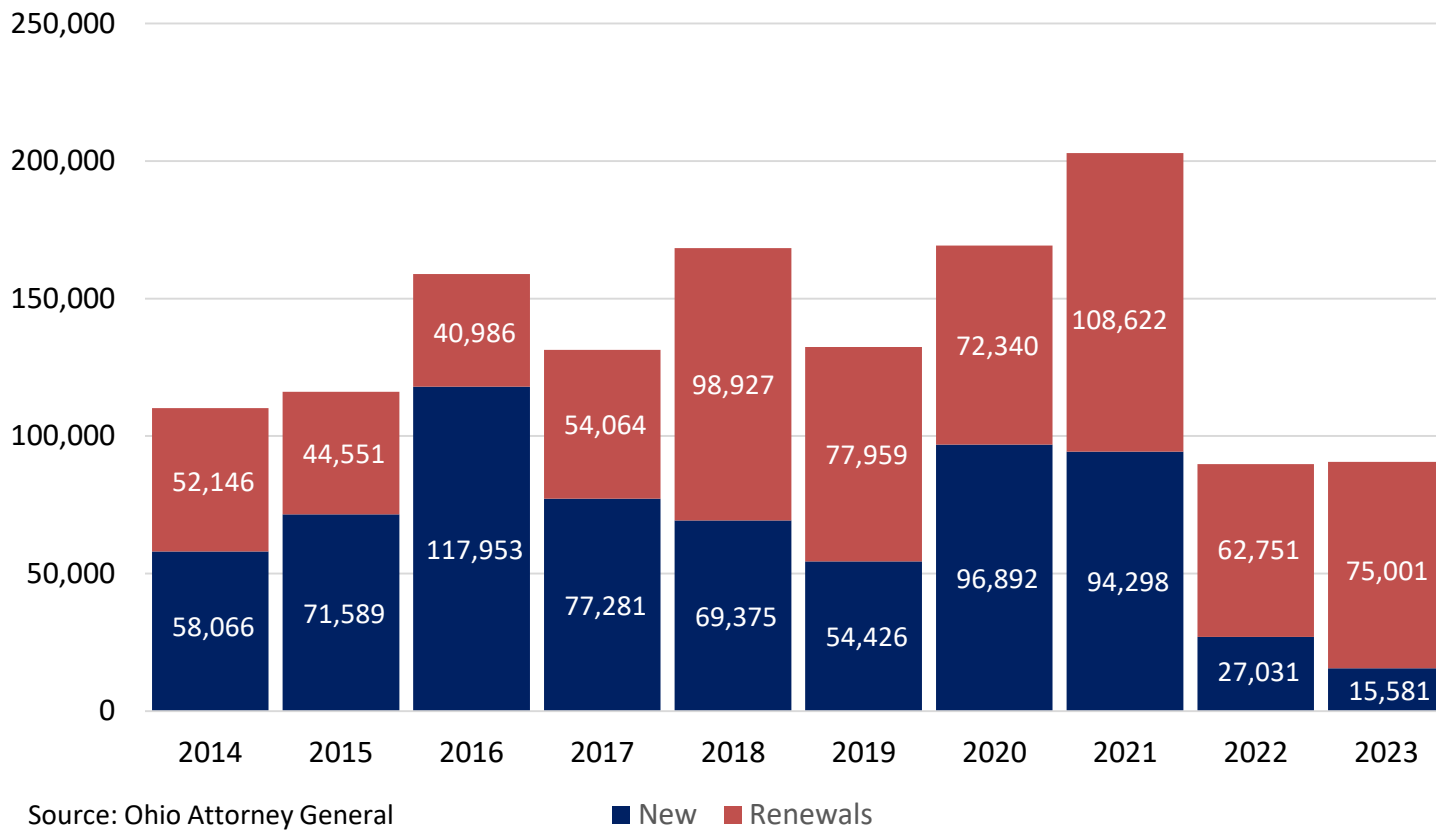


Concealed handgun licensing applications significantly decrease following law change

Ohio Concealed Handgun Licensing, 2014-2023



- In June 2022, S.B. 215 of the 134th General Assembly went into effect to allow qualifying adults to carry a concealed handgun without obtaining a license.
- In 2023, the first full year after the law went into effect, 15,581 new licenses were issued, compared to 94,298 issued in 2021, the last full year that licenses were required.
- The original concealed handgun law went into effect in 2004, with the number of new applications and renewals peaking in 2020 and 2021, respectively.
- The increases in 2020 and 2021 are largely attributed to the extension of renewal deadlines in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a record number of new licenses issued in 2016 that came up for renewal (permit holders seeking to keep active licenses must renew every five years).
- Ohio residents with a license are able to carry concealed in any state that has a reciprocity agreement with Ohio. Ohio has such agreements with several states.