

Reading Graphs

KEY STANDARD
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Who Has Guns?

In “Guns in America” (pp. 8-11), you read about the controversy surrounding gun control laws. While it’s impossible to pinpoint the exact number of privately owned firearms in the U.S., most estimates put the

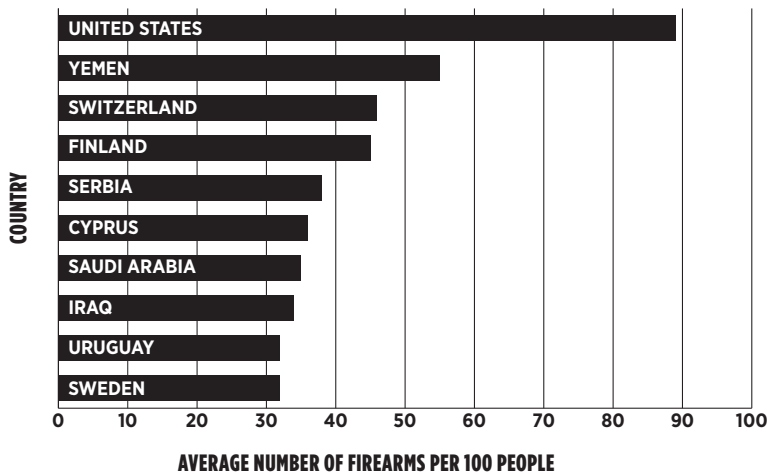
number at more than 270 million.

And analysts say that figure is on the rise.

As the graphs below show, Americans own more guns than people in any other country.

Study the graphs, then answer the questions.

Countries With the Most Guns



The top graph shows the nations with the most guns per 100 people. The bottom graph shows the nations with the fewest. Note the different scales used for the two graphs.

Questions

- Which country shown has about 55 guns per 100 people?

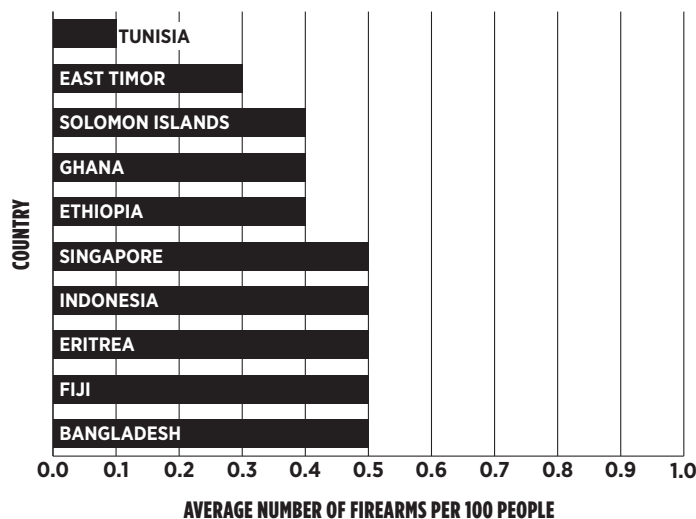
- Ethiopia has how many guns per 100 people?

- Which country has about 50 fewer firearms per 100 people than the United States does?

- Sweden has a population of nearly 10 million. You can therefore conclude that the country has about how many firearms?

- How do these graphs add to your understanding of the gun control debate in the U.S.? _____

Countries With the Fewest Guns



SOURCE: Small Arms Survey (most recent data available)