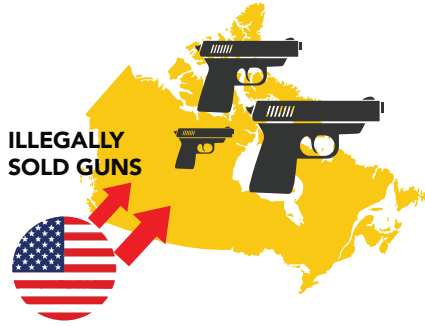


# Gun Violence and Public Safety in Canada

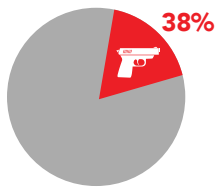


Canada shares the world's longest undefended border with the world's largest manufacturer of small arms: the United States. In 2019 alone, 2,242 illegally sold guns used in crimes in Canada were traced back to the U.S.[i]

All firearms used in the Portapique, N.S. mass shooting were illegally obtained, resulting in the death of 22 people including RCMP Constable Heidi Stevenson. Of the four firearms used, three were obtained illegally from the United States.

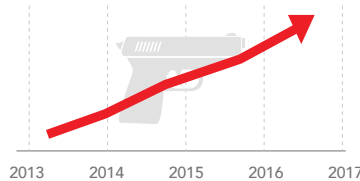
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## HOMICIDES IN 2019



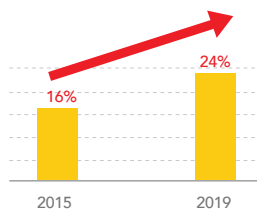
Canada reported 678 homicides in 2019; 261 (38%) of which were gun-related fatal shootings.

## HOMICIDES (INCLUDING SHOOTINGS)



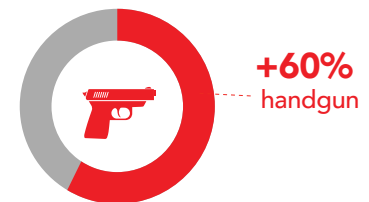
Homicides, including shootings, rose in Canada between 2013 and 2017. Cities such as Toronto are experiencing dramatic increases in firearms-related homicides.

## GUN-RELATED HOMICIDES RISING



In 2015, 16% of homicides were linked to crime and gangs. This rose to 24% by 2019.

## HANDGUNS NOW PRIMARY HOMICIDE WEAPON



In 2019, over 60% of the 261 homicides committed with a firearm involved a handgun.



## CONCLUSION

NPF is calling on government for:

- increased funding to address firearms smuggling, gang-related issues
- more proactive, investigative law enforcement
- policy changes related to legal firearms ownership
- better use of legislative powers to address increasing crime and public safety issues

**The National Police Federation represents ~20,000 front-line RCMP Members across Canada. The NPF is the largest police labour relations organization in Canada, focused on improving resourcing and supports for Members and the communities they serve to improve public safety from coast to coast to coast.**



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