

## Guns and Crime in Canada: A Quiz

1. The typical murder victim in Canada is a woman killed by a firearm  
True                      False
2. Have gun murders increased or decreased since the federal firearms registry began operations in 1998?  
Increased              Decreased      Stayed the same
3. How many women are killed each year in Canada by their husbands, boyfriends, ex-husbands or ex-boyfriends with firearms?
  - a. under 30
  - b. around 50
  - c. around 100
  - d. more than 200
4. Have fatal firearm accidents increased or decreased in Canada over the past twenty years?  
Increased              Decreased      Stayed the same
5. How many fatal firearm accidents occur each year in Canada?
  - a. under 50
  - b. between 50 and 100
  - c. over 100
6. How many suicides involving firearms occur each year in Canada?
  - a. under 500
  - b. between 500 and 1,000
  - c. between 1000 and 1,500
  - d. over 1,500
7. When Canadians decide to commit suicide, they usually use a gun.  
True                      False
8. A rural Canadian household is more likely to have a firearm than an urban Canadian household.  
True                      False
9. Homicide rates are higher in urban Canada than in rural Canada.  
True                      False
10. When were handguns first registered in Canada?
  - a. 1930s
  - b. 1940s
  - c. 1950s
  - d. 1960s

Here are the answers for, "Guns and Crime in Canada: A Quiz".

1. False.  
[The typical murder victim is a man. Guns are only involved in about one out of three murders].
2. Increased.  
[Gun murders have risen 21 per cent; handgun murders now account for almost 60 per cent of firearms murders].
3. a. under 30  
[24 women were killed by a current or former lover with a gun in 1994; the last year statistics are available].
4. Decreased.  
[From almost 100 fatal firearm accidents each year in the 1980s; to under 50 in the 1990s].
5. a under 50  
[in 1998, the most recent year statistics are available, there were 31 firearm accidents].
6. b. between 500 and 1,000  
[In 1998, the most recent year statistics are available, there were 818 firearms related suicides.]
7. False.  
[Firearms are involved in less than 25% of suicides].
8. True.
9. True.
10. a. 1930s.  
[Handguns were first registered in Canada in 1934.]

How did I do? Give yourself one point for each right answer.

- 0 – 3 You know less than you think.  
4 – 7 Not bad. Give yourself a pat on the back.  
8 – 10 Congratulations! You know way more than most Canadians!