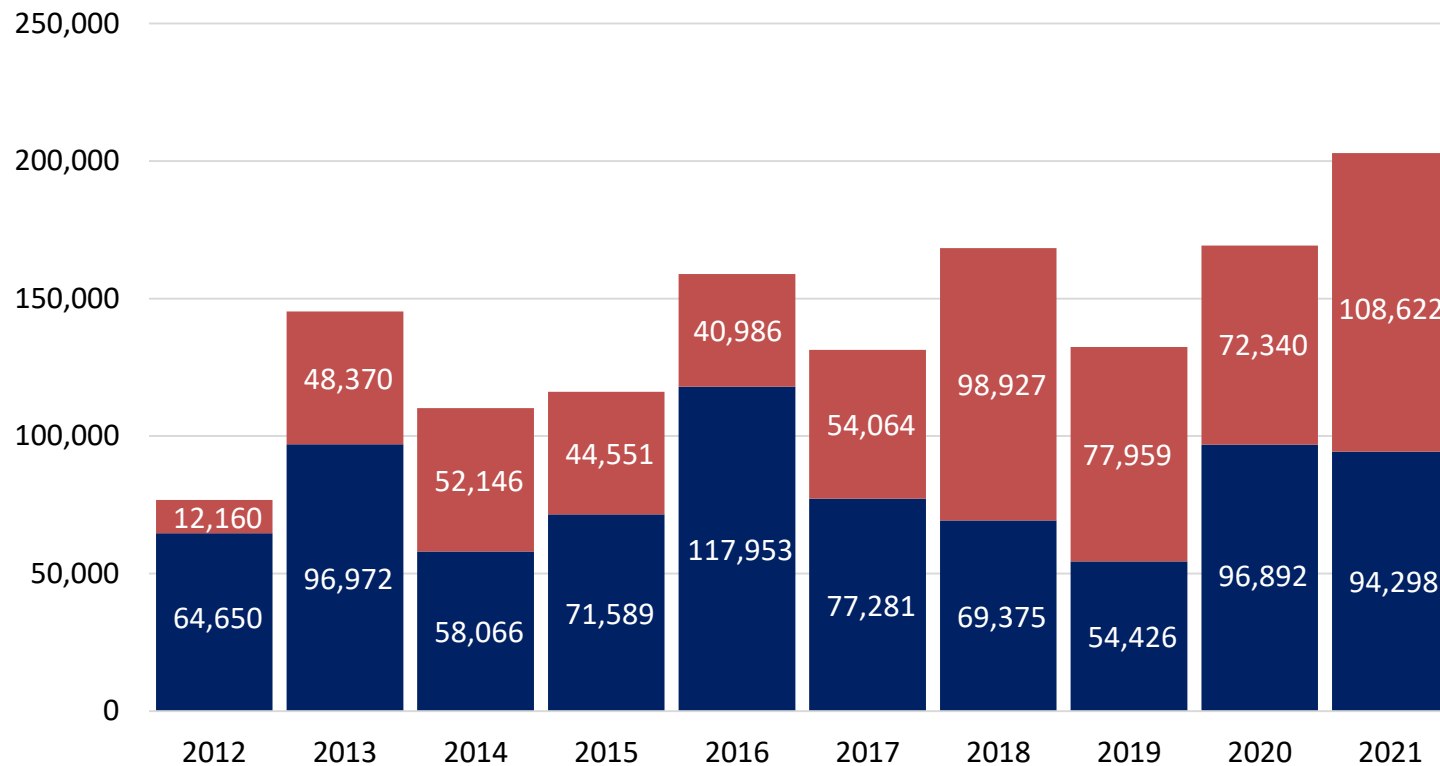


Concealed handgun licenses issued hit all-time high in 2021

Ohio Concealed Handgun Licensing, 2012-2021



Source: Ohio Attorney General

■ New ■ Renewals

- In 2021, the number of concealed handgun licenses issued statewide reached an all-time high of 202,920 due to a record number of license renewals (108,622).
 - The increase can be largely attributed to the extension of renewal deadlines in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and a record number of new licenses issued in 2016 up for renewal.
- Since the law went into effect, 1,098,090 new licenses have been issued.
- Concealed handgun licenses expire five years after issuance. The first renewal period began in 2008 for licenses issued in 2004, the year Ohio’s Concealed Handgun Law went into effect.
- In the future, there may be a significant reduction in the number of concealed handgun licenses issued, as the enactment of S.B. 215 of the 134th General Assembly provides that a “qualifying adult” is not required to obtain a license in order to carry a concealed handgun.