

Firearm Imports, Australia: Non-air modern firearms for civilian possession, 1995 to 2015 (Customs)

Philip Alpers. 2016. **GunPolicy.org**, Sydney School of Public Health

Table 1: Commercial non-air Firearm Importations by Type, 1995-2015

Period	Handgun		Handgun Total	Rifle	Shotgun	Military	Antique or		Half Year Total	Fin Yr	Non-air Total	Cal Yr	Total
	LEA	Non-LEA					Other	Other					
Jul-Dec 95	360	5,511	5,871	10,414	5,131	1,325	179		22,920				
Jan-Jun 96	Nil	4,758	4,758	12,651	4,120	292	61		21,882	1995/96	44,802		
Jul-Dec 96	20	3,483	3,503	24,583	17,858	55	45		46,044			1996	67,926
Jan-Jun 97	Nil	2,023	2,023	21,469	19,743	457	24		43,716	1996/97	89,760		
Jul-Dec 97	3,730	1,582	5,312	8,126	8,129	75	105		21,747			1997	65,463
Jan-Jun 98	3,160	2,854	6,014	4,924	1,789	325	38		13,090	1997/98	34,837		
Jul-Dec 98	4,374	2,482	6,856	1,843	1,445	416	44		10,604			1998	23,694
Jan-Jun 99	477	2,400	2,877	3,697	927	253	47		7,801	1998/99	18,405		
Jul-Dec 99	1,626	5,845	7,471	3,621	1,334	107	18		12,551			1999	20,352
Jan-Jun 00	5,694	7,818	13,512	4,942	1,922	192	33		20,601	1999/00	33,152		
Jul-Dec 00	3,324	2,411	5,735	5,265	2,836	754	9		14,599			2000	35,200
Jan-Jun 01	2,004	4,876	6,880	5,844	2,053	1,253	37		16,067	2000/01	30,666		
Jul-Dec 01	16	4,439	4,455	4,453	3,484	882	22		13,296			2001	29,363
Jan-Jun 02	1,600	2,832	4,432	5,948	2,737	1,505	98		14,720	2001/02	28,016		
Jul-Dec 02	433	4,686	5,119	10,031	3,111	3,429	153		21,843			2002	36,563
Jan-Jun 03	4,108	3,606	7,714	8,383	2,260	322	417		19,096	2002/03	40,939		
Jul-Dec 03	1,080	3,351	4,431	9,591	2,631	486	376		17,515			2003	36,611
Jan-Jun 04	143	4,140	4,283	11,822	1,811	1,498	51		19,465	2003/04	36,980		
Jul-Dec 04	437	2,866	3,303	10,474	3,035	529	62		17,403			2004	36,868
Jan-Jun 05	275	4,888	5,163	11,874	3,938	386	22		21,383	2004/05	38,786		
Jul-Dec 05	278	2,043	2,321	10,235	4,150	1,141	62		17,909			2005	39,292
Jan-Jun 06	1,931	1,624	3,555	11,430	5,886	565	44		21,480	2005/06	39,389		
Jul-Dec 06	1,590	2,080	3,670	13,256	5,472	1,169	94		23,661			2006	45,141
Jan-Jun 07	352	3,199	3,551	13,707	5,256	1,512	133		24,159	2006/07	47,820		
Jul-Dec 07	914	3,042	3,956	19,423	4,791	942	n/a		29,112			2007	53,271
Jan-Jun 08	182	2,337	2,519	22,417	3,829	234	n/a		28,999	2007/08	58,111		
Jul 08-Jun 09	4,000		7,288	39,592	9,815	827	Nil			2008/09	57,522		
Jul 09-Jun 10			8,604	51,144	13,371	582	Nil			2009/10	73,701		
Jul 10-Jun 11	10,500		5,064	44,525	12,055	442	Nil			2010/11	72,586		
Jul 11-Jun 12			16,485	54,694	18,739	88	Nil			2011/12	90,006		
Jul 12-Jun 13			8,323	59,799	19,432	631	Nil			2012/13	88,185		
Jul 13-Jun 14			12,508	61,698	23,334	811	Nil			2013/14	98,351		
Jul 14-Jun 15			11,332	78,465	14,055	471	Nil			2014/15	104,323		

52,608 91,176 198,888 660,340 230,479 23,956 2,174 541,663 1,126,337 489,744

Less handguns for law enforcement agencies (LEA), Military, Antique or Other: 78,738

Modern civilian firearms imported from July 1995 to June 2015: 1,047,599

Data Sources

- 1) Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, Doc 2008/016356-01 - Appendix A, B and C 1995-2008. *Report of Firearms Imports/ Exports and Customs Detections - Half-Yearly Firearms Reports*. Trade Division, Trade Policy and Regulation, Weapons and Strategic Goods
- 2) 2008-12: Australian Customs and Border Protection Service Annual Reports
- 3) 2012-15: Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection, Freedom of Information Act request FA 16/03/00111, 18 Mar 2016

Notes

In rows 31-37, eleven spreadsheet cells include important explanatory notes. If these are not visible on hover, please contact the author

Data source (1) separates law enforcement agency (LEA) and non-LEA handgun imports from July 1995 to June 2008 (above dotted line)

Data sources (2) and (3) do not separate LEA and non-LEA handgun imports from July 2008 to June 2015 (below dotted line)

By mid-2011, almost all police forces had completed major handgun importation programmes to re-equip frontline staff

The commodity codes 'Military' and 'Antique or Other' are commonly excluded from tallies of firearm imports

Suggested citation for this table

Alpers, Philip. 2016. *Firearm Imports, Australia: Non-air modern firearms for civilian possession, 1995 to 2015 (Customs)*.

Sydney: GunPolicy.org, Sydney School of Public Health.

<http://www.gunpolicy.org/documents/5344-australia-firearm-imports-1995-2012-customs>