About nine-in-ten in each group say this is a reason, and 65% and 71%, respectively, say it is a major reason. But far larger shares of women than men who own guns say protection is the only reason they own a gun: About a quarter of women who own guns (27%) are in this category, compared with just 8% of men.

The 2021 survey also found that new gun owners were more diverse than the general population. The Wall Street Journal noted, "Among new gun buyers, 55% were white, 21% were Black and 19% were Hispanic. Among new women gun owners, 28% were Black." For context, Census data places the U.S. demographic breakdown at 13.4% Black and 18.5% Hispanic.

The survey findings won't come as a surprise to those who have been paying attention. Starting in the earliest days of the pandemic, there were media reports throughout the country noting a diverse deluge of first-time gun buyers showing up at gun dealers. Moreover, surveys of these dealers showed a similar situation unfolding. In February, NSSF noted, "sales among women accounted for 40 percent of all sales, and purchases by African Americans increased by 56 percent compared to 2019."

Azrael and Miller's findings are even more notable given the anti-gun movement's recent attempts to leverage the current identity politics mood in pursuit of their civilian disarmament agenda. The recent survey data is strong evidence that the public is ignoring these political opportunists, understanding that the Second Amendment right is for all Americans.



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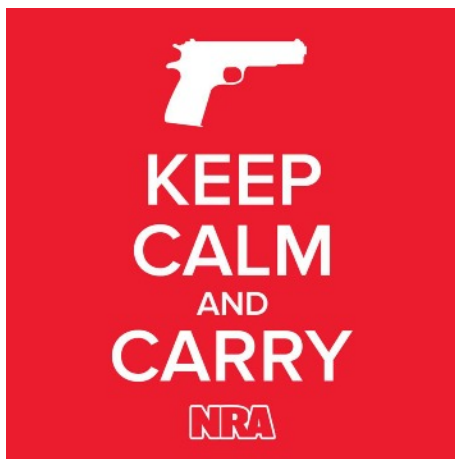
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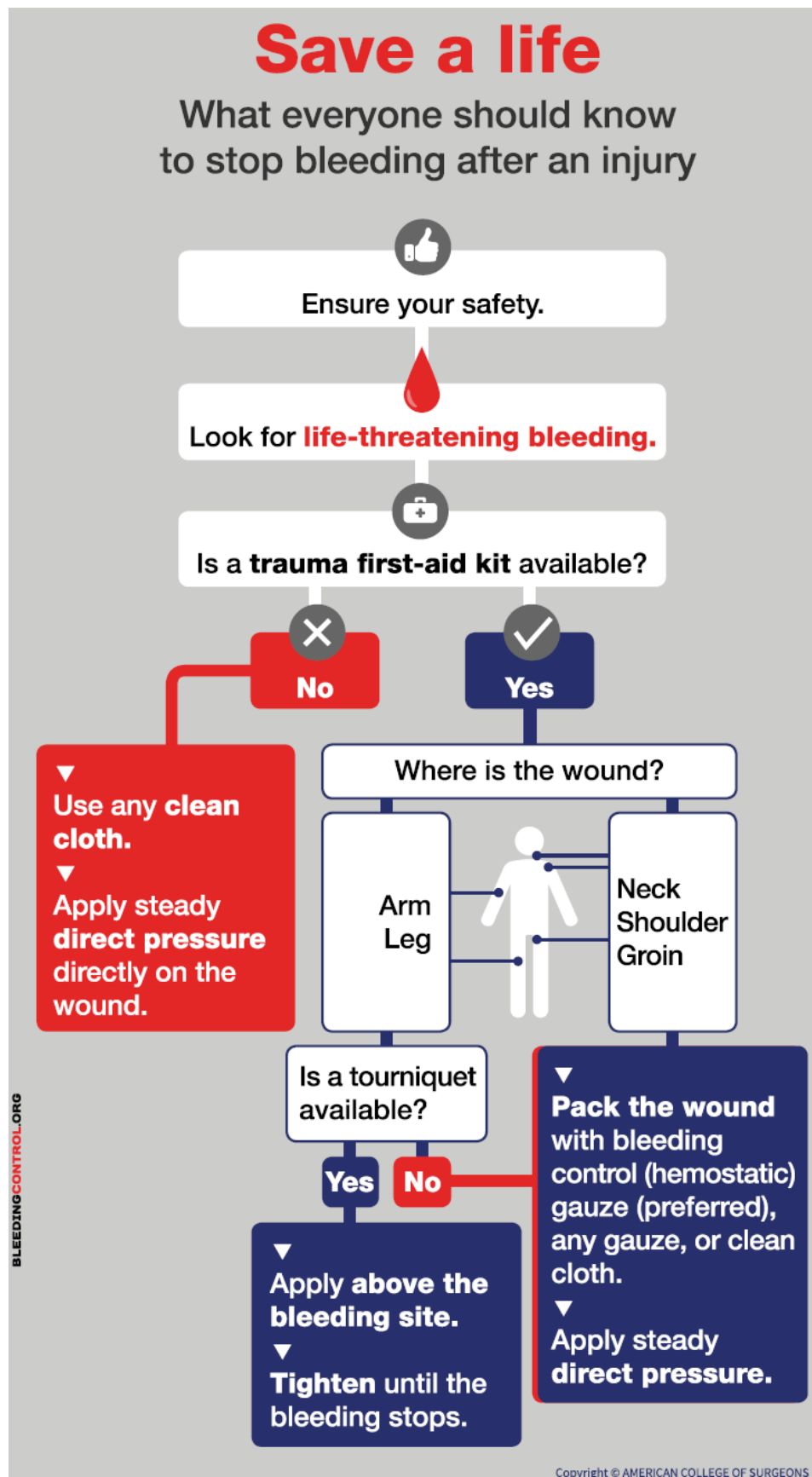
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# Survey Validates Estimates of Private Guns and Defensive Uses

