



Roadmap for a sustainable solution to the illegal possession, misuse, and trafficking of SALW in the Western Balkans

Monitoring Framework

(13th Progress Reports)

Pristina, 16 June 2025



ROADMAP IMPLEMENTATION

Monitoring & Coordination Platform

Monitoring

SALW Commissions submit progress reports on biannual and annual basis:

- Annual KPI Report (1 January - 31 December 2024);
- Biannual Roadmap Narrative Reports (1 January – 31 December 2024);

SEESAC integrates the data and information into a regional report.

Coordination

- Local coordination meetings
- Regional Coordination Meetings (Sarajevo, 8-9 July 2025)
- Multi Partner Trust Fund

ROADMAP (2019-2024) FINAL REVIEW

- Key aspects at regional and jurisdictional levels:
 - Progress in the implementation of the Roadmap Goals during the first phase and follow-up to the Mid-term Review recommendations;
 - Challenges and gaps identified in the implementation of the Roadmap's first phase;
 - Mapping of support in the implementation of the Roadmap.
- To be completed by end of 2025.





Goal 1

(KPI 1)

By 2023, ensure that arms control legislation is in place, fully harmonized with the EU regulatory framework and other related international obligations, and standardized across the region.

- Relevant **laws such as Law on Weapons, Law on Civil Use of Explosives, and Law on Trade in Strategic Goods** are partially harmonized with the EU Acquis;
- Some progress was reported in aligning the legislation with the EU Acquis;
- The draft law on explosives was approved by the Government, pending adoption by Parliament;
- Amendments to the Law on Weapons – another working group was established;
- Work on amendments to the **Criminal Code** continued;



Goal 2

(KPI 2, 3, 7 & 8)

By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence-based and intelligence-led.

- **The SALW Commission** – actively engaged in planning, coordination, and monitoring of SALW Control Strategy and Action Plan (2024 – 2028);
 - The new Strategy reported in line with the new Roadmap, addressing key challenges identified by authorities;
 - **Firearms Focal Point (FFP)** reported to be fully operational and actively engaged in supporting investigation of firearm-related crimes.
 - The police reports conducting regular information exchange on lost and stolen firearms through the EUROPOL's SIENA. Information to iARMS is provided via UNMIK.
 - A **Joint Action Day (JAD)** Coordinator has been appointed. Active participation in JAD 2024 operations reported.
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- One operational activity conducted as part of the operational cooperation with EUROPOL.
 - **Accreditation of several methods** of the ballistic lab according to ISO 17025 is reported as completed.
 - Capacity building activities of the Forensic Agency officials .was also reported
 - **Investigation capacities** concerning firearms-related crimes were enhanced through active participation in regional workshops and local training sessions across all Regional Police Directorates.
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KPI 3

Illegal possession of FAE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Reported cases during the reporting period	1,327	2,187	1,003	1,414	1,498	1,397	1,434
Reported individuals during the reporting period	1,691	3,063	1,339	1,782	1,887	1,773	1,510
Solved with conviction (adjudicated)	No data	580	14	42	339	33	591
Solved in another way	No data	162	7	6	17	0	198

KPI 3

Trafficking of FAE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Reported cases during the reporting period	19	61	10	15	22	20	19
Reported individuals during the reporting period	56	76	19	42	38	35	47
Solved with conviction (adjudicated)	No data	8	0	0	69	0	5
Solved in another way	No data	2	0	0	0	0	7



Goal 3

(KPI 4, 6 & 9)

