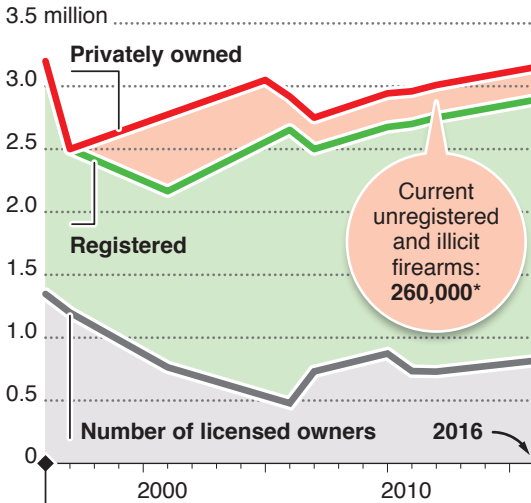


# Australian gun ownership on the rise

After rigorous gun legislation brought in after the Port Arthur massacre, gun ownership numbers are creeping back up to their former levels

## NUMBER OF CIVILIAN FIREARMS IN CIRCULATION



### Apr 1996: Port Arthur massacre

Lone gunman kills 35 people and injures 23 in shooting and stabbing spree in Tasmania. Government bans use of all semi-automatic rifles and shotguns – buy-back scheme sees 643,000 firearms handed in at cost of \$350m

## Top five countries with highest gun ownership per 100 residents

United States	120.5
Yemen	52.8
Montenegro	39.1
Serbia	39.1
Canada	34.7

## Countries with most mass shootings† (1966-2012)

United States	90
Philippines	18
Russia	15
Yemen	11
France	10

†Four or more people indiscriminately killed

