

# Investigate\_a\_Dataset

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## 1 Project: Investigating NICS background checks with FBI Gun Data

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## Introduction

The data that is used in this project is retrieved from the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System. The goal of this project is investigating NICS background checks to identify data trends of US gun purchases and creating visualisations using Python, NumPy, Pandas and Matplotlib.

The NICS background check is used by to determine whether a prospective buyer is eligible to buy firearms or explosives. Gun shops call into this system to ensure that each customer does not have a criminal record or isn't otherwise ineligible to make a purchase. The data has been supplemented with state level data from census.gov.

```
In [1]: # Use this cell to set up import statements for all of the packages that you
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import datetime
from statistics import mode
import seaborn as sns
% matplotlib inline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
get_ipython().run_line_magic('matplotlib', 'inline')
```

## Data Wrangling

**Tip:** In this section of the report, you will load in the data, check for cleanliness, and then trim and clean your dataset for analysis. Make sure that you document your steps carefully and justify your cleaning decisions.

### 2.1.1 General Properties

In [2]: *#read from CSV file*

```
census = pd.read_csv('U.S. Census Data.csv')
```

*#read from excel data format file*

```
gun = pd.read_excel('gun_data.xlsx')
```

In [3]: `gun.head()`

```
Out[3]:
```

	month	state	permit	permit_recheck	handgun	long_gun	other	\
0	2017-09	Alabama	16717.0	0.0	5734.0	6320.0	221.0	
1	2017-09	Alaska	209.0	2.0	2320.0	2930.0	219.0	
2	2017-09	Arizona	5069.0	382.0	11063.0	7946.0	920.0	
3	2017-09	Arkansas	2935.0	632.0	4347.0	6063.0	165.0	
4	2017-09	California	57839.0	0.0	37165.0	24581.0	2984.0	

	multiple	admin	prepawn_handgun	...	returned_other	rentals_handgun	\
0	317	0.0	15.0	...	0.0	0.0	
1	160	0.0	5.0	...	0.0	0.0	
2	631	0.0	13.0	...	0.0	0.0	
3	366	51.0	12.0	...	0.0	0.0	
4	0	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	

	rentals_long_gun	private_sale_handgun	private_sale_long_gun	\
0	0.0	9.0	16.0	
1	0.0	17.0	24.0	
2	0.0	38.0	12.0	
3	0.0	13.0	23.0	
4	0.0	0.0	0.0	

	private_sale_other	return_to_seller_handgun	return_to_seller_long_gun	\
0	3.0	0.0	0.0	
1	1.0	0.0	0.0	
2	2.0	0.0	0.0	
3	0.0	0.0	2.0	
4	0.0	0.0	0.0	

	return_to_seller_other	totals
0	3.0	32019
1	0.0	6303
2	0.0	28394
3	1.0	17747
4	0.0	123506

[5 rows x 27 columns]

```
In [4]: gun.describe()
```

```
Out[4]:
```

	permit	permit_recheck	handgun	long_gun \
count	12461.000000	1100.000000	12465.000000	12466.000000
mean	6413.629404	1165.956364	5940.881107	7810.847585
std	23752.338269	9224.200609	8618.584060	9309.846140
min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	0.000000	0.000000	865.000000	2078.250000
50%	518.000000	0.000000	3059.000000	5122.000000
75%	4272.000000	0.000000	7280.000000	10380.750000
max	522188.000000	116681.000000	107224.000000	108058.000000

	other	multiple	admin	prepawn_handgun \
count	5500.000000	12485.000000	12462.000000	10542.000000
mean	360.471636	268.603364	58.898090	4.828021
std	1349.478273	783.185073	604.814818	10.907756
min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	17.000000	15.000000	0.000000	0.000000
50%	121.000000	125.000000	0.000000	0.000000
75%	354.000000	301.000000	0.000000	5.000000
max	77929.000000	38907.000000	28083.000000	164.000000

	prepawn_long_gun	prepawn_other	...	returned_other \
count	10540.000000	5115.000000	...	1815.000000
mean	7.834156	0.165591	...	1.027548
std	16.468028	1.057105	...	4.386296
min	0.000000	0.000000	...	0.000000
25%	0.000000	0.000000	...	0.000000
50%	1.000000	0.000000	...	0.000000
75%	8.000000	0.000000	...	0.000000
max	269.000000	49.000000	...	64.000000

	rentals_handgun	rentals_long_gun	private_sale_handgun \
count	990.000000	825.000000	2750.000000
mean	0.076768	0.087273	14.936000
std	0.634503	0.671649	71.216021
min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
50%	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
75%	0.000000	0.000000	2.000000
max	12.000000	12.000000	1017.000000

	private_sale_long_gun	private_sale_other	return_to_seller_handgun \
count	2750.000000	2750.000000	2475.000000
mean	11.602909	1.030182	0.402020
std	54.253090	4.467843	1.446568
min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000

