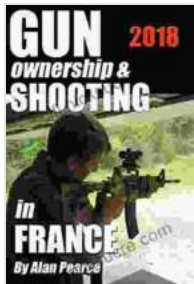


# Gun Ownership and Shooting in France: A Comprehensive Overview of Trends and Regulations in 2024

France has a long and complex history with firearms. The country has experienced periods of both strict gun control and relatively lax laws. In recent years, France has taken a number of steps to tighten gun control in the wake of several mass shootings.

## Gun Ownership Statistics

According to the Small Arms Survey, there were an estimated 5.1 million firearms in civilian hands in France in 2017. This number has remained relatively stable in recent years. However, the number of gun owners has declined slightly, from 1.5 million in 2006 to 1.2 million in 2017.



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The majority of gun owners in France are men (84%). Most gun owners are over the age of 50 (62%). The most popular types of firearms in France are

hunting rifles (28%) and shotguns (22%).

## **Gun Control Regulations**

Gun control in France is regulated by a number of laws and regulations. The most important of these is the Loi sur les armes of 1995, which created a national firearms registry and established a number of restrictions on the sale, possession, and use of firearms.

Under the Loi sur les armes, all firearms must be registered with the government. Private individuals are prohibited from owning certain types of firearms, such as assault weapons and automatic weapons. There are also restrictions on the number of firearms that a person can own.

In addition to the Loi sur les armes, there are a number of other laws and regulations that govern gun ownership in France. These include the Code de la défense, which regulates the sale and possession of firearms by military personnel, and the Code pénal, which establishes penalties for firearms-related crimes.

## **Trends in Gun Ownership and Shooting**

The number of gun owners in France has declined slightly in recent years. This is likely due to a number of factors, including the increasing cost of firearms, the growing popularity of other recreational activities, and the perception that gun ownership is no longer necessary for self-defense.

Despite the decline in gun ownership, the number of shooting incidents in France has remained relatively stable. This is likely due to the fact that most gun owners in France are responsible citizens who use their firearms safely and legally.

## **Cultural Attitudes towards Firearms**

French attitudes towards firearms are complex and have changed over time. In the past, firearms were seen as a necessary tool for self-defense and hunting. However, in recent years, there has been a growing movement to restrict gun ownership.

This movement has been fueled by a number of factors, including the mass shootings at Charlie Hebdo and the Bataclan concert hall. These attacks have led to a public outcry for stricter gun control laws.

Despite the growing support for gun control, there is still a significant minority of French people who believe that gun ownership is a right. These people argue that firearms are necessary for self-defense and that gun control laws only punish law-abiding citizens.

Gun ownership and shooting in France is a complex issue with a long and evolving history. The country has experienced periods of both strict gun control and relatively lax laws. In recent years, France has taken a number of steps to tighten gun control in the wake of several mass shootings.

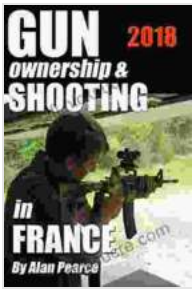
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The future of gun ownership and shooting in France is uncertain. It is likely that the country will continue to debate the issue for many years to come.

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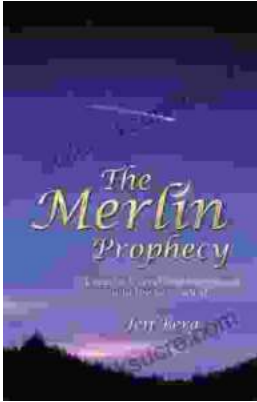


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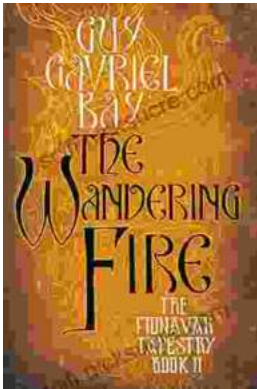
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