



Home Office



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Statistical News Release: Firearm and Shotgun Certificates in England and Wales, financial year ending March 2014

The latest National Statistics on firearm and shotgun certificates in England and Wales are released today. The figures show that there were increases in the numbers of firearm and shotgun certificates on issue as at 31 March 2014 compared with the previous year. There were 151,413 firearm certificates on issue as at 31 March 2014, a 2.5% increase compared with a year earlier, and 582,923 shotgun certificates, a 2.1% increase over the same period.

The number of firearms covered by such certificates (507,867 firearms) also increased, and is the highest number since these figures were first collected in 1995.

There were 8,930 new firearm certificates granted in the year ending March 2014, a decrease of 11.4% from the previous year. There were 23,680 new shotgun certificates granted in the year ending March 2014, a 10.4% decrease compared with the previous year.

A total of 402 firearm certificates and 1,377 shotgun certificates were revoked in the year ending March 2014.

There were 3,486 registered firearm dealers as at 31 March 2014, a decrease of 0.3% since the previous year.

There were 1,793 people covered by firearm visitors' permits and 7,095 people covered by shotgun visitors' permits in the year ending March 2014.

The statistical release, 'Firearm and Shotgun Certificates in England and Wales, financial year ending March 2014' also contains statistics at police force area level on numbers of firearm and shotgun certificates on issue under the Firearms Acts 1968 to 1997.

Notes to editors

[Firearm and Shotgun Certificates in England and Wales, financial year ending March 2014](#) is available online on the UK Statistics Authority website as well as the GOV.UK website.

The latest statistics on recorded offences involving the use of a firearm are published separately in the Office for National Statistics release: [Focus on: Violent Crime and Sexual Offences, 2012/13](#)

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