

Appendix III: Technical Notes

This appendix contains technical notes on exclusions and missing data.

This report does not contain information on all handgun sales in California. Some sales between private individuals are not included because there is no record of them: State law requires that all such private-party transfers be routed through a firearms licensee so that a DROS record can be made and a background check can be conducted, but compliance is less than perfect. We have also excluded transactions involving the operations of the Department of Justice itself and certain other transactions. As a result of those exclusions, the sales tabulations here do not agree exactly with those provided by the Department of Justice.

With occasional exceptions, we have elected to use the information in the DROS records as originally provided by the submitting licensees, without reviewing the records and correcting errors. Some licensees did not supply complete data, particularly for handgun caliber and barrel length, and purchaser age and sex. As a result, table subtotals may not correspond exactly with totals.

Missing Information

Page Number	Page Title	Records with Missing Information
18	All Handguns	Type = 4, caliber = 1,905, barrel length = 1,853
19	All Sales - Sex and Age	Sex = 3, age = 6
20	Pistols	Caliber = 1,365, barrel length = 1,349
21	Pistol Sales - Sex and Age	Sex = 2, age = 5
22	Revolvers	Caliber = 80, barrel length = 60
23	Revolver Sales - Sex and Age	Sex = 1, age = 1
24	Derringers	Caliber = 2, barrel length = 2
26	Other Handguns	Caliber = 458, barrel length = 442
28	Small-Caliber Handguns	Type = 1
30	Medium-Caliber Handguns	Barrel length = 1
31	Medium-Caliber Sales - Sex and Age	Sex = 1, age = 2
32	Large-Caliber Handguns	Type = 3, barrel length = 4
33	Large-Caliber Sales - Sex and Age	Sex = 2, age = 4
34	Short-Barrel Handguns	Caliber = 7
36	Long-Barrel Handguns	Type = 4, caliber = 50
37	Long-Barrel Sales - Sex and Age	Sex = 3, age = 6
38	U.S. Handguns	Type = 3, caliber = 1,714, barrel length = 1,683
39	U.S. Sales - Sex and Age	Sex = 2, age = 4
40	Imported Handguns	Type = 1, caliber = 191, barrel length = 170
41	Imported Sales - Sex and Age	Sex = 1, age = 2
42	Gun Show Handgun Sales	Caliber = 40, barrel length = 39
44	Private Party Handgun Sales	Caliber = 95, barrel length = 90
48	Manufacturers - Smith & Wesson	Caliber = 47, barrel length = 43
48	Manufacturers - Sturm, Ruger	Caliber = 27, barrel length = 25
49	Manufacturers - Glock	Caliber = 29, barrel length = 30