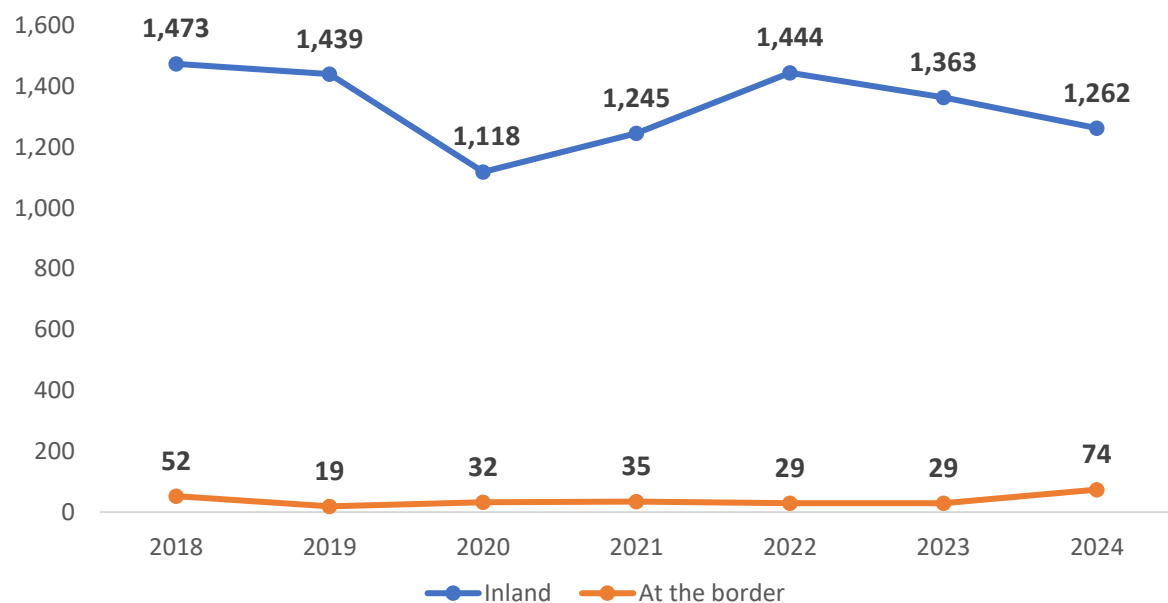
By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.

- Continuous reporting on enhancing border police capacities:
 - 21 operational plans;
 - Five joint operations between the police and customs;
 - 51 criminal cases prevented, 16 weapons and 1,004 pieces of ammunition seized;
 - Case Management Information System (SMIL) – Information exchange between the Police and the Prosecutor’s Office, and the Prosecutor’s Office and the Courts;
 - The need for the integration of databases and real-time data entry persisted.
 - E-learning platform for law enforcement officials on SALW-related legislation – ongoing.
 - Number of **seizures** inland significantly exceeded those at the border.
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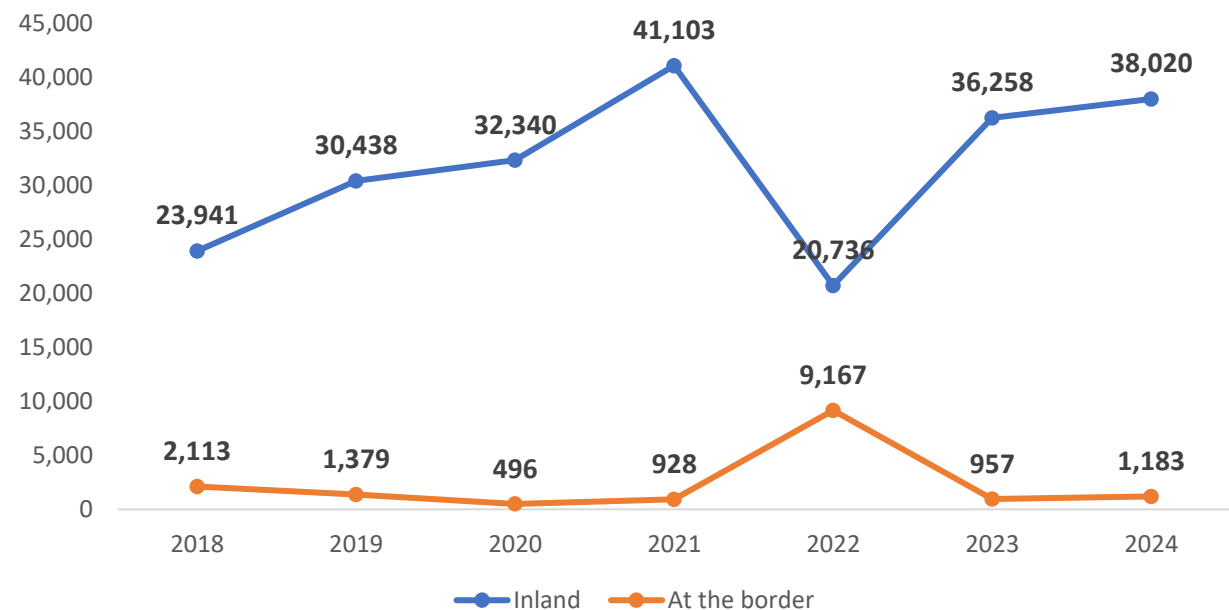
KPI 4

FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION SEIZED

Firearms seized inland and at the border 2018-2024



Ammunition seized inland and at the border 2018-2024





Goals 4&5

(KPI 10 & 11)

By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.

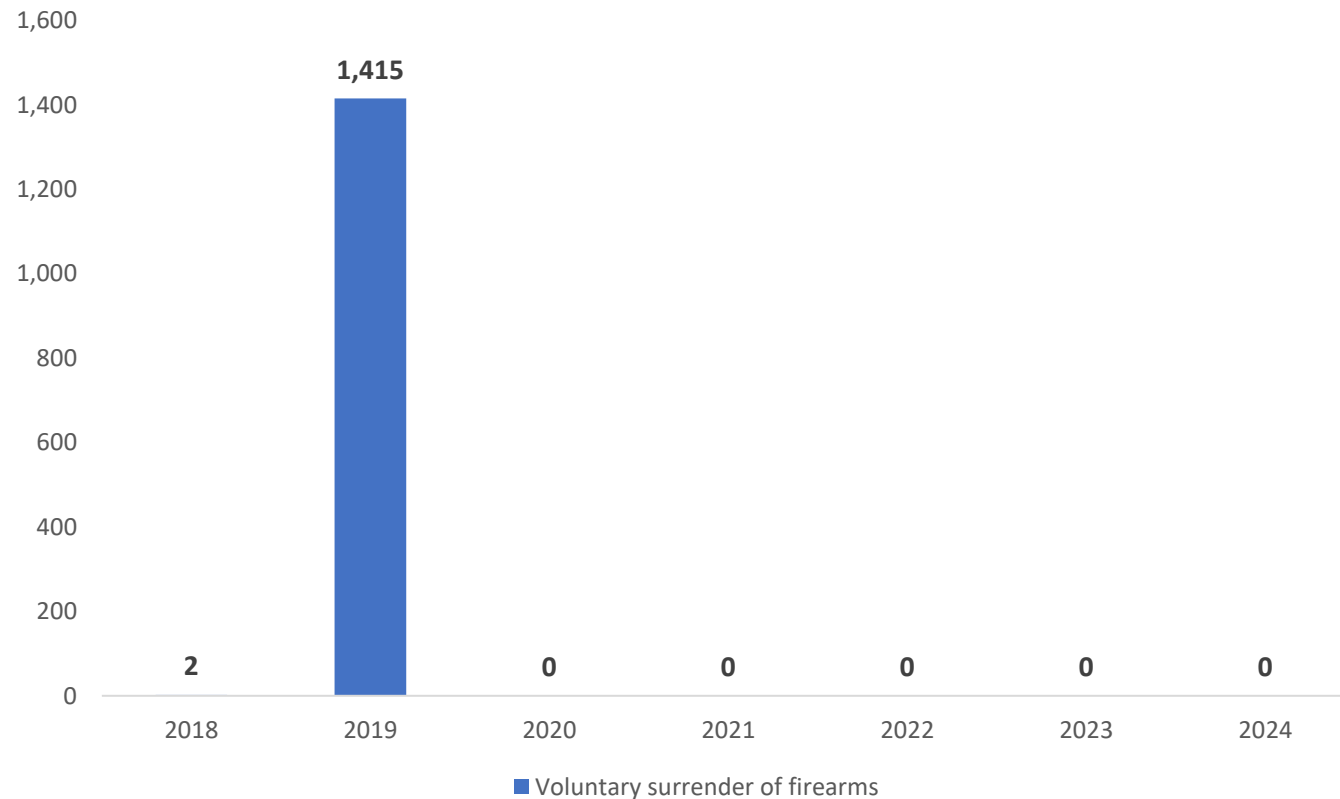
By 2024, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans.

