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U.S. firearms sales June 2021: Drastic year-over-year decrease, from 2.4 million to 1.4 million firearms

(GREENVILLE, SC, USA & HALIFAX, NS, CANADA) – *Small Arms Analytics & Forecasting (SAAF)* estimates June 2021 U.S. firearms unit sales at a little under 1.4 million units, a year-over-year decrease of about 1,000,000 firearms, a 42.2% drop relative to June 2020.

Detailed data by firearms type and state are available for purchase at <https://SmallArmsAnalytics.com/shop/>.

SAAF's firearms unit sales estimates are based on raw data taken from the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), adjusted for checks unlikely to be related to end-user firearms sales. For example, in June the state of Utah conducted close to 100,000 total background checks whereas end-user unit sales likely amounted to about 10,000. Much but not all of the difference stems from routine firearms permit checks and rechecks rather than from sales-related checks. SAAF thus makes certain adjustments to the FBI's raw data based on retailer reports and other information.

SAAF Chief Economist Jurgen Brauer comments that "the June 2021 number of about 1.4 million firearms is the third consecutive monthly decline recorded in the first six months of 2021, with the drop more pronounced in the handgun market than in the long-gun market. The overall firearms sales pace thus far this year amounts to about 10.6 million units, as contrasted to 11.1 million for the first six months of 2020. A perhaps more appropriate comparison may be made to the 6.6 million firearms sold during the first six months of 2019, however, that is, before covid-19, before pronounced racial unrest, and before the presidential election campaign of 2020."

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