

The Small Arms Survey Databases



The Small Arms Survey's databases cover various key stages of the life cycle of small arms and light weapons, including licit transfers and illicit trafficking, stockpiles and holdings, and use. Taken as a whole, these databases highlight the multidimensional nature of the issue of armed violence as well as the link between small arms and human suffering. They also help in identifying new trends, and the geographical areas and populations most affected by small arms-related issues.

- **The Global Firearms Holdings** database is a key global reference on the number of firearms held by civilians, law enforcement, and the military on a global and national level.
- **The Global Violent Deaths** database, updated annually, provides a tool for assessing progress in implementing SDG Target 16.1. It contains data starting from 2004 and disaggregated by context (conflict or not, intentional vs. unintentional homicides), sex, and type of weapon (firearm or other), and covers every country and territory in the world.
- **The Unplanned Explosions at Munitions Sites** database tracks the accidental explosion of abandoned, damaged, improperly stored, or properly stored stockpiles of ammunition and explosives at munitions sites globally and nationally. It also records information on the number of victims per incident, the type of owner (state, non-state, private entity, etc), and the potential or confirmed causes of the explosions.