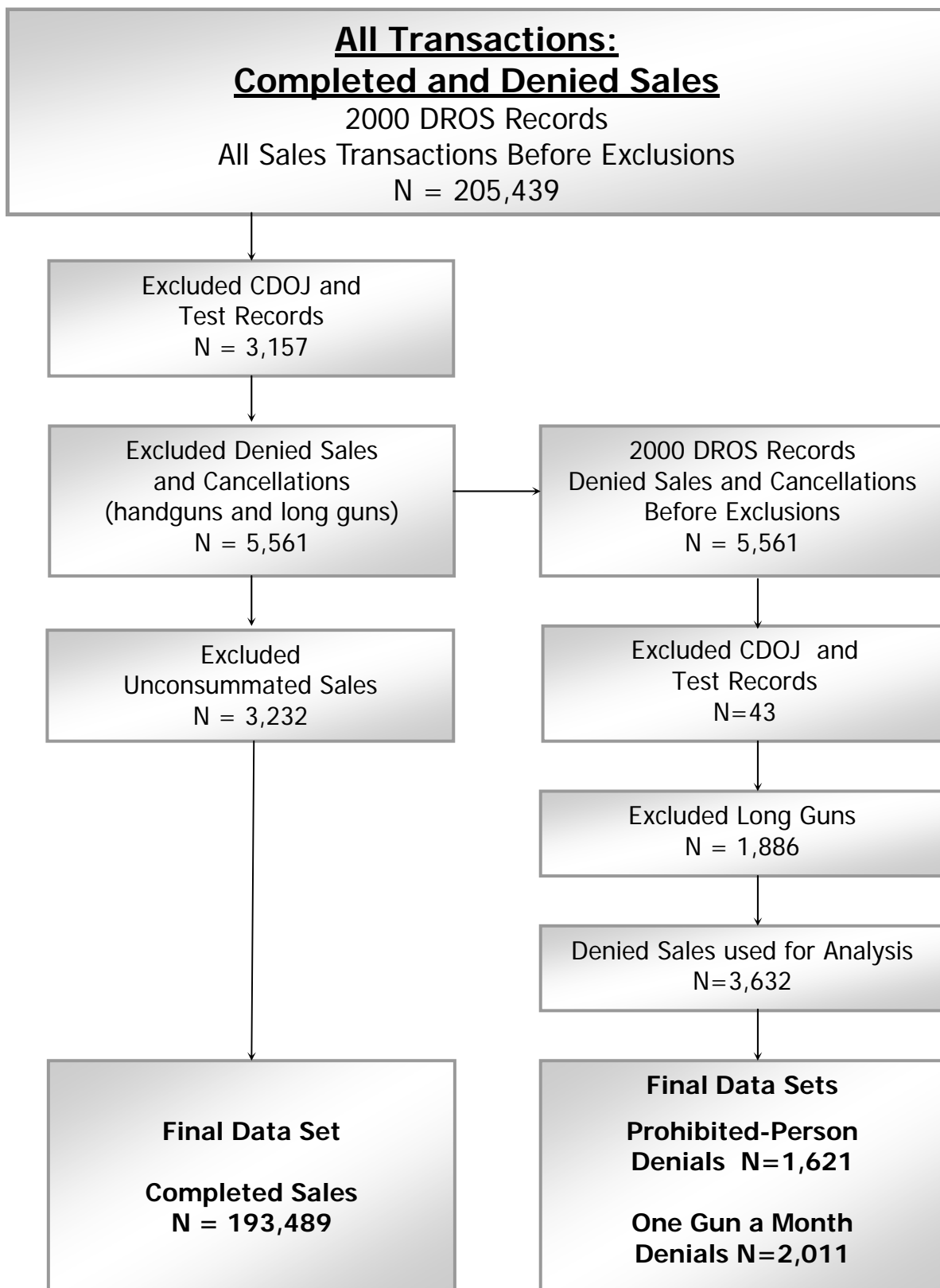
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49	Manufacturers - Beretta	Caliber = 24, barrel length = 22
50	Manufacturers - Colt's Manufacturing	Caliber = 25, barrel length = 24
50	Manufacturers - Taurus	Caliber = 11, barrel length = 8
51	Manufacturers - SIG Arms	Caliber = 17, barrel length = 12
51	Manufacturers - Heckler & Koch	Caliber = 13, barrel length = 13
52	Manufacturers - Kimber	Caliber = 7, barrel length = 8
52	Manufacturers - Walther	Caliber = 3, barrel length = 3
53	Manufacturers - Browning	Caliber = 8, barrel length = 8
53	Manufacturers - Springfield Armory	Caliber = 12, barrel length = 12
54	Manufacturers - Kel-Tec	Caliber = 1, barrel length = 2
54	Manufacturers - North American Arms	Caliber = 2, barrel length = 2
55	Manufacturers - Para-Ordnance	Caliber = 41, barrel length = 41
55	Manufacturers - Bryco/Jennings	Caliber = 2, barrel length = 2
56	Manufacturers - Rossi	Caliber = 3, barrel length = 3
56	Manufacturers - Magnum Research	Caliber = 3, barrel length = 2
57	Manufacturers - Phoenix Arms	Caliber = 1, barrel length = 1
62	Prohibited-Person Denials	Caliber = 3, barrel length = 3
64	One Gun a Month Denials	Caliber = 24, barrel length = 22
67	Reason for Denied Sales	Denial type = 1
71	All Purchasers - Sex and Age	Sex = 3, age = 1
72	Single-Gun Purchasers - Sex and Age	Sex = 3
73	Multiple-Gun Purchasers - Sex and Age	Age = 1
74	Handguns Purchased by Sex and Age	Age = 1
81	Handgun Type and Caliber—Retailers	Type = 23, caliber = 1,828

