

Firearm Sales Soared Through Holidays

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The Federal government continues to push for tighter gun-control laws through liberal rhetoric and more dubious means like the Fast and Furious gun-tracking operation, which may explain why wary Americans bought a record number of firearms as gifts this Christmas season.

According to the FBI, more than 1.5 million background check requests were made to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by gun dealers in the month of December. About 500,000 of those requests came in the six days before Christmas.

Record gun sales were reported this holiday season. UPI

On Dec. 23, there were 102,222 background checks made for gun purchases — the second highest number in history, surpassed only by this shopping season’s Black Friday when there were 129,166 gun-buying background checks, according to [The Telegraph](#).

A spokesman for the National Rifle Association (NRA) said he believed that more gun-buying was taking place because of shrinking police forces and more crime in many areas of the country.

Some anti-gun lobbies like the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence say that the trend is indicative of more guns being bought by the same Americans out of fear.

“The research we’ve seen indicates fewer and fewer people are owning more and more guns,” spokesperson Caroline Brewer told *CNN*. “All the trends indicate the number of Americans who own guns has declined. It would appear because of fear-mongering by the NRA since Obama’s election that people are adding more guns to their arsenals out of fear Obama and the Democrats will take away their guns, which is absurd.”