

State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension



Summary Data on Permits to Carry Concealed Weapon

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Introduction

Minnesota Session Laws 2001, 1st Special Session, Chapter 8, Article 5, Section 20 mandates that each chief of police and sheriff shall submit to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal apprehension the following summary data related to applications for permits to carry pistols under Minnesota Statutes, section 624.714, for the preceding calendar year:

- (1) the number of applications received
- (2) the number of permits granted
- (3) the reasons given by the applicants for seeking the permits
- (4) the number of permits denied and the specific reason for each denial
- (5) the number of permits issued by the chief or sheriff that are valid as of December 31 of the preceding year; and
- (6) the number of convictions and types of crimes committed since the previous report, and in total, by individuals with permits to carry, including data as to whether a firearm lawfully carried solely by virtue of a permit to carry was actually used in furtherance of the crime.

Data collected for calendar year 2001 will be reported on February 15, 2002 and data collected for 2002 will be reported on February 15, 2003. The reporting requirement expires on June 30, 2003.

This report is a summary of the data reported by the chiefs of police and sheriffs.

Background

Local law enforcement agencies were notified of the new reporting requirement by letter (Attachment A). The BCA created a web site that allowed agencies to download a copy of the reporting form for mailing to the BCA or to report their summary data on-line. The information collected was sent out to data entry services.

Carry Concealed Weapon 2001 Summary Data

[The information collected covers the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001]

Statewide Data

Number of Agencies Reporting:

493	Total agencies notified of study
298	Agencies that submitted permit data
79	Agencies reported they do not issue permits
4	No longer have police departments
112	Data submitted past deadline or no data received

12,134* Total applications received for permits to carry pistols

11,293 Total permits granted

827 Total permits denied

14* Total pending or incomplete

*Modified from 2/11/2002 preliminary report due to data entry error

Reasons for seeking permit:

[Inconsistent interpretation resulted in 74 agencies reporting "Reason for seeking permit" only if a permit was granted rather than on the total number of applications received]

7,510 Personal Safety Hazard

4,262 Occupational Need

11,177 Total Number Valid Permits Statewide as of December 31, 2001

Reasons for permit denial (There may be multiple reasons for denial for an individual):

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| 515 | Does not have an occupational or personal safety hazard requiring a permit to carry. |
| 240 | Does not possess a firearms safety certificate recognized by the Department of Natural Resources, evidence of successful completion of a test of ability to use a firearm supervised by the chief of police or sheriff or other satisfactory proof of ability to use a pistol safely. |
| 80 | Total Prohibited by M. S. § 624.713 |
| 13 | Has been convicted of a crime of violence as defined in Minn. Stat. 624.712 in Minnesota or elsewhere and not either (1) been restored to civil rights at least 10 years ago or (2) sentence expired at least 10 years ago. |
| 2 | Under 18 years of age - Subd. 1 (a) |
| 8 | Person convicted in Minnesota or elsewhere of a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor violation of chapter 152, etc. - Subd. 1(d) |
| 8 | Has been confined or committed to a treatment facility in Minnesota or elsewhere as "chemically dependent" as defined in Minn. Stat. § 253B.02 – Subd. 1(e) |
| 9 | Has been convicted after August 1, 1992, of assault in the Fifth degree under MN statute 609.224 or of domestic assault under MN statute 609.2242 – Subd. 1 (h) |
| 25 | Has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year regardless of what punishment was actually imposed – Subd. 1 (j) (1) |
| 2 | Is an unlawful user of any controlled substance as defined in Chapter 152, Minnesota Statutes – Subd. 1 (j) (3) |
| 9 | Has been judicially committed to a treatment facility in Minnesota or elsewhere as "mentally ill," "mentally retarded," or "mentally ill and dangerous to the public" as defined in section 253.02 – Subd. 1 (j) (4) |
| 176 | Other reasons for denial (see list on page 4) |

List of other reasons individuals were not issued permits to carry:

2	Resubmitted for occupational need and was granted. Provided by-laws for family business.
1	Currently pending litigation in the city for disorderly contact
1	Terroristic threats, social services mental patient, vandalism/harassment, suicide threats
2	Complaints of threats (no charges involved)
1	89 year old male that was too "shaky" to use a weapon
2	Numerous alcohol violations
1	No Minnesota identification
1	Obstruct Legal Process on Felony Warrant Pickup
4	Violations of weapons laws
1	Previous permit revoked
1	While no formal committment, individual known to police as a chronic alcoholic. Several trips to detox.
1	While no formal committment, individual known to to police to be mentally unstable.
1	Applicant (pilot) already authorized to carry firearm while flying per Airline Security Act.
1	Arrested for having a loaded handgun in a carry on bag.
25	Failed to respond with additional information requested by sheriff
1	Alcohol related violations
25	Residency requirement not met
2	Past criminal history record pending narcotics charges active warrant
43	Incomplete application
2	Pending felony charges at time of application
1	A complaint of harassment filed
1	Suicide risk no confinement or commitment to a treatment facility
2	Multiple alcohol violations under age 21 & DUI suspect in property damage crime mental health
1	Battery fighting with peace officer
3	No specific reasons stated on applications
1	Violated provisions of previously issued permit to carry
2	Prior involvement w/criminal activity
21	DWI week of application over .20 blood alcohol
5	Did not have a justified reason to carry
11	Denied because of behavior and or alcohol problems
1	Previous denial
4	Carry while hunting
1	Permit revoked due to improper use
1	Quit employment for security company
1	County corrections staff living in Iowa employee advised to get an Iowa permit
2	One non-resident one w/pending charges in another county
176	TOTAL

19 Number of individuals holding valid permits that committed crime since issue.

0 Number of individuals holding valid permits who used firearm in furtherance of crime.

Crime Type	Total # individuals convicted for this crime
DWI	5
Drivers Lic-Resident Operate w/Revoke/Susp/Cancel	1
Traffic-Fail to Produce Proof of Vehicle Insurance	2
Carry Weapons Without Permit	1
Misdemeanor Traffic Safety School Children	1
Disorderly Conduct	1
Worthless Check	1
Criminal Vehicular Homicide	1
Burglary	1
Narcotics violation	3
Domestic Assault	1
Issue Dishonored Checks	1
TOTAL	19

7 County Metro Area

[Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington, Dakota, Anoka, Carver, Scott]

1,647 Total applications received for permits to carry pistols

1,390 Total permits granted

249 Total permits denied

8 Total pending or incomplete

Reasons for seeking permit:

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392 Personal Safety Hazard

1,174 Occupational Need

Reasons for permit denial (There may be multiple reasons for denial for an individual):

192 Does not have an occupational or personal safety hazard requiring a permit to carry.

42 Does not possess a firearms safety certificate recognized by the Department of Natural Resources, evidence of successful completion of a test of ability to use a firearm supervised by the chief of police or sheriff or other satisfactory proof of ability to use a pistol safely.

20 Prohibited by M. S. § 624.713

80 County Greater Minnesota

10,487* Total applications received for permits to carry pistols

9,903 Total permits granted

578 Total permits denied

6* Total pending or incomplete

* Modified from 2/11/2002 preliminary report due to data entry error

Reasons for seeking permit:

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7,118 Personal Safety Hazard

3,088 Occupational Need

Reasons for permit denial (There may be multiple reasons for denial for an individual):

323 Does not have an occupational or personal safety hazard requiring a permit to carry.

198 Does not possess a firearms safety certificate recognized by the Department of Natural Resources, evidence of successful completion of a test of ability to use a firearm supervised by the chief of police or sheriff or other satisfactory proof of ability to use a pistol safely.

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