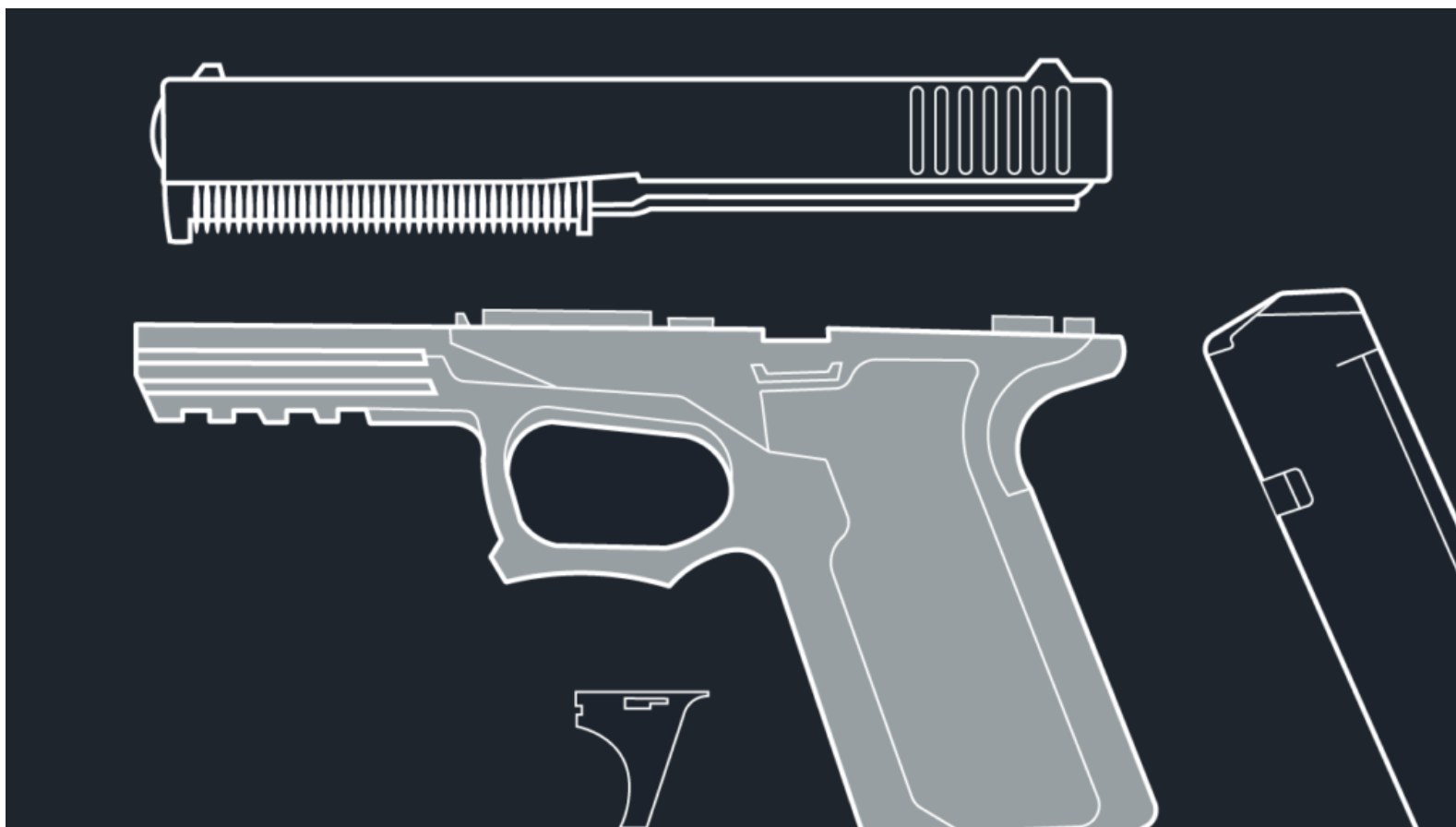


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Ghost Guns Recoveries and Shootings

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Untraceable DIY ghost guns are the fastest growing gun safety problem in the country. They've become a weapon of choice for violent criminals, including white supremacists. And because they can be obtained with no background check and no questions asked, they are undermining gun safety laws across the country. In anticipation of the ATF finalizing a new rule relating to kits and parts used to build ghost guns, it is important for the public to understand the prevalence of ghost guns in murders, shootings, and other crimes. Everytown has therefore collected examples of reported murders and shootings using ghost guns since 2013. In addition, this site collects the latest figures on ghost gun recoveries from cities across the country.