50%	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
75%	4.000000	0.000000	0.000000
max	777.000000	71.000000	28.000000

	return_to_seller_long_gun	return_to_seller_other	totals
count	2750.000000	2255.000000	12485.000000
mean	0.441818	0.105987	21595.725911
std	1.528223	0.427363	32591.418387
min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	0.000000	0.000000	4638.000000
50%	0.000000	0.000000	12399.000000
75%	0.000000	0.000000	25453.000000
max	17.000000	4.000000	541978.000000

[8 rows x 25 columns]

In [5]: `#run census data`  
`census.head()`

Out [5]:

		Fact	Fact	Note	Alabama	\
0	Population estimates, July 1, 2016, (V2016)	NaN			4,863,300	
1	Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2...	NaN			4,780,131	
2	Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (es...	NaN			1.70%	
3	Population, Census, April 1, 2010	NaN			4,779,736	
4	Persons under 5 years, percent, July 1, 2016, ...	NaN			6.00%	

	Alaska	Arizona	Arkansas	California	Colorado	Connecticut	Delaware	\
0	741,894	6,931,071	2,988,248	39,250,017	5,540,545	3,576,452	952,065	
1	710,249	6,392,301	2,916,025	37,254,522	5,029,324	3,574,114	897,936	
2	4.50%	8.40%	2.50%	5.40%	10.20%	0.10%	6.00%	
3	710,231	6,392,017	2,915,918	37,253,956	5,029,196	3,574,097	897,934	
4	7.30%	6.30%	6.40%	6.30%	6.10%	5.20%	5.80%	

	...	South Dakota	Tennessee	Texas	Utah	Vermont	Virginia	\
0	...	865454	6651194	27,862,596	3,051,217	624,594	8,411,808	
1	...	814195	6346298	25,146,100	2,763,888	625,741	8,001,041	
2	...	0.063	0.048	10.80%	10.40%	-0.20%	5.10%	
3	...	814180	6346105	25,145,561	2,763,885	625,741	8,001,024	
4	...	0.071	0.061	7.20%	8.30%	4.90%	6.10%	

	Washington	West Virginia	Wisconsin	Wyoming
0	7,288,000	1,831,102	5,778,708	585,501
1	6,724,545	1,853,011	5,687,289	563,767
2	8.40%	-1.20%	1.60%	3.90%
3	6,724,540	1,852,994	5,686,986	563,626
4	6.20%	5.50%	5.80%	6.50%

[5 rows x 52 columns]

```
In [6]: census.describe()
```

```
Out[6]:
```

	Fact	Fact	Note	Alabama	Alaska	Arizona	\
count	80	28		65	65	65	
unique	80	15		65	64	64	
top	Nonminority-owned firms, 2012	(c)		50,645.33	7.30%	50.30%	
freq	1	6		1	2	2	

	Arkansas	California	Colorado	Connecticut	Delaware	...	South Dakota	\
count	65	65	65	65	65	...	65	
unique	64	63	64	63	64	...	65	
top	50.90%	6.80%	3.30%	0.10%	51.60%	...	75811	
freq	2	2	2	2	2	...	1	

	Tennessee	Texas	Utah	Vermont	Virginia	Washington	West Virginia	\
count	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	
unique	64	64	64	63	65	65	64	
top	0.048	50.40%	2.50%	1.90%	9.10%	7,288,000	1.50%	
freq	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	

	Wisconsin	Wyoming
count	65	65
unique	65	64
top	40,507	7.10%
freq	1	2

[4 rows x 52 columns]

