

2011 FBI Uniform Crime Report:

1. The US Population and gun ownership increased every year and the Violent crime, Murder, rape, and robbery have all decreased significantly since 1992 and continue to decline well past the 2004 lapse in the assault weapons ban.
2. In 2011, there were 7992 firearms homicides after accounting for justifiable homicides by Law Enforcement and private citizens (591 justifiable homicides).
3. Of the 7992 homicides, only 278 homicides occurred by rifle (includes the media's termed assault weapons) – again accounting for justifiable homicides.
4. The partial breakdown of US homicides: Handguns (5,768), Knife (1,646), Fists/Hands (723), Hammers/clubs (476), Shotgun (336), rifle (278).
5. In 2011, there were 94 firearm homicides in CT. Of these only one (1) was by use of rifle.
6. The partial breakdown of 2011 CT homicides: Handgun (54), Knives (18), Fists/Hands (6), Shotgun (1), rifle (1).
7. 66% of all homicides in Connecticut occur in the cities of Bridgeport, Hartford, and New Haven which make up only 14% of the overall population of Connecticut.
8. Throw in Stamford and Waterbury and about 80% of all homicides occur in only 5 cities which make up only 22 percent of the total population.

While researching deaths caused by other means it was interesting to discover that there are more alcohol related fatalities in the United States and Connecticut than gun homicides. In 2007 there were 12,998 DWI fatalities nationwide in the US (FARS 2009 report) and in CT there were 111 alcohol related fatalities. Where is the outrage over alcohol deaths?

Also reviewing the data above, one will notice there were eighteen (18) times more knife homicides and six (6) times more fists/hands homicides in CT than homicides using rifles (which include semi-automatic rifles). Nationally more homicides occurred by knives, fist/hands, hammers, and shotguns than by rifles.

The problem is not legal gun owners who obey the law; it is the illegal gun owners who by far are responsible for the overwhelming majority of the gun homicides. Remember 66% percent of all homicides in CT occurred in only three (3) cities which comprise of only 14% of the total population, and are where the majority of people are in possession of illegal firearms. Criminals do not have pistol permits, do not obey laws, and do not buy from licensed firearm dealers. Criminals do steal their guns or buy illegally on the streets (black markets).

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