Kosovo*
Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Survey

Fast Facts
2012-2016

The Purpose of SALW Survey

Identification of Trends in the Distribution of SALW
The type, quantity, possession, distribution, legal/illegal trade, production and movement of SALW

Identification of Impact of SALW on Citizens
Firearm-related incidents and their characteristics

Identification of Public Perception on SALW
Public perception regarding firearms use, ownership, violence, and community safety

SALW Positive Trends 2012-2016
21.6% Decrease in Firearms Criminal Offenses (533 to 418)
38.8% Decrease in Murder Cases with Firearms (36 to 22)
53.1% Decrease in Illegal Possession of Firearms (891 to 417)

SALW Negative Trends 2012-2016
322% Increase in Attempted Murder Cases with Firearms (18 to 76)
193% Increase in Robbery Cases with Firearms (16 to 47)
62.4% Increase in Number of Firearm Ammunition Trafficked (674 to 1,095)

* For the United Nations Development Programme, references to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999). For the European Union, this designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.
### SALW DISTRIBUTION

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<th>Total Number of Firearms Held by</th>
<th>2016</th>
<th>Trend</th>
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<td>Institutions, Civilians and Private Entities</td>
<td>46,949</td>
<td>12% ↑</td>
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<td>Civilians</td>
<td>38,844</td>
<td>82.7% 14.2% ↑</td>
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<td>Institutions</td>
<td>8,038</td>
<td>17.1% 2.7% ↑</td>
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<td>Private Entities</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>0.1% 168% ↑</td>
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### KEY FACTS

- 2,829 cases of illegal possession of firearms recorded
- 6,826 firearms confiscated
- 7,912 SALW destroyed
- 55 cases of firearm trafficking recorded
- 17,439 firearm ammunition trafficked recorded
- 92 firearms seized

### MYTH vs. FACT

- **MYTH**: Majority of firearm licenses are held by men
  - **FACT**: Men held 99.9% of all firearm licenses

- **MYTH**: Majority of firearms are held by private security companies
  - **MYTH**: Shooting ranges held the majority of firearms with 53.7%

- **MYTH**: Self-defence is the most cited reason for holding firearms
  - **MYTH**: 97.2% of individuals who held firearm licenses cited hunting as a reason

*Source: http://www.seesac.org/f/docs/salw-surveys/web_kosovo_salw-survey_eng.pdf*
IMPACT OF SALW

REGISTERED CRIMINAL OFFENSES COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS 2,545 -21.6%

FIRARMS ARE MOST FREQUENTLY MISUSED IN THE CONTEXT OF CAUSING OF GENERAL DANGER 699 OR 27.4% -57.8%

THREAT BY DANGEROUS IMPLEMENT IN BRAWL OR QUARREL 437 OR 17.8% -5.1%

LIGHT BODILY INJURY 365 OR 14.9% -43.1%

TRENDS 2012-2016

KEY FACTS

207 CASES OF SERIOUS BODILY HARM RECORDED

FIREARMS CAUSED 36 ACCIDENTAL DEATHS

305 CASES OF ATTEMPTED MURDER WITH FIREARMS

71 CASES OF DEATHS CAUSED BY REVOLVERS AND SELF-LOADING PISTOLS

117 CASES OF MURDERS WITH FIREARMS

390 CASES OF INJURIES WITH FIREARMS

MYTH vs. FACT

CRIMINAL OFFENSES USUALLY ARE COMMITTED WITH ILLEGAL FIREARMS FACT 100% OF FIREARM-RELATED CRIMINAL OFFENSES WERE COMMITTED WITH ILLEGAL FIREARMS

FIREARMS ARE MOST FREQUENTLY USED IN SUICIDE CASES MYTH ONLY 19.9% OF SUICIDES WERE COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS

FIREARMS ARE MOST FREQUENTLY USED IN COMMITTING HOMICIDE FACT 68.6% OF HOMICIDES WERE COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS

SOURCE: HTTP://WWW.SSESAAC.ORG/F/DOCS/SALW-SURVEYS/WEB_KOSOVO_SALW-SURVEY_ENG.PDF
**Online Public Survey on Perceptions on the Use, Ownership and Dangers of Firearms**

3,702 respondents accessed the online perception survey.

- Higher percentage of women aged 16-24.
- Higher percentage of men aged 25-34.
- 39% urban.
- 30% with secondary education.
- 25% rural.

**Key Facts**

- 62% of the respondents reported they had never had an experience with a gun.
- 69% of the respondents stated that they would not own a gun.
- 39% of surveyed men had some form of direct personal experience with a gun.
- 51% of the respondents stated they would feel safer with a gun at home.
- 50% of the respondents aged 65 and over had the greatest direct experience with guns.
- 95% of surveyed women aged 55-64 would not own a gun.

**Community Safety**

- 73% of respondents perceived that their neighbourhood is “safe” or “very safe”.
- 13% of respondents perceived that their neighborhood is “very unsafe”.
- 8% of respondents believed that “more people owning guns to protect themselves” would be most effective in making communities safer.
- 81% of respondents were aware of the penalties for illegal possession of firearms.

### GENDER, AGE AND SALW

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<td><strong>99.6%</strong></td>
<td>99.6% of all firearm-related criminal offenses were committed by men</td>
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<td><strong>95%</strong></td>
<td>95% of firearm-related suicide victims were men</td>
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<td><strong>92.1%</strong></td>
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<td><strong>47.8%</strong></td>
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<td><strong>36%</strong></td>
<td>36% of firearm-related incidents were committed by men aged 15-29</td>
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<td><strong>48.2%</strong></td>
<td>48.2% of all injured victims were men aged 19-35</td>
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<td><strong>100%</strong></td>
<td>100% of women killed by an intimate partner were killed with firearms</td>
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<td><strong>82.6%</strong></td>
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<td><strong>94.3%</strong></td>
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### SALW AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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<td><strong>6.1%</strong></td>
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<td><strong>0.6%</strong></td>
<td>0.6% of intimate partner homicides in total homicides</td>
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<td><strong>18.9%</strong></td>
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Regional Working Group
- Developing and agreeing on a methodology for a regional SALW survey
- Discussing, reviewing and adopting the methodology instruments

Salw Survey Methodology

Online Random Domain Intercept Technology
- Data on public perceptions regarding the use, possession and dangers of firearms

UNDp Seesac
- Technical support
- Methodology and data collection process
- Quality assurance
- Analyses of data on distribution and impact

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