- Numerous activities on **awareness raising, outreach, and education** on firearms/SALW – “Celebrate with your heart, not your gun” campaign:
 - Activities targeted youth in primary and secondary school/Youth Camp Workshop;
 - Activities on the misuse of firearms in gender-based violence;
- High number of firearm-related incidents reported;
- No reported cases of **voluntarily surrendered firearms** and ammunition in 2024;
- No reductions through **legalization** or **deactivation**;

KPI 11

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF FIREARMS

Voluntary surrender of firearms 2018-2024

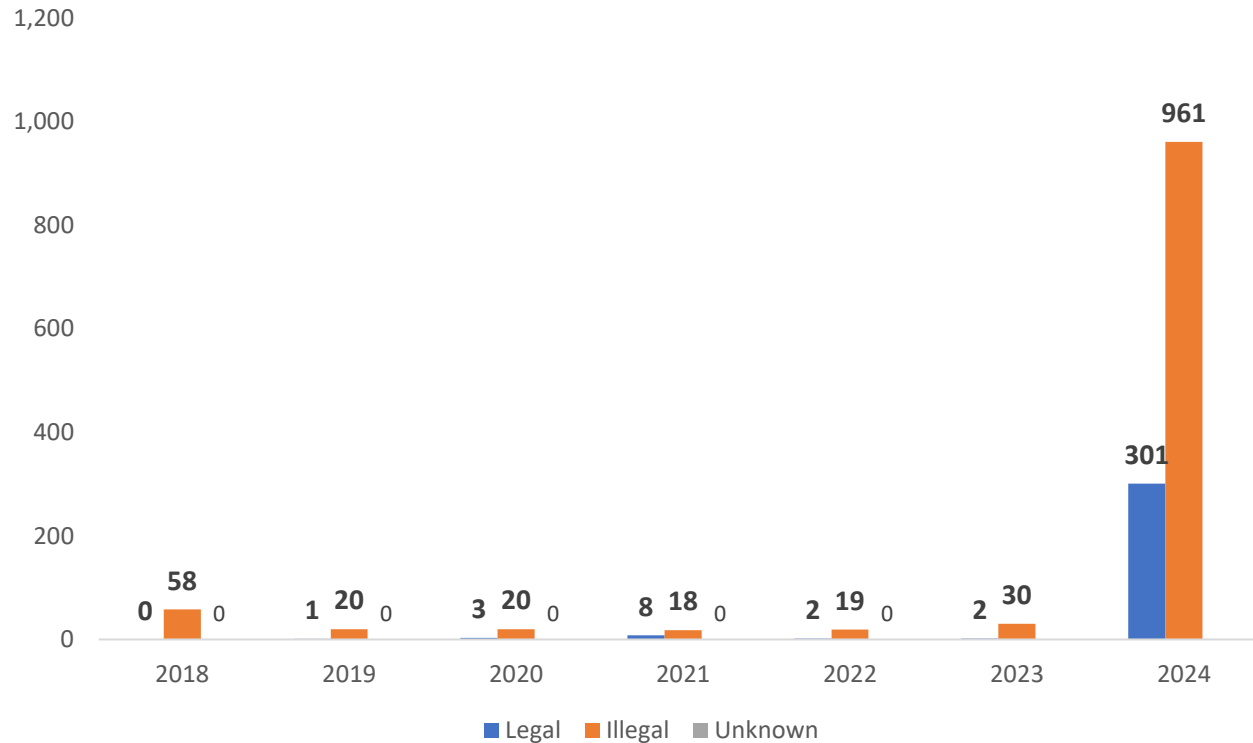


- In 2019, a voluntary surrender campaign resulted in the voluntary surrender of 1,415 firearms;
- Two cases reported in 2018;