## Data Cleaning Gun datasets:

```
In [7]: gun.head()
```

```
Out[7]:
```

	month	state	permit	permit_recheck	handgun	long_gun	other	\
0	2017-09	Alabama	16717.0	0.0	5734.0	6320.0	221.0	
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	private_sale_other	return_to_seller_handgun	return_to_seller_long_gun \
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In [8]: gun.dtypes

```
Out[8]: month          object
state                object
permit              float64
permit_recheck      float64
handgun             float64
long_gun            float64
other               float64
multiple            int64
admin              float64
prepawn_handgun     float64
prepawn_long_gun    float64
prepawn_other       float64
redemption_handgun  float64
redemption_long_gun float64
redemption_other    float64
returned_handgun    float64
returned_long_gun   float64
returned_other      float64
rentals_handgun     float64
rentals_long_gun    float64
private_sale_handgun float64
private_sale_long_gun float64
private_sale_other  float64
return_to_seller_handgun float64
return_to_seller_long_gun float64
return_to_seller_other float64
```

```

totals
dtype: object
int64

```

```
In [9]: gun.count()
```

```

Out[9]: month      12485
state      12485
permit     12461
permit_recheck  1100
handgun    12465
long_gun   12466
other      5500
multiple   12485
admin      12462
prepawn_handgun  10542
prepawn_long_gun  10540
prepawn_other    5115
redemption_handgun  10545
redemption_long_gun  10544
redemption_other    5115
returned_handgun    2200
returned_long_gun   2145
returned_other      1815
rentals_handgun     990
rentals_long_gun    825
private_sale_handgun  2750
private_sale_long_gun  2750
private_sale_other    2750
return_to_seller_handgun  2475
return_to_seller_long_gun  2750
return_to_seller_other    2255
totals              12485
dtype: int64

```

```
In [10]: census.head()
```

```

Out[10]:

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					Fact	Fact	Note	Alabama	\
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1	Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2010)				NaN			4,780,131	
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```
In [11]: #Replacing the NaN results as "No Records"
gun.fillna('No record', inplace = True)
gun.isnull().any()
```

```
Out[11]: month                False
state                        False
permit                      False
permit_recheck              False
handgun                     False
long_gun                    False
other                       False
multiple                    False
admin                       False
prepawn_handgun             False
prepawn_long_gun            False
prepawn_other                False
redemption_handgun          False
redemption_long_gun         False
redemption_other            False
returned_handgun             False
returned_long_gun            False
returned_other               False
rentals_handgun              False
rentals_long_gun             False
private_sale_handgun         False
private_sale_long_gun        False
private_sale_other           False
return_to_seller_handgun     False
return_to_seller_long_gun    False
return_to_seller_other       False
totals                       False
dtype: bool
```



```
In [12]: census.dtypes
```

```
Out[12]: Fact                object
        Fact Note            object
        Alabama              object
        Alaska                object
        Arizona               object
        Arkansas              object
        California            object
        Colorado              object
        Connecticut           object
        Delaware              object
        Florida               object
        Georgia               object
        Hawaii                object
        Idaho                 object
        Illinois               object
        Indiana               object
        Iowa                  object
        Kansas                object
        Kentucky              object
        Louisiana             object
        Maine                 object
        Maryland              object
        Massachusetts         object
        Michigan              object
        Minnesota              object
        Mississippi           object
        Missouri              object
        Montana               object
        Nebraska               object
        Nevada                object
        New Hampshire         object
        New Jersey            object
        New Mexico            object
        New York              object
        North Carolina        object
        North Dakota          object
        Ohio                  object
        Oklahoma               object
        Oregon                object
        Pennsylvania          object
        Rhode Island          object
        South Carolina        object
        South Dakota          object
        Tennessee             object
        Texas                 object
        Utah                  object
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Vermont          object
Virginia          object
Washington        object
West Virginia     object
Wisconsin          object
Wyoming           object
dtype: object

```

```

In [13]: index_census_state = census.iloc[0].index
         index_census_state

```

```

Out[13]: Index(['Fact', 'Fact Note', 'Alabama', 'Alaska', 'Arizona', 'Arkansas',
               'California', 'Colorado', 'Connecticut', 'Delaware', 'Florida',
               'Georgia', 'Hawaii', 'Idaho', 'Illinois', 'Indiana', 'Iowa', 'Kansas',
               'Kentucky', 'Louisiana', 'Maine', 'Maryland', 'Massachusetts',
               'Michigan', 'Minnesota', 'Mississippi', 'Missouri', 'Montana',
               'Nebraska', 'Nevada', 'New Hampshire', 'New Jersey', 'New Mexico',
               'New York', 'North Carolina', 'North Dakota', 'Ohio', 'Oklahoma',
               'Oregon', 'Pennsylvania', 'Rhode Island', 'South Carolina',
               'South Dakota', 'Tennessee', 'Texas', 'Utah', 'Vermont', 'Virginia',
               'Washington', 'West Virginia', 'Wisconsin', 'Wyoming'],
              dtype='object')