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On July 13, 2021, William English, PhD, made a summary of the latest National Firearms Survey (NFS) available to the public online. The survey uses the advanced techniques created with digital technology and the Internet to quantify numbers about firearms ownership, carry, and defensive use.

Surveys for information on defensive gun uses (DGU) have been absent for most of a quarter-century. This is because of the difficulty and expense of conducting such surveys by telephone.

Surveys about gun ownership have reached significantly different conclusions.

Surveys about defensive uses of firearms have fallen into two camps. Most surveys have found large numbers of defensive uses of firearms, from about 500,000 per year to three million per year. From the [CDC study](#) commissioned by the Obama administration:

*Defensive use of guns by crime victims is a common occurrence, although the exact number remains disputed (Cook and Ludwig, 1996; Kleck, 2001a). Almost all national survey estimates indicate that defensive gun uses by victims are at least as common as offensive uses by criminals, with estimates of annual uses ranging from about 500,000 to more than 3 million (Kleck, 2001a), in the context of about 300,000 violent crimes involving firearms in 2008 (BJS, 2010). On the other hand, some scholars point to a radically lower estimate of only 108,000 annual defensive uses based on the National Crime Victimization Survey (Cook et al., 1997). The variation in these numbers remains a controversy in the field. The estimate of 3 million defensive uses per year is*



*based on an extrapolation from a small number of responses taken from more than 19 national surveys. The former estimate of 108,000 is difficult to interpret because respondents were not asked specifically about defensive gun use.*

Significantly, the [CDC conducted surveys](#) in 1996, 1997, and 1998, which found numbers which agreed with the majority of the surveys. The CDC chose not to publish those numbers.

The National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) is what those who oppose an armed population routinely refer to. It is the outlier. It is a very large survey, but it is not designed to determine the number of defensive gun uses.

Gary Kleck published a paper in 2018, on the [sources of errors in surveys](#) of defensive gun uses. It appears the information was used to formulate the recent large survey, leveraging the latest technology to minimize errors.

The new survey has an order of magnitude greater respondents.

The previous surveys about defensive gun use started with less than 5,000 people. The 2021 National Firearms Survey starts with 54,000 people. Gun owners are determined from this initial number. 16,708 gun owners, self-identified from a carefully neutral question, participated in the more detailed survey. 15,450 completed all the questions. Over three times the number of gun owners complete the 2021 survey than the number of all respondents per survey in the previous multiple surveys outside the NCVS.

