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CASE STATISTICS FOR FIREARMS VIOLATIONS

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You asked for case statistics for firearms violations.

We used a database maintained by the Office of Fiscal Analysis to identify firearms statutes and obtain information on the number of cases under them. We did not include hunting violations. The table below displays the information covering fiscal years 2001 through the first three quarters of fiscal year 2007. For each statute, the table only includes those fiscal years where a case was reported. A “nolle” is a case where the prosecutor declined to prosecute that particular charge.

Table 1: Firearms Statute, Case Information from FY 2001 through the First Three Quarters of FY 2007

FY	Offenses	Jury: Guilty	Conviction	Plea	Mail-In Violation or Infraction	Bond Forfeiture	Failure to Appear	Jury: Not Guilty	Non-Jury: Not Guilty	Nolle
VIOLATE PISTOL PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS (CGS § 29-28)										
2002	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
2003	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
2004	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
2005	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
2006	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
2007	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
FAIL TO DISPLAY GUN SALES PERMIT (CGS § 29-31)										
2004	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2006	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FAIL TO SURRENDER REVOKED PERMIT TO CARRY PISTOL OR REVOLVER (CGS § 29-32)										
2005	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ILLEGAL TRANSFER OF PISTOL OR REVOLVER (CGS § 29-33)										
2001	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
2002	40	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	32
2003	93	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	75
2004	44	0	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	31
2005	85	0	7	17	0	0	0	0	0	61
2006	94	0	4	22	0	0	0	0	0	68

2006	10	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	7
2007	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
RETAILER FAILURE TO PROVIDE GUN LOCKING DEVICE (CGS § 29-37b)										
2001	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
2002	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
2003	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
2004	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
2005	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
2006	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2007	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
FALSE STATEMENT RELATED TO BUYING OR TRANSFERRING A FIREARM (CGS § 29-37e)										
2002	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2003	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PURCHASING FIREARM FOR TRANSFER TO A PROHIBITED PERSON (CGS § 29-37j(a))										
2002	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2003	34	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
2004	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
2005	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
2007	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOLICITING PURCHASE OF ONE FIREARM TO TRANSFER TO A PROHIBITED PERSON (CGS § 29-37j(b))										
2001	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2002	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOLICITING PURCHASE OF MORE THAN ONE FIREARM FOR TRANSFER TO A PROHIBITED PERSON (CGS § 29-37j(b))										
2005	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
PURCHASE OR SOLICITING PURCHASE OF A FIREARM FOR TRANSFER TO A PROHIBITED PERSON AND PRIOR FELONY CONVICTION WITHIN FIVE YEARS (CGS § 29-37j(c))										
2005	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF WEAPON IN VEHICLE (CGS § 29-38)										
2001	230	2	24	41	0	2	0	0	0	161
2002	1,132	5	108	187	0	4	0	0	0	828
2003	1,239	2	84	176	0	3	0	1	0	973
2004	1,127	1	76	172	0	2	0	2	1	873
2005	1,128	2	76	173	0	0	0	1	1	875
2006	1,125	2	50	216	0	0	0	0	0	857
2007	987	3	27	232	0	0	0	1	0	724
USING MACHINE GUN IN A VIOLENT CRIME (CGS § 53-202(b))										
2002	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
2003	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2004	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2005	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2006	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
2007	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
USE MACHINE GUN FOR AN AGGRESSIVE PURPOSE (CGS § 53-202(c))										
2002	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
2003	6	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2

2004	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
2005	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
2006	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MANUFACTURER'S FAILURE TO KEEP MACHINE GUN REGISTER (CGS § 53-202(f))										
2003	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
2004	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2005	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2007	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ILLEGAL SALE OF ASSAULT WEAPON (CGS § 53-202b(a)(1))										
2003	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
2004	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2005	8	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	3
2006	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
2007	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF ASSAULT WEAPON (CGS § 53-202c)										
2002	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	13	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	8
2006	10	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	7
2007	8	0	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	1
ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF ASSAULT WEAPON—1ST TIME VIOLATOR WHOSE POSSESSION WAS PREVIOUSLY LEGAL (CGS § 53-202c)										
2001	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
2002	22	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	16
2003	28	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	20
2004	40	1	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	28
2005	37	0	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	22
2006	39	1	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	26
2007	27	0	1	8	0	0	0	2	0	16
TRANSPORTING ASSAULT WEAPON (CGS § 53-202f)										
2002	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2004	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2005	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2006	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2007	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
USE ASSAULT WEAPON TO COMMIT A CLASS A, B, OR C FELONY (CGS § 53-202j)										
2004	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2005	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
USE FIREARM TO COMMIT A CLASS A, B, OR C FELONY (CGS § 53-202k)										
2001	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
2002	17	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	10
2003	38	6	0	16	0	0	0	1	0	15
2004	26	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	22
2005	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
2006	44	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	35

