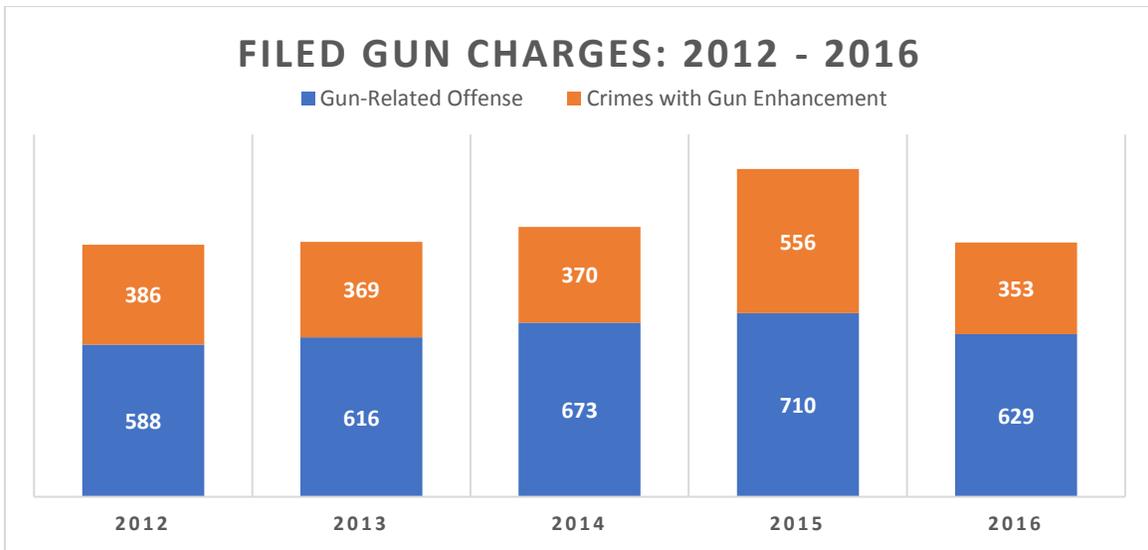


Firearms in California:

Data from the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office

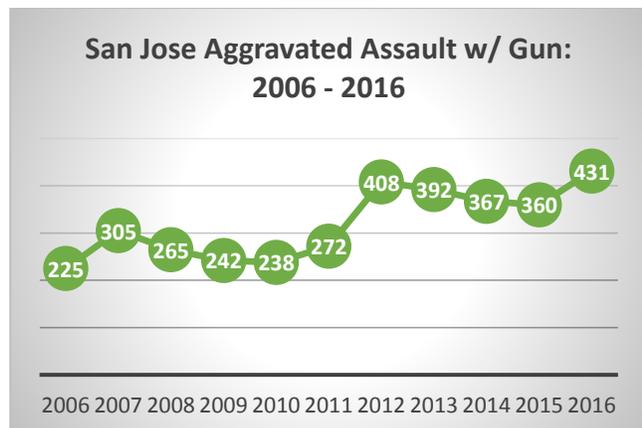
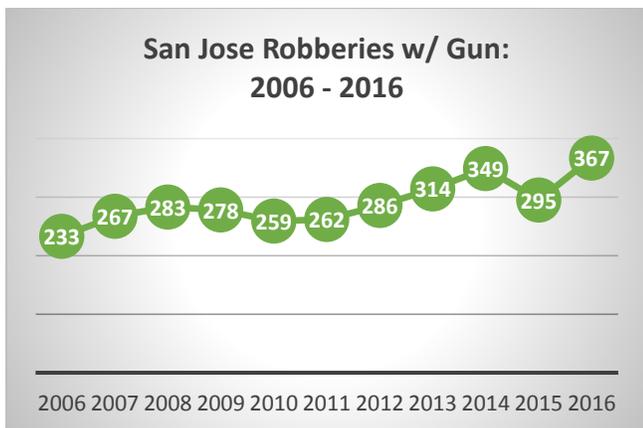
The Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office files hundreds of gun-related offenses each year, including possession of a firearm, brandishing a firearm, shooting a firearm and felonies in which a gun is used. In cases where a gun was used during a related felony, a gun enhancement may be alleged. In the table below, we can see the number of times that a substantive gun charge or a gun enhancement was alleged in a filed criminal case.ⁱ



