

## Firearm Imports, Australia: Non-air modern firearms for civilian possession, 1988 to 2015 (ABS)

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	Handgun	Muzzle-loader	Shotgun	Rifle	Other	Modern
Financial Year	HITSC Code 9302.00.0002	HITSC Code 9303.10.0003	HITSC Code 9303.20.0004	HITSC Code 9303.30.0005	HITSC Code 9303.90.0006	Imports
1988-89	5,974	42	15,613	29,915	7,698	51,502
1989-90	5,944	905	13,697	37,581	7,179	57,222
1990-91	6,909	165	19,633	45,133	4,998	71,675
1991-92	8,491	100	13,562	23,252	4,740	45,305
1992-93	7,133	179	7,850	20,898	3,023	35,881
1993-94	9,226	85	6,887	16,815	4,060	32,928
1994-95	11,697	194	13,287	23,767	3,577	48,751
1995-96	10,417	450	9,403	23,232	4,410	43,052
1996-97	5,702	70	37,561	45,582	3,434	88,845
1997-98	11,080	143	10,180	13,081	3,922	34,341
1998-99	9,827	91	2,369	5,642	1,936	17,838
1999-00	20,493	62	3,346	8,530	2,414	32,369
2000-01	11,728	34	5,084	11,329	2,766	28,141
2001-02	9,295	94	6,698	10,286	3,215	26,279
2002-03	13,727	384	4,885	18,824	7,638	37,436
2003-04	8,096	200	4,479	21,255	6,963	33,830
2004-05	8,008	131	7,131	21,407	4,991	36,546
2005-06	6,410	144	10,399	21,206	26,011	38,015
2006-07	7,736	214	9,329	28,683	19,741	45,748
2007-08	6,352	114	9,067	37,572	15,694	52,991
2008-09	7,920	123	9,739	37,763	6,274	55,422
2009-10	8,588	82	10,051	47,822	6,252	66,461
2010-11	15,778	270	n/a	43,604	9,152	59,382
2011-12	14,985	98	n/a	52,745	5,057	67,730
2012-13	11,755	399	19,869	62,765	3,684	94,389
2013-14	21,382	245	30,480	63,965	5,203	115,827
2014-15	15,109	178	15,690	79,195	4,870	109,994
	279,762	5,196	296,289	851,849	178,902	1,427,900

Non-air civilian guns excl. muzzle-loaders and 'Other,' 1988/89-2014/15: 1,427,900

Non-air civilian guns excl. muzzle-loaders and 'Other,' 1996/97-2014/15: 1,041,584

### Data Sources

Australian Bureau of Statistics. International Trade, Customised Table. *Table 1: Imports of selected commodities by quantity, 1988-1999 through to 2011-2012*. Canberra, 9 Jan 2013.

Australian Bureau of Statistics. International Trade, Customised Table. *Table 1: Imports of Firearms, 2012/13, 2013/14 & 2014/15 financial years*. Canberra, 26 Feb 2016.

### Notes

**Handgun:** includes 52,608 handguns known to have been imported for law enforcement and other non-military official uses

**Muzzle-loader:** this commodity code is commonly excluded from tallies of modern firearms

**Military:** firearms declared under the 'Military' commodity code are not included here

**Other:** depending on the importer, this commodity category could include signal flares, perforating guns, captive-bolt guns and perhaps shark heads. It should not include a firearm easily used as a weapon, and is commonly excluded from 'firearm' import tallies

## Definitions

### International harmonised trade commodity codes

**Handgun** Code 9302.00.0002: Revolvers and pistols (excl. explosive charge-, spring-, air- and gas-operated)

**Muzzle-loader** Code 9303.10.0003: Muzzle-loading firearms which operate by the firing of an explosive charge

**Shotgun** Code 9303.20.0004: Sporting, hunting or target-shooting shotguns and combination shotgun-rifles (excl. muzzle-loading) which operate by the firing of an explosive charge

**Rifle** Code 9303.30.0005: Sporting, hunting or target-shooting rifles (excl. shotguns and combination shotgun-rifles, muzzle-loading firearms) which operate by the firing of an explosive charge

**Other** Code 9303.90.0006: Firearms (excl. muzzle-loading and sporting) and similar devices which operate by the firing of an explosive charge

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