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90-91	Table 1: Handgun Sales, Denied Sales, and Purchasers by Sex and Age	A combined table—see missing information for pages 18-41, 62-64 and 71-73 on pages 122-123.
92	Table 2: Handgun Characteristics by Manufacturer	A combined table—see individual manufacturers missing information for pages 48-57 on pages 122-123.
94	Table 4: Sales Transactions at Retailer Locations: Handgun and Purchaser Characteristics	<u>Sales Type</u> Loan: Caliber = 1, barrel length = 1 Pawn Redemption: Caliber = 6, barrel length = 6 Private Party: Caliber = 88, barrel length = 84 Retailer: Type = 4, caliber = 1,770, barrel length = 1,723 Purchasers: Pawn Redemption: Sex = 1 Retailers: Sex = 2, age = 6
95	Table 5: Sales Transactions at Gun Shows: Handgun and Purchaser Characteristics	<u>Sales Type</u> Private Party: Caliber = 7, barrel length = 6 Retailer: Caliber = 33, barrel length = 33
96	Table 6: Private Party Sales and Direct Retailer Sales: Handgun and Purchaser Characteristics	Private Party: Caliber = 95, barrel length = 90 Direct Retailer: Type = 4, caliber = 1,810, barrel length = 1,763 Sex = 3, age = 6
97	Table 7: Prohibited-Person and One Gun a Month Denials: Handgun and Purchaser Characteristics	Caliber = 27, barrel length = 25
98	Table 8: Purchasers and Number of Guns Purchased and Purchaser Characteristics	All: Age = 1, sex = 3 Single: Sex=3 Multiple: Age = 1
102 –103	Table 10: Characteristics of Handguns Sold by Firearms Licensees in each County	Type= 4, caliber = 1,905, barrel length = 1,853
104-105	Table 11: Characteristics of Handguns Sold to Resident of Each County	Type = 4, caliber = 1,905, barrel length = 1,853
106-107	Table 12: Handgun Sales by Firearms Licensees in Each County, Sex and Age	Sex = 3, age = 7
108-109	Table 13: Handgun Purchases by Residents of Each County, Sex and Age	Sex = 3, age = 6
116-117	Table 17: Characteristics of Handguns Sold for 56 Cities with Total Populations Greater than 100,000 Persons in 2000	Type = 2, caliber = 662, barrel length = 646
118-119	Table 18: Handgun Sales by City, Sex and Age, for 56 Cities with Total Populations Greater than 100,000 in 2000	Sex = 1, age = 4

2000 DROS Exclusions



Appendix IV: Additional Resources

The Firearms Division of the California Department of Justice maintains a uniquely informative and useful Web site at

<http://caag.state.ca.us/firearms>

Electronic documents and other resources at that site include, among many others:

California Firearms Laws

(a summary of the state's laws governing commerce in and the possession and use of firearms)

Dangerous Weapons Control Laws

(the full text of relevant statutes)

Firearms Division Regulations

Roster of Handguns Certified for Sale

Roster of Approved Firearms Safety Devices

All these documents are updated regularly. Documents are also available from the Division at:

California Department of Justice
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Sacramento, CA 94203-0200

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The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives also maintains an excellent Web site at: <http://www.atf.gov>

Recent documents available at that site include:

Annual Firearms Manufacturing and Export Report

(released each Spring, containing information on firearms produced by each licensed manufacturer in the United States)

Commerce in Firearms in the United States February 2000

Commerce in Firearms in the United States, 2001/2002

Document No. ATF P 9000.4

Crime Gun Trace Reports 2000—National Report July 2002

Crime Gun Trace Reports 2001-2002—National Report Forthcoming

Federal Firearms Regulations Reference Guide, 2000 Edition Document No. ATF P 5300.4

Following the Gun: Enforcing Federal Laws against Firearms Traffickers
June 2000

Gun Shows: Brady Checks and Crime Gun Traces January 1999

Safety and Security Information for Federal Firearms Licensees Document No. ATF P 3317.2

State Laws and Published Ordinances—Firearms
24th Edition Document No. ATF P 5300.5



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