Statewide, between 2010 and 2015 there were thousands of gun-related violent crimes in California:

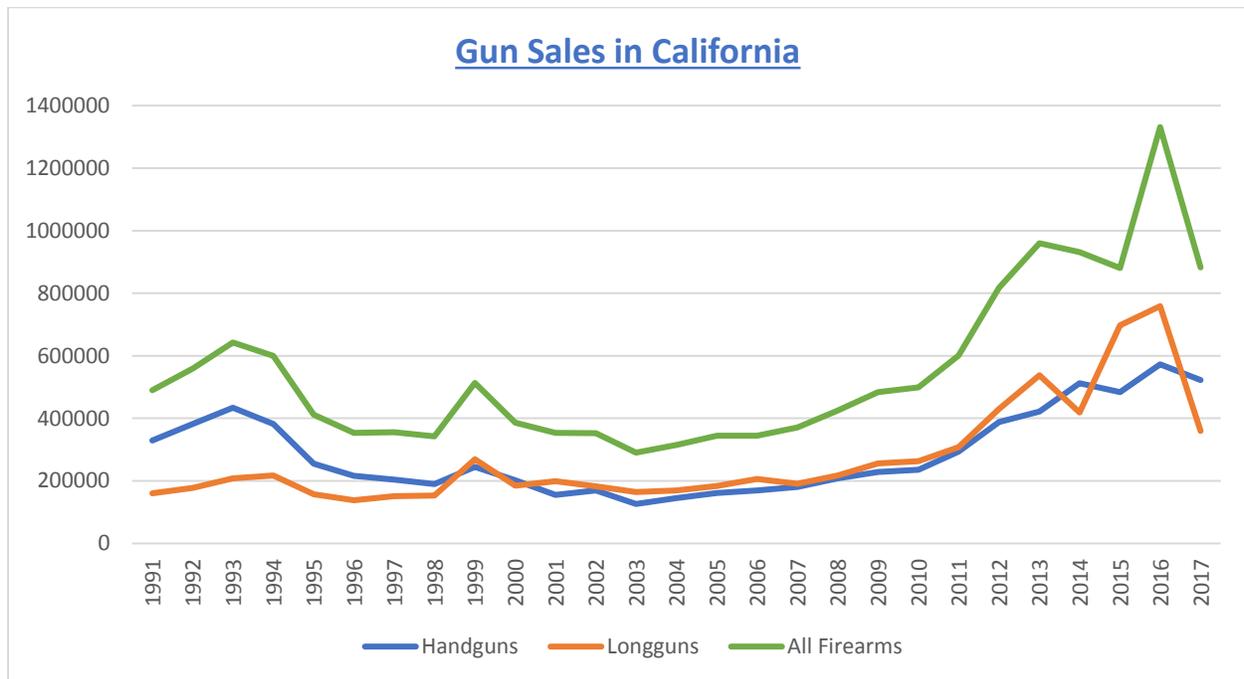
- Homicide w/ Firearm:** 7,454 **71% of CA Homicides involved a firearm**
- Robbery w/ Firearm:** 95,865 **29% of CA Robberies involved a firearm**
- Aggravated Assault w/ Firearm:** 101,872 **19% of CA Agg. Assaults involved a firearmⁱⁱ**

In the City of San Jose, Robberies and Assaults with a gun have increased in recent years:ⁱⁱⁱ