The NCVS interviews about 100,000 people, mostly by telephone. The focus is not on gun ownership or defensive uses of guns.

The NFS of 2021 is the most careful, complete survey about gun ownership and defensive gun uses to date. There were enough respondents to gain statistical data by state and demographic groups.

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Some key results of the National Firearms Survey, 2021:

- About one-third of US adults own guns, 81.4 million people. The result is in close agreement with many polls.
- 57.8% of gun owners are male. 42.2% are female.
- The average gun owner owns five firearms.
- Nearly 21 million gun owners carry defensive firearms in public with some frequency.
- Over 25 million gun owners have used a gun in self-defense.
- Defensive gun uses number between 1.67 million a year (reported in the survey by gun owners and extrapolated) to 2.8 million a year, based on research indicating about 40% of defensive gun uses are by people who do not personally own a gun.

This is a preliminary paper. The survey will be extensively analyzed in book form later. Several things stand out.

The number of firearms found in the survey agrees reasonably well with current estimates of private firearms in the United States. Five firearms times 81.4 million is 407 million firearms. The National Firearms Survey was done from February 17 to March 23, 2021.

The Small Arms Survey estimated 393 million private firearms in the US as of 2017. Over 47 million private firearms have been added to the US stock from 2018 through the end of 2020. Adding those to the Small Arms Survey would predict 440 million privately owned firearms in the U.S.A. at the end of February 2021.

This Correspondent's estimates, published on AmmoLand, calculate 468 million firearms at the end of February 2021, using the methods pioneered by Newton and Zimring, and extended by Gary Kleck in "Point Blank: Guns and Violence in America". The 2020 and 2021 numbers are estimated from the National Instant background Check System (NICS).

The numbers are in contrast to a survey finished in 2015. The survey, done in collaboration at Harvard and Northeastern Universities, estimated the number of private guns in the US at 265 million, with only 45 million gun owners. The study agreed the average gun owner owned 5 guns. About 80.4 million private firearms have been added to the private stock from the end of 2015 to the end of February 2021. Millions of new gun owners have been added as well. The updated estimate would be 345 million private firearms, making this estimate the lowest one.

The National Firearms Survey of 2021 estimated about 21 million gun owners carry guns in public with some frequency. This is in reason-

ably close agreement to the 19.48 million carry permits in the United States at the middle of 2020. As of September 2021, 21 states do not require a permit to carry a firearm concealed in most public places.

The estimates of defensive gun uses (DGU) each year of between 1.67 and 2.8 million in the NFS of 2021 are in reasonable agreement with most of the earlier, smaller, and less comprehensive surveys. The National Crime Victimization Survey remains an outlier. Professor Kleck expands on possible reasons for this in his paper published in 2018.

It is not difficult to see why increased restrictions on gun acquisition, ownership, and use are resolutely opposed in the United States. 25 million gun owners who have personal experience of using a gun for self-defense create a strong political force to contest such actions. Most of the over 81 million gun owners in the United States likely have interaction with someone else in the gun culture who has personally used a firearm for self-defense.

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# Online Resources for Shooters