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Date	State	Locality	Description	Court Docs
2022-4-8	NY	Bronx	A 17-year-old shot and killed a 16-year-old and injured two other teens with a ghost gun outside of a high school.	
2022-3-6	WA	Everett	After a fight broke out in the parking lot of a bar, a man shot and killed another man with a ghost gun.	
2022-3-4	KS	Johnson County	A student used a ghost gun to shoot a school resource officer.	
2022-2-28	CA	Sacramento	A man subject to a DVRO killed his three daughters, a chaperone, and himself with ghost AR.	
2022-2-27	KS	Lenexa	A man used a ghost AR-15 in the double murder-suicide of his ex-girlfriend and the man that she was with.	
2022-2-25	NM	Albuquerque	14-year-old killed 16-year-old with ghost gun near school.	
2022-1-30	FL	Vero Beach	A teen unintentionally shot another teen with ghost pistol he thought was unloaded.	
2022-1-28	CA	Los Angeles	A man with a ghost gun was shot and injured by officers.	
2022-1-25	NY	New Rochelle	16 year old fatally shot another 16 year old with Polymer80 pistol.	
2022-1-21	MD	Montgomery County	17-year-old shot a 15 year old in high school with ghost gun.	

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City	State	Ghost Gun Recoveries Statistics
Phoenix	AZ	"OX 10 Phoenix reported on the circulation of ghost guns in the area and spoke to authorities about their efforts to get these weapons off the streets. According to FOX 10, police said their agency seized 30 ghost guns in 2020 and collected 31 in the first six months of 2021. "
Daly City	CA	"Only one ghost gun was recovered in 2019 in Daly City, but 10 each were seized in 2020 and 2021, according to Daly City Police Department Sgt. Brandon Scholes — most seized in conjunction with drug possession or drug sales."
Humboldt County	CA	"Out of the roughly 100 firearms seized by the Humboldt County Drug Task Force last year, Nantz said an estimated 20 to 40 would qualify as ghost guns. A ghost gun is any gun that doesn't have a serial number and thus can't be traced."
Los Angeles	CA	"ghost guns had been linked to 24 murders, eight attempted murders, 20 robberies and 60 assaults with a deadly weapon by the end of last November." "According to the LAPD, the department recovered 1,921 ghost guns in 2021, more than double the 813 ghost guns recovered in 2020. A representative from the department told CNN the LAPD did not begin separately tracking the number of ghost guns recovered until 2020, further underscoring how quickly ghost guns have proliferated throughout the city."
Pasadena	CA	"Pasadena police estimate that about 10% to 12% of the 250 firearms they have recovered so far this year have been ghost guns."
Redwood City	CA	"The Redwood City Police Department reported that two ghost guns were recovered in 2019 and in 2020, of 75 and 57 total guns, respectively. By comparison, seven ghost guns out of 56 guns total were recovered by December 2021."
San Diego	CA	"According to the SDPD, 545 ghost guns were recovered by the department in 2021. There were 211 in 2020 and 52 in 2019."

City	State	Ghost Gun Recoveries Statistics
San Diego	CA	"According to SDPD, during the first two months of the year, police also recovered 372 firearms, 77 of which were ghost guns, banned in the city."
San Francisco	CA	"Police in San Francisco seized 1,089 guns in 2021, about 20% of which were ghost guns. Just five years prior in 2016, ghost guns made up less than 1% of total gun seizures. The city's police department also reported that nearly half of the firearms recovered in homicide cases in 2020 were ghost guns."
San Mateo	CA	"The city of San Mateo reported 16 ghost guns recovered in 2021, an increase of 166% since 2019."

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