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## 2008 Homicide Data Show Decline

The latest Homicide in Canada 2008 report shows that the number of homicides with rifles and shotguns are nearly half what they were in 1995, the year Canada's Firearms Act passed. In contrast, homicides without guns have declined only slightly.

Overall Canada is safer as a result of stronger controls on firearms. More needs to be done to combat the illegal gun trade.

**We need more gun control, not less.**

Year	1991	1995	Previous year (2007)	Latest Data
<b>Total Homicide</b>				<b>2008</b>
Number	756	586	594	611
Rate per 100,000	2.7	2.01	1.80	1.83
<b>Homicide with firearms</b>				<b>2008</b>
Number	271	176	188	200
Rate per 100,000	0.97	0.6	0.56	0.59
<b>Homicide with rifles and shotguns</b>				<b>2008</b>
Number	103	61	32	34
Rate per 100,000	0.37	0.21	0.09	0.1
<b>Homicide with handguns</b>				<b>2008</b>
Number	135	95	126	121
Rate per 100,000	0.48	0.32	0.38	0.36
<b>Homicide without firearms</b>				<b>2008</b>
Number	485	410	406	411
Rate per 100,000	1.73	1.4	1.23	1.23