2007	13	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	11
ILLEGAL DISCHARGE OF FIREARM (CGS § 53-203)										
2001	35	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	31
2002	163	0	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	130
2003	190	1	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	156
2004	175	0	3	22	0	0	0	1	0	149
2005	203	1	11	25	0	0	0	1	0	165
2006	205	0	3	32	0	0	0	0	0	170
2007	152	0	4	19	0	0	0	0	0	129
DISCHARGING FIREARM FROM A PUBLIC HIGHWAY (CGS § 53-204)										
2002	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	8
2003	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
2004	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
2005	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
2006	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2007	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
LOADED SHOTGUN/RIFLE/MUZZLELOADER IN VEHICLE OR SNOWMOBILE (CGS § 53-205)										
2001	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
2002	16	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	12
2003	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
2004	14	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	10
2005	17	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	16
2006	11	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	8
2007	16	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	11
CARRYING A DANGEROUS WEAPON (CGS § 53-206)										
(This statute covers many types of weapons but some cases may involve firearms.)										
2001	205	0	30	26	0	0	0	0	0	149
2002	872	3	104	128	0	1	0	0	0	636
2003	920	1	97	152	0	1	0	0	1	668
2004	978	1	76	156	0	2	0	1	0	742
2005	959	2	74	164	0	0	0	0	0	719
2006	1,012	2	57	201	0	1	0	1	1	749
2007	767	0	28	188	0	1	0	0	0	550
SALE OF FACSIMILE FIREARM (CGS § 53-206c(b))										
2001	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2003	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
2004	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
2005	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2006	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
2007	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
ILLEGAL USE OF FACSIMILE FIREARM (CGS § 53-206c(c))										
2001	13	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	10
2002	76	0	11	10	0	0	0	0	0	55
2003	69	0	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	58
2004	82	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	68

2005	54	0	3	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
2006	67	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
2007	54	0	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
USE FACSIMILE FIREARM NEAR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL (CGS § 53-206c(d))											
2006	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
CARRYING A FIREARM UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL (CGS § 53-206d)											
2001	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
2002	24	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
2003	35	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
2004	24	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
2005	34	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
2006	29	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
2007	42	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
POSSESS SAWED-OFF SHOTGUN OR SILENCER (CGS § 53a-211)											
2001	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
2002	36	0	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
2003	51	1	5	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
2004	32	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
2005	43	1	3	15	0	0	0	0	0	1	23
2006	42	0	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
2007	48	1	0	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	28
STEALING A FIREARM (CGS § 53a-212)											
2001	68	0	6	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
2002	331	1	49	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	214
2003	381	0	36	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	279
2004	318	9	15	40	0	1	0	0	0	0	253
2005	470	2	35	73	0	0	0	1	0	0	359
2006	361	5	14	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	257
2007	257	0	5	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	186
CRIMINAL USE OF FIREARM OR ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPON (CGS § 53a-216)											
2001	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
2002	81	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	78
2003	75	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	70
2004	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77
2005	77	1	1	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	67
2006	92	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
2007	49	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	44
CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM OR ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPON (CGS § 53a-217)											
2001	59	0	6	15	0	0	0	1	1	0	36
2002	316	9	44	68	0	0	0	3	2	0	190
2003	395	3	62	82	0	0	0	5	1	0	242
2004	392	8	42	118	0	0	0	3	0	0	221
2005	411	9	56	122	0	0	0	3	1	0	220
2006	437	7	28	173	0	0	0	2	0	0	227

2007	346	11	15	126	0	0	0	6	0	188
NEGLIGENT STORAGE OF FIREARM (CGS § 53a-217a)										
2001	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
2002	16	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	13
2003	10	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
2004	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
2005	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
2006	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
2007	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
POSSESS FIREARM OR DEADLY WEAPON ON SCHOOL GROUND (CGS § 53a-217b)										
2001	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2002	31	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	27
2003	20	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	15
2004	32	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	28
2005	35	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	33
2006	25	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	17
2007	17	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	12
CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF PISTOL OR REVOLVER (CGS § 53a-217c)										
2001	50	0	3	16	0	0	0	2	0	29
2002	223	4	30	47	0	0	0	2	0	140
2003	229	7	25	63	0	0	0	3	0	131
2004	208	3	16	69	0	0	0	5	0	115
2005	253	4	13	86	0	0	0	3	0	147
2006	275	6	15	132	0	0	0	1	0	121
2007	258	2	9	109	0	0	0	2	0	136

*During this period, there were a total of 17 additional cases under this statute (CGS § 29-35) that did not specify whether they were under CGS § 29-35(a) for carrying a pistol without a permit or under CGS § 29-35(b) for failing to carry the permit. For FY 01, one case resulted in bond forfeiture; for FY 02, two cases resulted in nolle; for FY 04, 12 cases resulted in 11 nolle and one bond forfeiture; for FY 06, two cases resulted in one nolle and one plea.

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