```

```

In [14]: #As per the previous- using index 2 to remove fact and fact note.
         index_census_state = index_census_state[2:]
         index_census_state

```

```

Out[14]: Index(['Alabama', 'Alaska', 'Arizona', 'Arkansas', 'California', 'Colorado',
               'Connecticut', 'Delaware', 'Florida', 'Georgia', 'Hawaii', 'Idaho',
               'Illinois', 'Indiana', 'Iowa', 'Kansas', 'Kentucky', 'Louisiana',
               'Maine', 'Maryland', 'Massachusetts', 'Michigan', 'Minnesota',
               'Mississippi', 'Missouri', 'Montana', 'Nebraska', 'Nevada',
               'New Hampshire', 'New Jersey', 'New Mexico', 'New York',
               'North Carolina', 'North Dakota', 'Ohio', 'Oklahoma', 'Oregon',
               'Pennsylvania', 'Rhode Island', 'South Carolina', 'South Dakota',
               'Tennessee', 'Texas', 'Utah', 'Vermont', 'Virginia', 'Washington',
               'West Virginia', 'Wisconsin', 'Wyoming'],
              dtype='object')

```

```

In [15]: #Number of states
         len(index_census_state)

```

```

Out[15]: 50

```

```

In [16]: #List the number of states
         index_gun_state = gun.groupby('state').sum().index
         index_gun_state

```

```

Out[16]: Index(['Alabama', 'Alaska', 'Arizona', 'Arkansas', 'California', 'Colorado',
               'Connecticut', 'Delaware', 'District of Columbia', 'Florida', 'Georgia',

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'Guam', 'Hawaii', 'Idaho', 'Illinois', 'Indiana', 'Iowa', 'Kansas',
'Kentucky', 'Louisiana', 'Maine', 'Mariana Islands', 'Maryland',
'Massachusetts', 'Michigan', 'Minnesota', 'Mississippi', 'Missouri',
'Montana', 'Nebraska', 'Nevada', 'New Hampshire', 'New Jersey',
'New Mexico', 'New York', 'North Carolina', 'North Dakota', 'Ohio',
'Oklahoma', 'Oregon', 'Pennsylvania', 'Puerto Rico', 'Rhode Island',
'South Carolina', 'South Dakota', 'Tennessee', 'Texas', 'Utah',
'Vermont', 'Virgin Islands', 'Virginia', 'Washington', 'West Virginia',
'Wisconsin', 'Wyoming'],
dtype='object', name='state')

```

```
In [17]: len(index_gun_state) #Number of states have changed from 50 to 55
```

```
Out[17]: 55
```

```
In [18]: #To identify why the number of states had changed from 50 to 55
for state in index_gun_state:
    if state not in index_census_state:
        print(state)
```

```

District of Columbia
Guam
Mariana Islands
Puerto Rico
Virgin Islands

```

```
In [19]: #Extracting the Year and months column which wil print off an array
gun['year']=gun['month'].apply(lambda x: x.split("-")[0]).astype(int)
gun['year'].unique()
```

```
Out[19]: array([2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007,
                2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998])
```

```
In [20]: #
gun['months'] = gun['month'].apply(lambda x: x.split("-")[1]).astype(int)
gun['months'].unique()
```

```
Out[20]: array([ 9,  8,  7,  6,  5,  4,  3,  2,  1, 12, 11, 10])
```

```
In [21]: #check the gun
gun.head(9)
```

```
Out[21]:
```

	month	state	permit	permit_recheck	handgun	long_gun	other	\
0	2017-09	Alabama	16717	0	5734	6320	221	
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4	2017-09	California	57839	0	37165	24581	2984
5	2017-09	Colorado	4356	0	15751	13448	1007
6	2017-09	Connecticut	4343	673	4834	1993	274
7	2017-09	Delaware	275	0	1414	1538	66
8	2017-09	District of Columbia	1	0	56	4	0

	multiple	admin	prepawn_handgun	...	rentals_long_gun	\
0	317	0	15	...	0	
1	160	0	5	...	0	
2	631	0	13	...	0	
3	366	51	12	...	0	
4	0	0	0	...	0	
5	1062	0	0	...	0	
6	0	0	0	...	0	
7	68	0	0	...	0	
8	0	0	0	...	0	