KPI 10

NUMBER OF FIREARM INCIDENTS

Firearm-related incidents 2018-2024



- Higher number of incidents in 2024 (1,262) compared to 2023 (32);
- Most incidents committed with illegal firearms;
- The misuse of legal firearms was low, apart from 2024;



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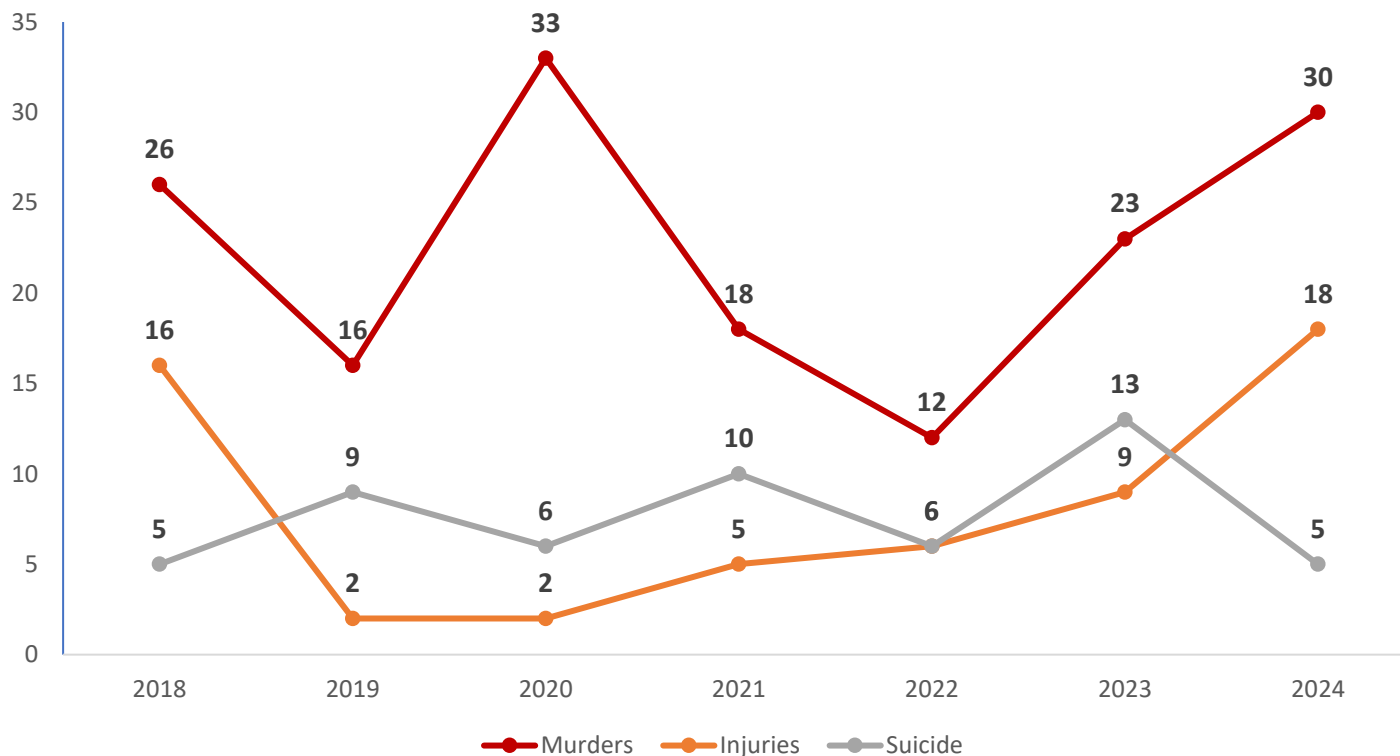
From 2019-2024, SEESAC Armed Violence Monitoring Platform (AVMP) recorded:

- **6,948 firearm-related incidents** – highest figure in the region;
- Criminal context incidents declined from 134 cases in 2021 to 78 in 2024.
- Low number of incidents linked to organized crimes – 52 in total.
- Celebratory shootings increased, from 58 cases in 2019 to 135 in 2024.
- Firearm-related domestic violence increased, from 11 in 2019 to 45 in 2024.
- Most common weapon – handgun (37% of the incidents).

