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Guns

How They Got Their Guns

By LARRY BUCHANAN, JOSH KELLER, RICHARD A. OPPEL Jr. and DANIEL VICTOR **UPDATED** December 3, 2015

The guns used in 15 recent mass shootings, including the attack in San Bernardino, were bought legally. At least eight gunmen had criminal histories or documented mental health problems that did not prevent them from obtaining their weapons.



AZ is Best Gun State

1. Arizona

Still the reigning champion, Arizona combines strong laws with an unmatched shooting culture and strong industry presence. An effort to strengthen the state's preemption law failed to make it out of the legislature this year, but a clarifying bill did pass, specifying that the transfer of firearms was immune from administrative or municipal regulation. Arizona gets full points in every category with both permitless and permitted carry, strong self-defense laws, a "shall sign" NFA statute and a thriving competitive shooting scene. Whether you're into ISPC-style shooting, 3-Gun, long-range rifles, Cowboy matches, shotgunning or just shooting machine guns in the desert, Arizona has everyone covered.



CA Not Best Gun State

46. California

While many states have backed away from efforts to restrict the rights of their gun owners, California is moving full steam ahead. Although much of

California's geography is true rural America, the big cities dominate the political

landscape and enact strict gun laws accordingly. Gov. Jerry Brown signed five anti-gun bills into law since G&A last prepared this report. On the bright side, the 9th Circuit ruled in favor of gun owners in the *Peruta v. San Diego* case, which relates to the constitutionality of the restrictive carry permit policies in many of the state's counties. That case will be heard by a nine-member panel in June 2015 and could end up in the U.S. Supreme Court. California uses a restrictive "approved" handgun list that makes some models (many already discontinued by the manufacturer) available in the state, and the mere act of shipping a firearm to a dealer in California can be complicated. A 10-day waiting period is imposed on all firearms acquisitions, and registration is required. Tactical-looking rifles are restricted as are standard-capacity magazines not grandfathered in. Mere possession of certain magazines is banned in some municipalities, and most NFA items, including suppressors, are not allowed.



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- In addition, many states that have not historically had many immigrants, are now experience large growth-rates (AL, SC, TN, AR all had nearly 80% growth in immigrant populations or higher, between 2000-2010)

Nevada's Foreign Born Population

The growth of Nevada's immigrant population has been fairly recent, with most immigrants arriving only over the past two or three decades, but very strong. According to data from the American Community Survey, from 2000 to 2013 Nevada's foreign-born population grew by 64 percent, reaching more than 500,000 people by 2010. Today, nearly one in five Nevada residents is foreign-born, significantly above the national average.



Size of foreign-born population (2013)

521,931

Percent of state's population that is immigrant

19.1%

Growth in foreign-born population 2000-2013

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- AZ's SB-1070 – declared undocumented entry was equivalent to criminal trespass punishable by prison terms; required non-citizens to carry passports/visas/green cards at all times, etc.

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 - 4. Allow noncitizen residents to vote in local elections