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**Deputy Commissioner Stephen White (Deputy Commissioner,  
Specialized Policing Services, Royal Canadian Mounted  
Police):**

**D/Commr Stephen White:**

In terms of overall firearms, we have a total of approximately 1.1 million registered firearms, and 96.7% of them are handguns. Basically, approximately one million handguns are registered in Canada. I think there are approximately 275,000 owners of those one million registered handguns, but I will defer to Ms. Paquette to confirm that.

**Ms. Kellie Paquette:**

You are correct: it's 276,000.

According to TheGunBlog, the RCMP says 89,575 individuals applied for handgun-ownership transfers between June 1, 2022 and August 5, 2022, including 28,905 first-time purchases.

<https://thegunblog.ca/2022/08/05/canadians-bought-90000-handguns-since-trudeau-said-hes-killing-the-market-rcmp-says/>

