The following data comes from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement’s Uniform Crime Report (UCR) system; the system provides standardized annual and semi-annual reports on crime statistics based on data gathered from across the state.

Weapon data is collected for the UCR crimes of Murder, Manslaughter, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault. There are four UCR weapon categories: Firearm; Knife, Cutting Instrument; Hands, Fists, Feet; and Other Weapons. The Firearm category includes handguns, rifles, shotguns, or other firearms. The Knife, Cutting Instrument category includes items such as an ax, ice pick, screwdriver, or switchblade. The Hands, Fists, Feet category includes the use of the offender’s body parts as a weapon. The Other Weapons category includes any object used as a weapon that is not already included in another weapon category.

The charts above display overall weapon data for the following UCR crimes: Murder, Manslaughter, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault.

- A firearm was used in 27% of the 1,122,971 weapons-related offenses reported in Florida’s UCR between 2007 and 2017. More Murders were committed with a firearm than any other type of weapon (71% of the 11,528 Murders reported involved a firearm).
- 73% of weapons-related crime reported involved the use of something other than a firearm. 348,028 (31%) of the offenses involved the use of Hands, Fists, Feet, making it the most common weapon used.
- Use of a Knife/Cutting Instrument was more likely to occur in an Aggravated Assault than any other offense category.

Less than half of the 285,318 Robbery Offenses reported from 2007 to 2017 were firearm-related (43%). A comparable number of robberies involved the use Hands, Fists, Feet as weapons.

The number of Robberies per year decreased by 51.2% from 2007 to 2017. The percentage of Robberies that were Firearm-related decreased from 47% in 2007 to 42% in 2017.

Between 2007 and 2017, only 18% of the 114,652 sexual offenses were committed with a weapon type other than Hands, Fists, Feet.

Over 75% of the 710,238 Aggravated Assault offenses involved a weapon other than a firearm between 2007 and 2017.


Figures include the Orlando Pulse nightclub shooting incident on June 12, 2016, where 49 persons were killed.

More information is available at www.fdle.state.fl.us/FSAC.