## Guns & Accessories

1800 Guns and Ammo - <https://gritrsports.com/1800gunsandammo/>  
Aero Precision - <https://www.aeroprecisionusa.com/>  
Bass Pro Shop - <https://www.basspro.com/shop/en>  
Big 5 Sporting Goods - <http://big5sportinggoods.com/store/>  
Black Hills Shooters Supply - <http://www.bhshooters.com>  
Bravo Company USA - <https://bravocompanyusa.com>  
Brownells - <http://www.brownells.com>  
Bud's Gun Shop - <https://www.budsgunshop.com/index.php>  
Buffalo Arms Co. - <http://www.buffaloarms.com>  
Cabela's - <https://www.cabelas.com>  
Catco Arms Sales - <https://catcoarms.com>  
Cave Armor Gun Safes - <http://cavearmor.com/>  
CDNN Sports - <https://www.cdnnsports.com/>  
Cheaper Than Dirt - <https://www.cheaperthandirt.com/>  
Daniel Defense - <https://danieldefense.com/>  
Dixie Gun Works - <http://www.dixiegunworks.com>  
Fix-It-Sticks Tools - <https://store.fixitsticks.com/>  
Grab-A-Gun Gun Sales - <http://grabagun.com>  
Graf & Sons, Inc. - <http://www.grafs.com>  
Gun Broker - <https://www.gunbroker.com/>  
Gun Mag Warehouse - <https://gunmagwarehouse.com>  
Gun Pros - <https://gunpros.com/>  
Guns.com (gun sales + newsletter) - <http://guns.com>  
Hardshell FZE - <https://www.hardshell.ae/>  
Knight's Armament - <https://www.knightarmco.com/>  
Larue Tactical - <https://www.larue.com/>  
Lewis Machine and Tool (LMT) - <https://lmtdefense.com/>  
LWRC International - <https://www.lwrci.com/>  
MidwayUSA - <http://midwayusa.com>  
Natchez Shooting Supplies - <http://natchezss.com>  
Northwoods Shooting Sports - <http://www.northwoodshootingsports.com/>  
Noveske - <https://noveske.com/>  
Ohio Ordnance Works - <http://www.ohioordnanceworks.com>  
Palmetto State Armory - <http://www.palmettostatearmory.com>  
Primary Arms - <https://www.primaryarms.com/>  
Prolix - <http://www.prolixlubricant.com>  
Sinclair International, Inc. - <http://www.sinclairintl.com>  
Smith & Alexander - <http://www.smithandalexander.com>  
Sportsman's Guide - <https://www.sportsmansguide.com/>  
Sportsman's Warehouse - <https://www.sportsmans.com/>  
**Strikeman Laser Training System** - [https://www.strikeman.io/products/shop?\\_s=yplx1461x6go2c\\_mq6z4rk&utm\\_lkey=ubq4r&utm\\_source=shortlink](https://www.strikeman.io/products/shop?_s=yplx1461x6go2c_mq6z4rk&utm_lkey=ubq4r&utm_source=shortlink)  
The Shooter's Box - <http://www.theshootersbox.com/>  
Target Barn - <https://www.targetbarn.com/>  
The Gear Hunt - <https://thegearhunt.com>  
Yankee Hill Machine - <https://yhm.net/>

## Gun Parts

Bravo Company USA - <http://www.bravocompanyusa.com>  
BuyMilSurp - <http://www.buymilsurp.com>  
Huber Concepts - <http://www.huberconcepts.com>  
Mag-Na-Port Intl. - <http://www.magnaport.com>

Military Gun Supply - <http://www.militarygunsupply.com>  
Pacific Canvas & Leather - <http://pacificcanvasandleather.com>  
RTG Parts - <http://www.robertrtg.com>  
Sarco, Inc. - <http://www.sarcoinc.com>  
Springfield Sporters, Inc. - <http://www.ssporters.com>  
TG International - <http://www.tnguns.com>  
VTI Replica Gun Parts - <http://www.vtigurenparts.com>  
Wilson Combat - <https://www.wilsoncombat.com/>

## Grips & Gun Stocks

Alumagrips - <http://www.alumagrips.com>  
Altamont Co. - <http://www.altamontco.com>  
Boyd's Gunstock Industries - <http://www.boydsgunstocks.com>  
Donson Products - <http://www.dsplaser.com>  
Eagle Grips - <http://www.eaglegrips.com>  
GunMag Warehouse - <https://gunmagwarehouse.com/>  
Gunstock Blanks - <http://www.gunstockblanks.com>  
Herrett's Stocks - <http://www.herrett-stocks.com>  
Hogue - <http://www.getgrip.com>  
Jack First Gun Shop - <http://www.jackfirstgun.com>  
Nill-Grips - <http://www.nill-grips.com>  
Numrich Gun Parts - <http://www.gunpartscorp.com>  
Pachmayr - <http://www.pachmayr.com>  
Pearce Grip - <http://www.pearcegrip.com>  
Tiger-Hunt - <http://www.gunstockwood.com>  
Wicked Grips - <http://www.wickedgrips.com>

