

Part VII.

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During 1994, the Metropolitan Police Department conducted two firearms amnesty programs. These programs recovered a total of 2,400 firearms and in that year accounted for approximately 41% of all firearms recovered by the Department. In the following, the firearms recovered in 1994 are compared to those recovered under the 1999 Gun Buy-Back:

<u>DESIGN</u>	<u>VOLUME:</u> <u>1994/1999</u>	<u>PERCENTAGES:</u> <u>1994/1999</u>
REVOLVER	906/1486	37.8/51.0
PISTOL	441/714	18.4/24.5
SHOTGUN	450/299	18.8/10.3
RIFLE	440/297	18.3/10.2
OTHER ¹	157/116	6.8/4.0
TOTALS:	2,400/2,912	100.0/100.0

1. HANDGUNS

In 1994, handguns accounted for 56.2 % of the firearms recovered. In 1999, handguns accounted for 75.5 % of the firearms recovered.

<u>HANDGUNS</u>	<u>1994/1999</u>	<u>PERCENTAGES</u>
REVOLVERS	906/1486	37.8/51.0
PISTOLS	441/714	18.4/24.5
TOTALS:	1,347/2200	56.2/75.5

2. LONGGUNS

In 1994, longguns accounted for 37.1% of the firearms recovered. In 1999, longguns accounted for 20.5% of the firearms recovered.

<u>LONGGUNS</u>	<u>1994/1999</u>	<u>PERCENTAGES</u>
SHOTGUNS	450/299	18.8/10.3
RIFLES	440/297	18.3/10.2
TOTALS:	890/596	37.1/20.5

¹ In the 1994 study, the "other" category included Blank (*Starter*) pistols, Pellet guns, Black Powder guns, Replicas, Toys, eight weapons that had not been fully identified, and what at the time had been identified as a pipe bomb. In the 1999 study, only Blank pistols, Pellet guns, Black Powder guns, Replicas, and a Toy were included in the "other" category.

3 "OTHER" AMNESTY GUNS

Consistent with amnesty programs of this magnitude, a number of guns are taken into custody that do not fall within the Federal definition of a "firearm" but which are weapons. Definitions for these other types of guns are provided in Part I. Their recovery rates are compared in the following:

<u>DESIGN</u>	<u>NUMBER</u> <u>1994/1999</u>
BLANK	71/69
PELLET	37/32
BLACK POWDER	35/9
REPLICA	9/4
TOY	2/1
UNCLASSIFIED	8/1
PIPE BOMB	1/0
TOTALS:	<u>163/116</u>