KPI 10

NUMBER OF VICTIMS

Number of victims affected by the misuse of firearms 2018-2024



- High number of murders compared to other types of incidents;
- Suicide cases fluctuated, ranging between 5 cases in 2018 and 13 in 2023.



Goals 6&7

(KPI 12 & 13)

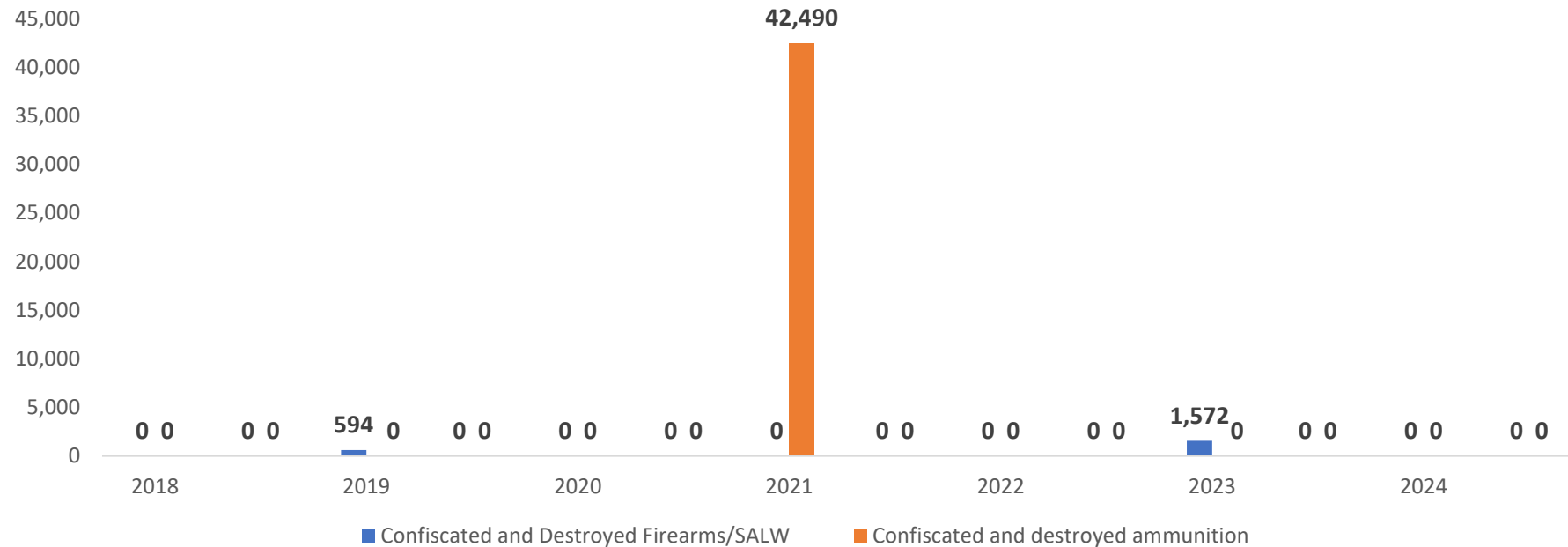
Systematically decrease the surplus and destroy seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition.

Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.

- Continuous inspection of legal entities dealing with firearms – 60 reported in the second half of 2024.
- Improvement of storage facilities – instalment of 72 metal cabinets at police stations in Ferizaj, Gjilan, Pejë, Vushtrri, Drenas, and Lipjan.
- No destruction was conducted – Kosovo reports no surplus of firearms and ammunition.
- Destruction of confiscated firearms reported in 2019 and 2023; Destruction of confiscated ammunition was reported in 2021.
- 993 firearms and 36,336 pieces of ammunition were disposed.
 - Disposal of an additional ammunition is pending – no specialized destruction equipment.