	private_sale_handgun	private_sale_long_gun	private_sale_other	\
0	9	16	3	
1	17	24	1	
2	38	12	2	
3	13	23	0	
4	0	0	0	
5	0	0	0	
6	0	0	0	
7	55	34	3	
8	0	0	0	

	return_to_seller_handgun	return_to_seller_long_gun	return_to_seller_other	\
0	0	0	3	
1	0	0	0	
2	0	0	0	
3	0	2	1	
4	0	0	0	
5	0	0	0	
6	0	0	0	
7	1	2	0	
8	0	0	0	

	totals	year	months
0	32019	2017	9
1	6303	2017	9
2	28394	2017	9
3	17747	2017	9
4	123506	2017	9
5	35873	2017	9
6	12117	2017	9

```

7      3502  2017      9
8         61  2017      9

```

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[9 rows x 29 columns]
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```
In [22]: #Assign column names to the list
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cols = ['permit', 'permit_recheck', 'handgun', 'long_gun', 'other', 'admin', 'prepawn_handgun',
        'prepawn_other', 'redemption_handgun', 'redemption_long_gun', 'redemption_other', 'returned_handgun',
        'returned_other', 'rentals_handgun', 'rentals_long_gun', 'private_sale_handgun', 'private_sale_other',
        'return_to_seller_handgun', 'return_to_seller_long_gun', 'return_to_seller_other']

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```
In [23]: gun.info()
```

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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 12485 entries, 0 to 12484
Data columns (total 29 columns):
month                12485 non-null object
state                12485 non-null object
permit              12485 non-null object
permit_recheck      12485 non-null object
handgun             12485 non-null object
long_gun            12485 non-null object
other               12485 non-null object
multiple            12485 non-null int64
admin               12485 non-null object
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prepawn_other       12485 non-null object
redemption_handgun  12485 non-null object
redemption_long_gun 12485 non-null object
redemption_other    12485 non-null object
returned_handgun    12485 non-null object
returned_long_gun   12485 non-null object
returned_other      12485 non-null object
rentals_handgun     12485 non-null object
rentals_long_gun    12485 non-null object
private_sale_handgun 12485 non-null object
private_sale_long_gun 12485 non-null object
private_sale_other  12485 non-null object
return_to_seller_handgun 12485 non-null object
return_to_seller_long_gun 12485 non-null object
return_to_seller_other 12485 non-null object
totals              12485 non-null int64
year                12485 non-null int64
months              12485 non-null int64
dtypes: int64(4), object(25)
memory usage: 2.8+ MB

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## Exploartory Data Analysis

Research Question 1 : What census data is most associated with high gun per capita?

Research Question 2: Which states have had the highest growth in gun registrations?

Research Question 3: What is the overall trend of gun purchases?

## Research Question 1 : What census data is most associated with high gun per capita?

```
In [24]: #group by state and gun
gun_state = gun.groupby('state')
```

```
In [25]: #sum the total guns in state
gun_state_sum = gun_state.sum()
```

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In [26]: #gun state total
gun_state_total = gun_state_sum['totals']
```

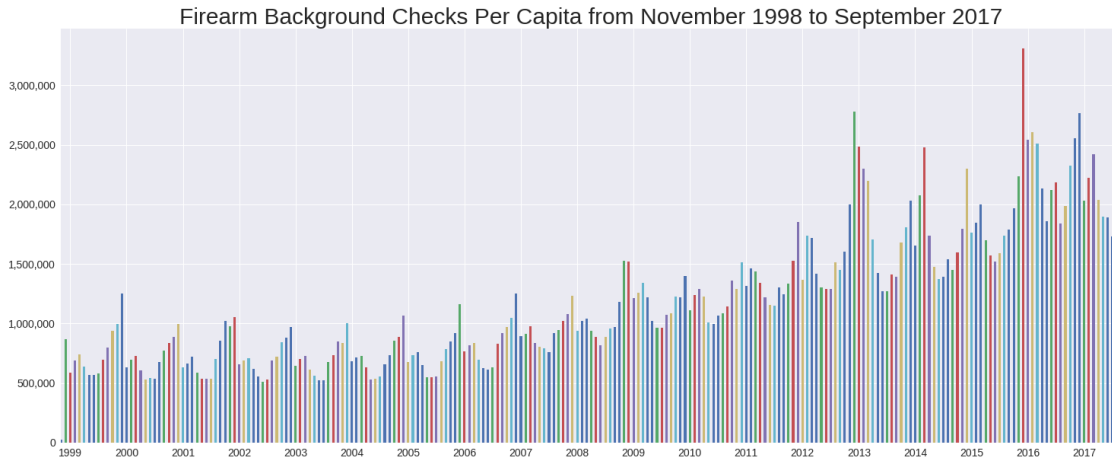
```
In [27]: #gun total by state
gun_state_total.head()
```

```
Out[27]: state
Alabama      6706079
Alaska       1137643
Arizona      4425714
Arkansas     3752633
California   19014063
Name: totals, dtype: int64
```

```
In [28]: # sum total increasing by month from Nov 1998 to Sept 2017
totals = gun.groupby("month")["totals"].sum()
```