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We know that California continues to sell firearms at an increasing rate, with 2016 showing a record number of sales, and 2017 the second highest number of handgun sales ever recorded. During 2016 there were 1.3 million guns legally sold in California, dipping to 882,585 in 2017 mostly because of a drop in long gun sales. ^{iv}



| Year | Handguns | Handgun Denials | Long guns | Long gun Denials | All Guns | Total Denials |
|------|----------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------------|
| 2013 | 422,030 | 3,813 | 538,149 | 3,680 | 960,179 | 7,493 |
| 2014 | 512,174 | 4,272 | 418,863 | 4,297 | 931,037 | 8,569 |
| 2015 | 483,372 | 5,417 | 697,231 | 4,252 | 880,603 | 9,669 |
| 2016 | 572,644 | 6,172 | 758,678 | 6,149 | 1,331,322 | 12,321 |
| 2017 | 522,984 | 4,264 | 359,601 | 2,570 | 882,585 | 6,834 |

Gun violence impacts children in a profound way. The National Survey of Children’s Exposure to Violence indicates that 4.2% of children aged 0 to 17 in the United States have witnessed a shooting in the past year. Gun-related injuries are the third leading cause of death among US Children, more than heart disease, influenza and congenital anomalies. ^v

Gun Violence Restraining Orders

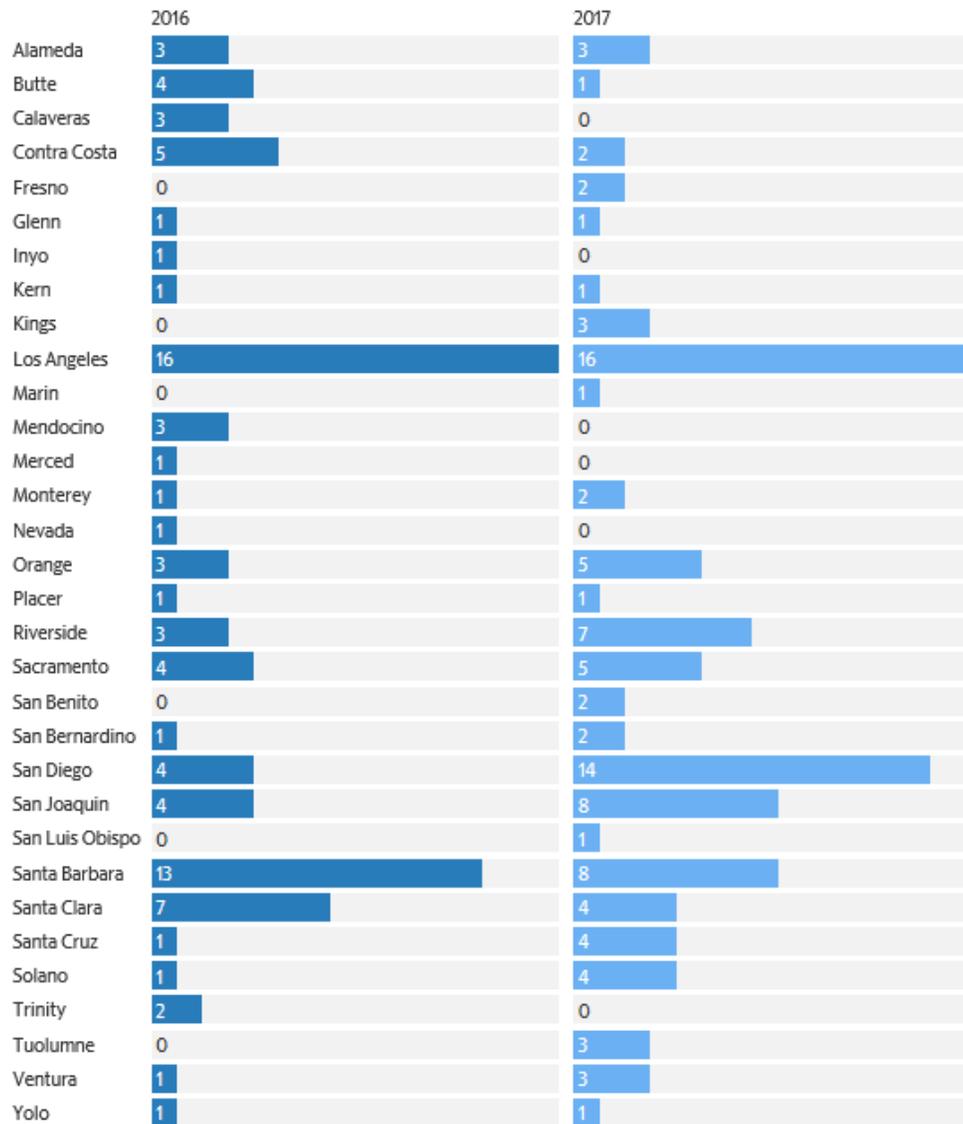
Another tool for combatting gun violence is the Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO). This law allows police to apply for a court order from a judge to remove guns and ammunition from individuals who pose a risk of harm to themselves or others. According to a survey done by the Sacramento Bee, GVROs were used only a handful of times across the state from its inception in 2016 to the present (86 times in 2016, and 104 times in 2017). ^{vi} So far