## Manufacturers

Anderson Manufacturing - <https://andersonmanufacturing.com/>  
Beretta USA - <http://www.beretta.com/en-us/>  
Bersa - Eagle Imports - <https://bersa.eagleimportsinc.com/>  
Browning North America - <https://www.browning.com/>  
Bushmaster Firearms - <https://www.bushmaster.com/>  
Colt Manufacturing - <https://colt.com/>  
Christianson Arms - <https://christensenarms.com>  
CVA - <https://cva.com/>  
CZ-USA - <https://cz-usa.com/>  
FN Herstal (FNH) - <https://www.fnherstal.com/en>  
Glock USA - <https://us.glock.com/en>  
H&K - Heckler & Koch USA - <https://hk-usa.com/>  
Henry Repeating Arms - <https://www.henryusa.com/>  
Kahr Arms - <https://www.kahr.com/>  
Kimber America - <https://www.kimberamerica.com/>  
Marlin Firearms - <https://www.marlinfirearms.com/>  
Mossberg - <https://www.mossberg.com/>  
Remington Arms - <https://www.remington.com/>  
Rock River Arms - <https://www.rockriverarms.com/>  
Ruger Firearms - <https://ruger.com/>  
Savage Arms - <https://savagearms.com/>  
Sig Sauer - <https://www.sigsauer.com>  
Smith & Wesson - <https://www.smith-wesson.com/>  
Springfield Armory - <https://www.springfield-armory.com/>  
Taurus USA - <https://www.taurususa.com>  
Thompson/Center - <https://www.tcarms.com/firearms>  
Walther - <https://waltherarms.com/>

# Online Resources for Shooters - 2

## Newsletters and Publications

A&J Arms Booksellers - <http://ajarmsbooksellers.com>  
AR-15 Newsletter - <http://ar15.com>  
Art of the Rifle - <https://artoftherifle.com/>  
Accurate Shooter – <http://accurateshooter.com>  
Ammoland News Aggregator – <http://www.ammoland.com>  
Avalon Forge - <http://www.avalonforge.com>  
Bev Fitchett - <https://www.bevfitchett.us>  
Blue Book Publications - <http://www.bluebookinc.com>  
Chuck Hawks - <http://www.chuckhawks.com>  
Everyday Marksman – <http://everydaymarksman.co>  
FMG Publications - <http://www.fmgpublications.com>  
F+W Publications - <http://gundigeststore.com>  
Gun Digest – <http://gundigest.com>  
Gun News Daily – <https://gunnewsdaily.com/>  
Guns America – <http://gunsamerica.com>  
Gun Pros - <https://gunpros.com>  
Hunting Wire - <http://www.huntingwire.com>  
IDSA Books - <http://idsabooks.com>  
K-Var – <http://k-var.com>  
Mowbray Publishing - <http://www.manalarmsbooks.com>  
My Gun Culture – <http://mygunculture.com>  
North Cape Publications - <http://www.northcapepubs.com>  
Pew Tactical – <http://pewpewtactical.com>  
Recoil Magazine (from Gun Digest) - <http://www.recoilweb.com>  
Recoil OffGrid Magazine - <https://www.offgridweb.com>  
Rifle Craft - <https://www.rifle-craft.com>  
Schiffer Publishing - <http://www.schifferbooks.com>  
Skyhorse Publishing - <http://www.skyhorsepublishing.com>  
Tactical Hyve - <https://tacticalhyve.com/>  
the loaded mag - <http://theloadedmag.com>

## Organizations/Clubs

Ben Lomond Gun Club, Elbert County, Colorado – <https://www.blgc.org/>  
Buffalo Creek Gun Club, Bailey, Colorado – <https://www.bcgc.com/>  
Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) – <http://cmp.org>  
Colorado Gun Collectors Association (CGCA) – <http://www.cgca.com/>  
Colorado Firearms Safety Coalition - <http://coloradofirearmsafetycoalition.org>  
Colorado State Shooting Association (CSSA) – <http://www.cssa.org>  
Concealed Nation – <http://concealednation.org>  
Firearms Coalition - <https://firearmscoalition.org/>  
Gun Owners of America (GOA) – <http://www.gunowners.org>  
National Association for Gun Rights (NAGR) – <https://nationalgunrights.org/>  
National Rifle Association (NRA) – <http://nramedia.org>  
National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) – <http://nssf.org>  
Rocky Mountain Gun Owners (RMGO) – <https://rmgo.org/>  
Texas State Rifle Association (TSRA) – <https://tsra.com/>  
United States Concealed Carry Assn. (USCCA) – <http://uscca.org>  
USA Shooting Team – <https://www.usashooting.org/>