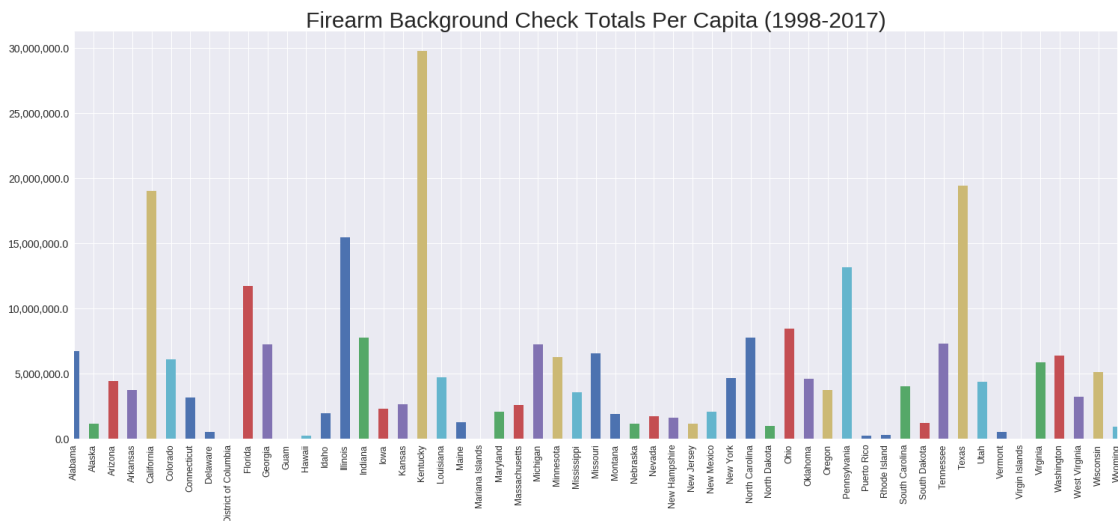
```
tick_placement = pd.np.arange(2, len(totals), 12)
plt.style.use('seaborn')
ax = totals.plot(kind='bar',figsize=(25,10))
ax.set_title("Firearm Background Checks Per Capita from November 1998 to September 2017")
ax.set_yticklabels([ "{0:,.0f}".format(y) for y in ax.get_yticks() ], fontsize=14);
plt.setp(ax.get_xticklabels(), rotation=0, fontsize=14)
ax.set_xticks(tick_placement)
ax.set_xticklabels([ totals.index[i].split("-")[0] for i in tick_placement ])
ax.set_xlim(0, len(totals) - 1)
ax.set_xlabel("")
```

```
Out[28]: Text(0.5,0,'')
```



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In [29]: # Check the total of each state by month and the group by and sum
checks_by_state = gun.groupby(['state', 'month'])['totals'].sum().reset_index()
state_totals = checks_by_state.groupby('state')['totals'].sum()
state_total_tick_placement = pd.np.arange(len(state_totals))
plt.style.use('seaborn')
state_ax = state_totals.plot(kind='bar', figsize=(25,10))
state_ax.set_title("Firearm Background Check Totals Per Capita (1998-2017)", fontsize=3)
state_ax.set_yticklabels([ "{0:,.1f}".format(y) for y in state_ax.get_yticks() ], fontsize=3)
plt.setp(state_ax.get_xticklabels(), fontsize=12)
state_ax.set_xticks(state_total_tick_placement)
state_ax.set_xticklabels(state_totals.index)
state_ax.set_xlim(0, len(state_totals) - 1)
state_ax.set_xlabel("")
```

Out[29]: Text(0.5,0,'')



## Research Question 2: Which states have had the highest growth in gun registrations?