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in 2018, CSU attorneys have trained all on-call prosecutors, hundreds of police officers and plan to visit every police agency by the end of the year to keep the community safer.

Gun Violence Restraining Orders By County



What Are We Doing About It?

The District Attorney’s Crime Strategies Unit (CSU) placed Gun Violence reduction as one of its primary missions for 2018. In collaboration with multiple County partners including the Department of Public Health, the City of San Jose and the County Board of Supervisors, the Crime Strategies Unit has three missions to help reduce gun violence and spread awareness about gun crimes:

- (1) Gun Law Education Campaign

CSU drafted a gun law reference guide to educate police and prosecutors about California Gun Laws. The attorneys at CSU



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will be touring the County in 2018 to spread the word about ever-changing gun laws to assist in better enforcement in the County. This includes educating about Gun Violence Restraining Orders, described below.

(2) Gun Related Intelligence Program

This program harnesses the power of existing ballistic testing to solve gun crimes and analyze linked shooting cases. The highly-skilled criminalists in DA Office Crime Laboratory Firearms Unit process hundreds of expended shell casings in a national database. When an association between two shell casings is made, intelligence analysts at CSU help investigators put together evidence from shooting scenes so that police can identify and apprehend shooters.

(3) “Trigger Lock” Initiative

Through ongoing collaboration with county and federal prosecutors, CSU works to identify crime-drivers who are better suited for prosecution by the US Attorney’s Office in instances where federal law more appropriately holds the offender accountable.

ⁱ Gun-Related Offenses included: Penal Codes 29800, 25400, 25850, 30305, 245(a)(2), 246, 246.3, 417(a)(2), 417.3; Gun Enhancements include: Penal Codes 12022(a)(1), 12022(a)(2), 12022(c), 12022(d), 12022.5(a), 12022.53(b)-(d)

ⁱⁱ California DOJ, 2016 Crime Report, available at: <https://openjustice.doj.ca.gov/> ; Aggravated Assault is an assault in which bodily injury is caused or a weapon is used, Robbery is the taking of property from a person by use of force or fear.

ⁱⁱⁱ California DOJ OpenJustice Portal statistics

^{iv} California DOJ, Office of the Attorney General https://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/firearms/forms/dros_chart.pdf

^v Fowler, Dahlberg, Haileyesus, Gutierrez “Childhood Firearm Injuries In the United States” (Pediatrics, Vol. 140, July 2017)

^{vi} “Best Tool To Prevent Gun Violence is Rarely Used” by Alexei Kosoff (Sacramento Bee, March 29, 2018) <http://www.sacbee.com/latest-news/article206994229.html>