## Politics/Gun Control

Colorado General Assembly – <http://leg.colorado.gov>  
Contact Your Elected Officials - <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials/>

## Gun Control and Second Amendment Issues

Arbalest Quarrel - <http://www.arbalestquarrel.com>  
Crime Prevention Research Center - Dr. John Lott, Ph.D. - <http://www.crimeresearch.org>  
Handgun Law USA – <http://www.handgunlaw.us/>  
NRA Institute for Legal Action (NRA-ILA) – <https://www.nraila.org/>  
Second Amendment Foundation - <http://www.saf.org>  
2nd Amendment Learning Guide – <https://www.daytonohlawyer.com/blog/2018/10/2nd-amendment-learning-guide/>

## Prepping/Survival Skills

Archery Guide - <http://www.completeguidetoarchery.com>  
Survival Still – <http://survivalstill.com>

## Shows/Exhibitions

Colorado Gun Collectors Assn. – <http://www.cgca.com>  
Tanner Gun Show – <http://tannergunshow.com>

## Social Media/Podcasts

Down Range Radio – <http://www.downrange.tv/blog/category/down-range-radio/>  
Guns and Ham/Amateur Radio – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1101562313308836/>  
Gun Talk Media – <https://guntalk.com/>  
The Gun Nation Podcast – <http://www.gunnation.us/>

## Airguns

Airsoft Station Guide for Scouts BSA shooting programs – <https://www.airsoftstation.com/content/resources/boy-scout-airsoft-rifle-safety-information.html>  
<https://airgunstation.com/resources/all-about-air-guns/>  
American Airguns – <http://www.airguns.net/index.php>  
Get Airsoft Gun Blog - <https://getairsoftgun.com/>

## Ammunition

Ammo.com – <https://ammo.com/>  
Ammo For Sale – <http://https://www.ammo4sale.com/>  
Ammo To Go – <https://www.ammunitiontogo.com/>  
Ammunition Depot - <https://www.ammunitiondepot.com/>  
Ammunition Store - <https://ammunitionstore.com/>  
ASYM Precision Ammunition - <http://asymammo.com>  
Barnes Bullets - <http://barnesbullets.com>  
Black Hills Ammunition - <http://www.black-hills.com>  
CCI - <http://www.cci-ammunition.com>  
Corbon Dakota Ammo, Inc. - <http://www.corbon.com>

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Creedmoor Sports - <https://www.creedmoorsports.com/category/Ammunition>  
Doubletap Ammunition - <http://doubletapammo.com>  
Federal Cartridge Co. - <http://federalpremium.com>  
Fiocchi Ammunition - <http://fiocchiusa.com>  
Gorilla Ammunition - <https://gorillaammo.com>  
Hornady - <http://www.hornady.com>  
Lucky Gunner - <https://www.luckygunner.com/>  
Missouri Bullets - <http://missouribullet.com>  
Montana Bullet Works - <http://montanabulletnetworks.com>  
PMC Ammunition - <http://pmcammo.com>  
PRVI Partizan - <https://www.prvipartizan.com>  
Remington Arms - <http://www.remington.com>  
Sellier & Bellot - <https://www.sellierbellot.us>  
Sierra Bullets - <http://sierrabullets.com>  
Speer - <https://www.speer.com>  
Tula Ammo - <https://www.tulammo.ru/en/>  
Wilson Combat - <http://www.wilsoncombat.com>  
Winchester Ammunition - <http://www.winchester.com>  
Wolf Ammo - <https://wolfammo.com/default.aspx>

## Reloading

Boomers Bullet Moulds - <http://boomersmoulds.com>  
C&H/4D Dies - <http://www.ch4d.com>  
Colorado Brass - <http://www.coloradooncefiredbrass.com>  
Forster Products - <http://forsterproducts.com>

