

Table 6. Persons Prohibited from Possession of Firearms, 1978-1998  
 Number Prohibited, Cumulative Total and Rate (per 100,000 population)

YEAR	Number of Persons Prohibited	Cumulative Total <sup>1</sup>	Rate
1978	877	1,306	5
1979	1,228	3,187	13
1980	2,890	4,866	20
1981	3,228	6,799	27
1982	4,115	9,366	37
1983	5,160	12,055	48
1984	5,937	14,648	57
1985	7,084	17,446	68
1986	5,378	20,307	78
1987	5,973	22,714	86
1988	6,947	25,227	94
1989	7,554	27,499	101
1990	7,794	29,418	106
1991	9,584	32,505	116
1992	11,594	37,159	131
1993	13,664	42,219	147
1994	16,125	47,876	165
1995	17,046	52,857	180
1996	21,535	58,097	196
1997 <sup>2</sup>	14,709	63,552	212
1998	15,752	70,796	234

SOURCE: RCMP: Annual Firearms Report to the Solicitor General of Canada

**NOTE:**

- 1 "Cumulative total" is the overall number of persons still prohibited from possessing firearms, ammunition, or explosive substances at the end of each year, recorded in the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) system.
- 2 The lower number of prohibitions in 1997 and 1998 was the result of a different administrative procedure of counting and not necessarily an actual decrease in prohibitions, because the total number still under prohibition continued to increase.

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**Why don't these 70,796 individuals (who are prohibited from owning firearms) have to report their change of address to police like law-abiding firearm owners do?**