```
In [30]: #group by state
gun_alltime = gun.groupby(['month', 'state'])['totals'].sum()

In [31]: #check registration date
cur_date = gun['month'].max()
year_date = gun['month'].min()

In [32]: # The amount of registred guns
gun_grow_tot = gun_alltime.loc[cur_date] - gun_alltime.loc[year_date]
gun_grow_tot.idxmax()
```

Out[32]: 'Kentucky'

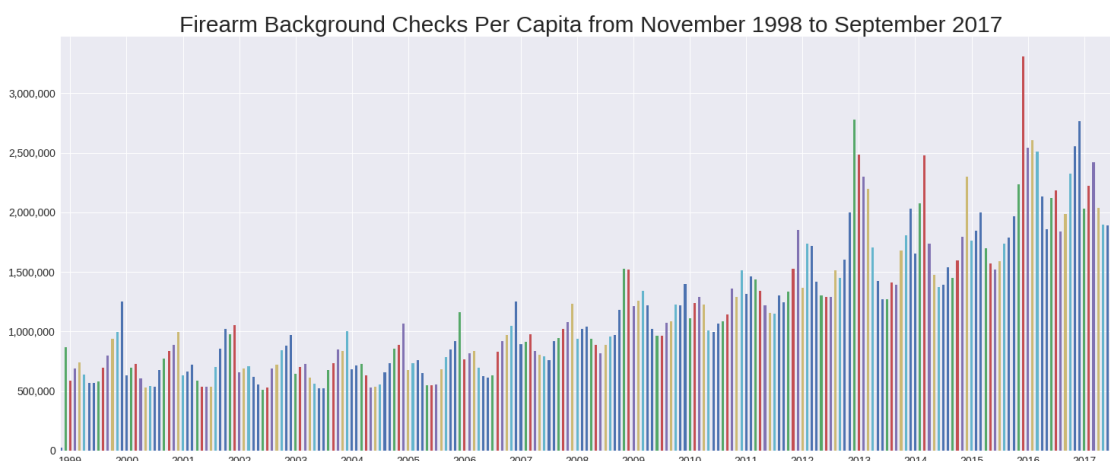
```
In [33]: #The total amount in Kentucky
gun_grow_tot.loc['Kentucky']
```

Out[33]: 397866

## Research Question 3: What is the overall trend of gun purchases?

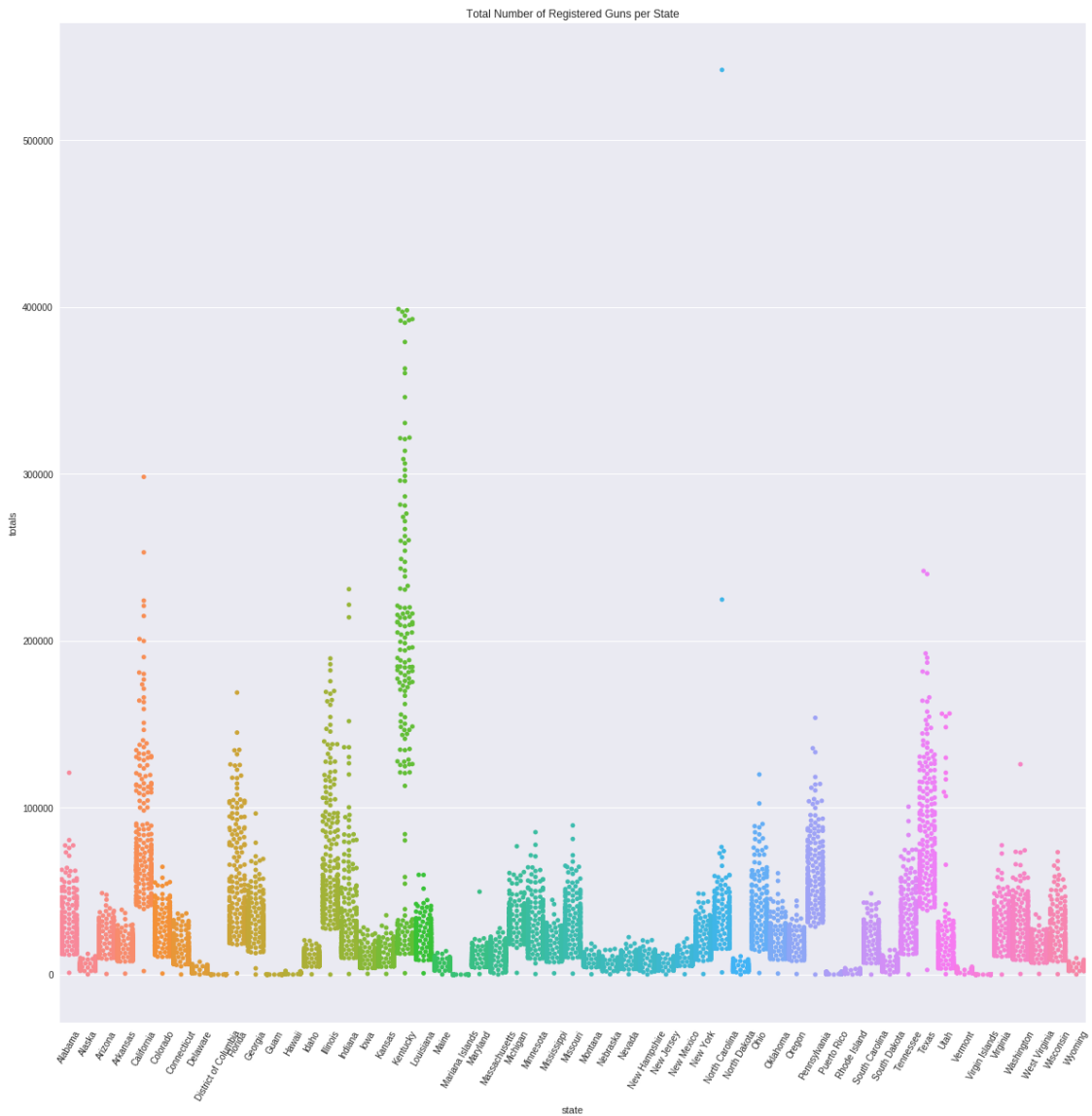
```
In [34]: # sum total increasing by month from Nov 1998 to Sept 2017
totals = gun.groupby("month")["totals"].sum()
tick_placement = pd.np.arange(2, len(totals), 12)
plt.style.use('seaborn')
ax = totals.plot(kind='bar',figsize=(25,10))
ax.set_title("Firearm Background Checks Per Capita from November 1998 to September 2017")
ax.set_yticklabels([ "{0:,.0f}".format(y) for y in ax.get_yticks() ], fontsize=14);
plt.setp(ax.get_xticklabels(), rotation=0, fontsize=14)
ax.set_xticks(tick_placement)
ax.set_xticklabels([ totals.index[i].split("-")[0] for i in tick_placement ])
ax.set_xlim(0, len(totals) - 1)
ax.set_xlabel("")
```

Out[34]: Text(0.5,0, '')





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In [37]: #The increasing number of registered guns in each state. With Kentucky with the most re
plt.subplots(figsize=(20,20))
plt.xticks(rotation=60);
plt.title('Total Number of Registered Guns per State')
sns.swarmplot(x='state', y='totals', data=gun);
```



## ## Findings

1. The dataset was from November 1998 through to September 2017 found that Kentucky has had the most activity in background checks for guns since November 1998 right through to September 2017.

2. Through analysis, the state of Kentucky had the highest growth in gun registration. The total registered number of guns was 397866.
3. As per the swarm plot diagram above, you can see that the sum of registered guns in each state with Kentucky with the increasing amount of registered guns.
4. As per the last swarm plot diagram, you can see the increasing number of registered guns in each state. With Kentucky with the most registered number of guns and increasing.
5. Kentucky, California and Texas had the most registered guns per capita.

## 2.2 Conclusion

In this project, the gun dataset that was supplied had data from the time period of 1998-2017. As

## 2.3 Limitations

There were some limitations in this study, due to figuring out the calculating the total number of gun purchasing sales in this project. However, there is an increase over time of you can see the data trends from November 1998 through to September 2017 with Firearm Background Checks Per Capita from November 1998 to September 2017. According to the Guardian (2017) only one in five Americans obtain guns without background checks.

According to NICS statistics (2018) showed there were 25,235,215 background checks in 2017. Since 1998, there have been more than 230 million background checks, leading to more than 1.3 million denials.

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