## How to Reload Ammo: Basic Equipment –

Ammoland - <https://www.ammoland.com/2012/09/how-to-reload-ammunition/#axzz2igtUzPzS>  
Graf & Sons Reloading - <http://grafs.com>  
Huntingdon Die Specialties - <http://www.huntingtons.com>  
Lee Precision - <http://leeprecision.com>  
Lyman Products - <http://lymanproducts.com>  
M.D. Smith's Reloading - <http://www.reloadammo.com/>  
Precision Reloading - <http://www.precisionreloading.com>  
Products for the Beginning Reloader – <https://www.midwayusa.com/how-to-guides/beginning-re-loader>  
RCBS - <http://www.rcbs.com>  
Redding Reloading Equipment - <http://redding-reloading.com>  
Reloading Your Own Ammo – <https://www.gunsamerica.com/digest/how-to-get-started-reloading-ammunition/>  
Smartreloader Products - <http://www.smartreloader-usa.com>  
Starline Brass - <http://www.starlinebrass.com>  
Speer Ammo - <http://www.speer-bullets.com>  
Top Brass - <http://www.topbrass-inc.com>  
Widener's Reloading & Shooting Supply - <http://wideners.com>  
X-Reload - <http://x-reload.com>

## Bullseye/Action Shooting

The Encyclopedia of Bullseye Pistol – <http://www.bullseyepistol.com/>

NRA Competition Rules (rev. 2018) – <https://compete.nra.org/documents/pdf/compete/RuleBooks/Pistol/pistol-book.pdf>  
NRA Precision Pistol Competition – [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NRA\\_Precision\\_Pistol](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NRA_Precision_Pistol)

## Black Powder Guns

Beauchamp & Son Flintlocks etc. - <http://www.flintlocksetc.com>  
Dixie Gun Works - <http://www.dixiegunworks.com>  
Navy Arms - <http://www.navyarms.com>  
S&S Firearms - <http://www.ssfirearms.com>  
Traditions Performance - <http://www.traditionsfirearms.com>

## Gun Safety

NRA Eddie Eagle Program for Primary-3rd Grade – <https://eddieeagle.nra.org/information-for-parents.asp>  
NRA Refuse To Be A Victim Promotional Video – <https://rtbav.nra.org/promotional-video.aspx>  
Youth Gun Safety – <https://ammo.com/articles/parents-guide-to-gun-safety>

## Gunsmithing

American Gunsmithing – Training Courses – <http://americangunsmith.com>  
Colorado School of Trades – <http://schooloftrades.edu>

## Do-It-Yourself

Accurate Shooter – <http://bulletin accurateshooter.com/2008/12/gunsmithing-reference-articles-for-home-smiths/>  
Checking the 1911 Frontstrap – Steve Locatelli, CCGC – <http://cherrycreekgunclub.org/skills/documents/CHECKERIN G%20THE%201911%20FRONTSTRAP-wpf.htm>

## Maintenance/Cleaning

BING Search – Gun Maintenance Videos – <https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=gun+maintenance&qpv=t=gun+maintenance&FORM=VDRE>

## Scopes/Optics

E. Arthur Brown Co. – How to Choose a Hunting Rifle Scope – <https://www.eabco.com/Reports/report01.html>  
EuroOptic - <https://www.eurooptic.com/>  
Nikon Spot On Scopes – <http://spoton.nikonssportoptics.com/spoton/spoton.html#Index:4>  
On Target Enterprises LLC – How to Use a Scope – <http://www.ontargetcfl.com/howtoscope.html>  
US Optics – Practical Long-Range Rifle Shooting – <http://demigodllc.com/articles/practical-long-range-rifle-shooting-optics/?p=1>

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## Training/Techniques

Able Shepard Training - <https://ableshepherd.com/>

Colorado Parks & Wildlife – Hunter Education –

<https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx>

Family Shooting Center, Cherry Creek State Park –

<http://www.familyshootingcenter.com/>

Foothills Firearm Instruction – Brett Denison, CCGC –

<http://www.foothillsfirearminstruction.com/>

Law Enforcement Services LLC – Basic Pistol Shooting  
Techniques –

<http://www.lawenforcementservices.biz/Web%20Page%20Graphics/Basic%20Pistol%20Shooting%20Techniques.pdf>

## Home Security

<https://reviews.thedenverchannel.com/home-security-systems-denver/>

<https://www.militaryhomesearch.com/home-security-guide.php>

<https://www.safety.com/best-home-security-systems/>