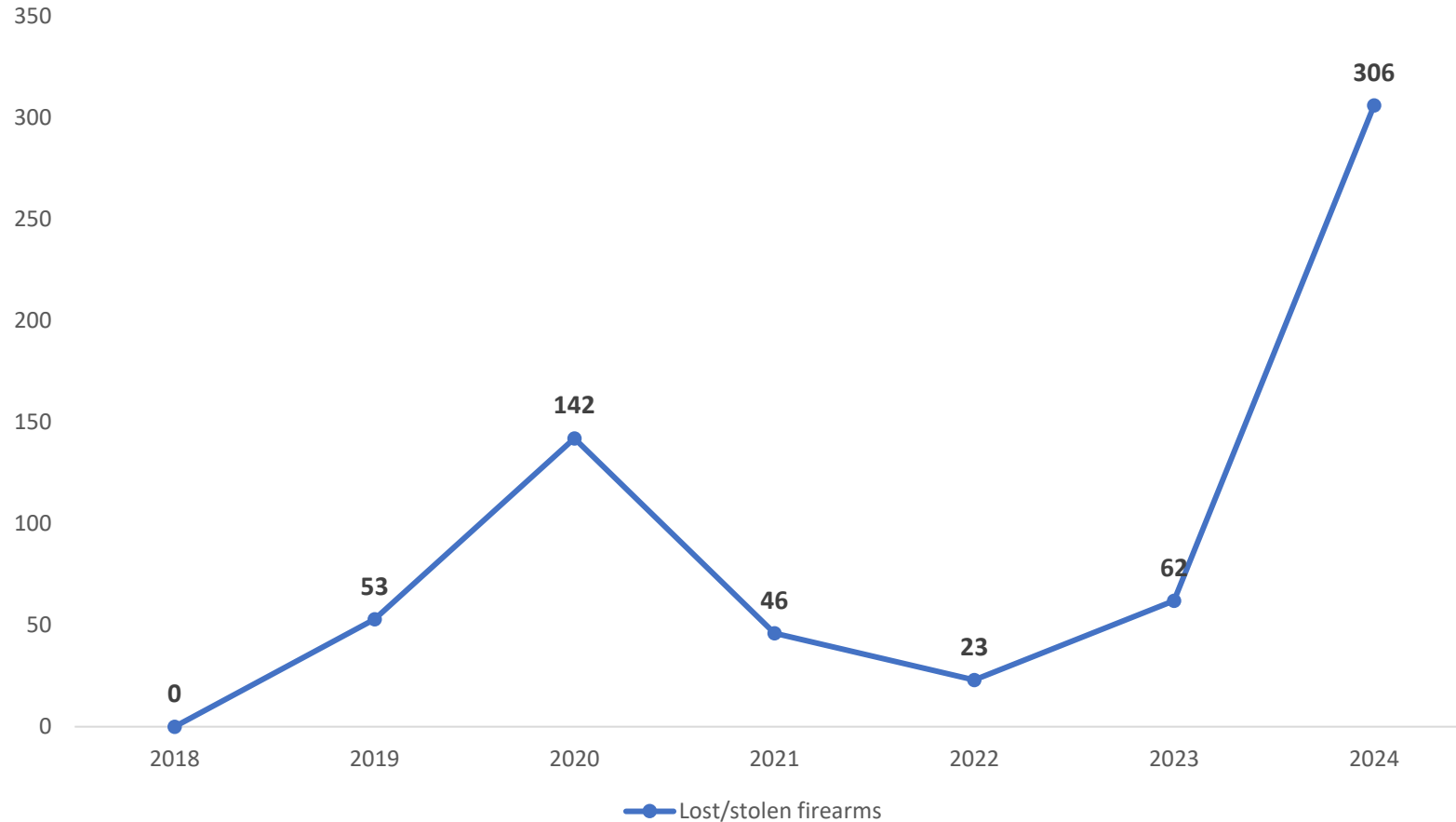
CONFISCATIONS AND DESTRUCTIONS

Confiscated and destroyed firearms and ammunition 2018-2024



LOST AND STOLEN FIREARMS

Lost and stolen firearms 2018-2024





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