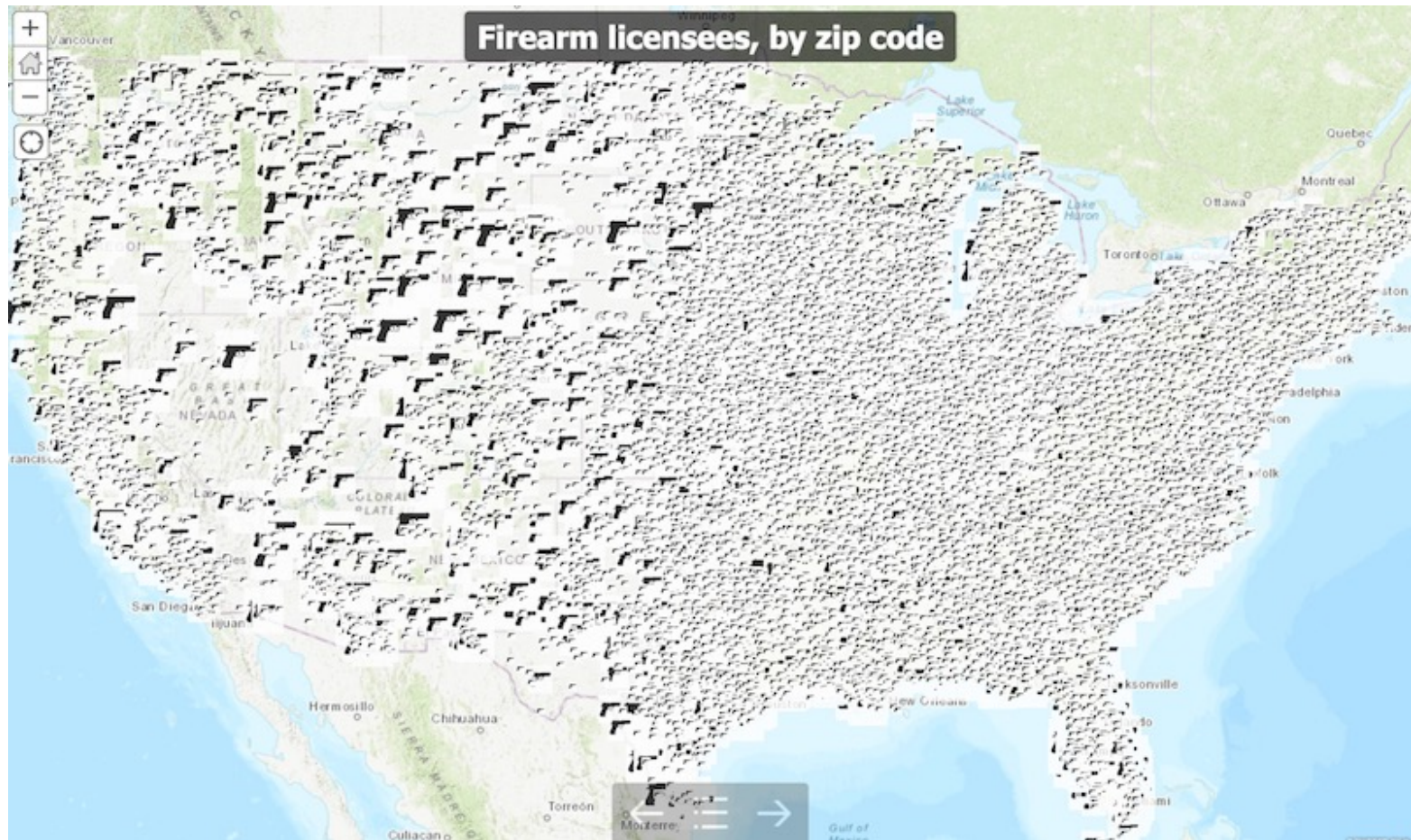


# **Haiti Weapons Trafficking Webinar**

## **April 24, 2025**

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# Licensed Firearms Dealers in United States



# Cross-Border Firearms Trafficking: Prohibited but easy



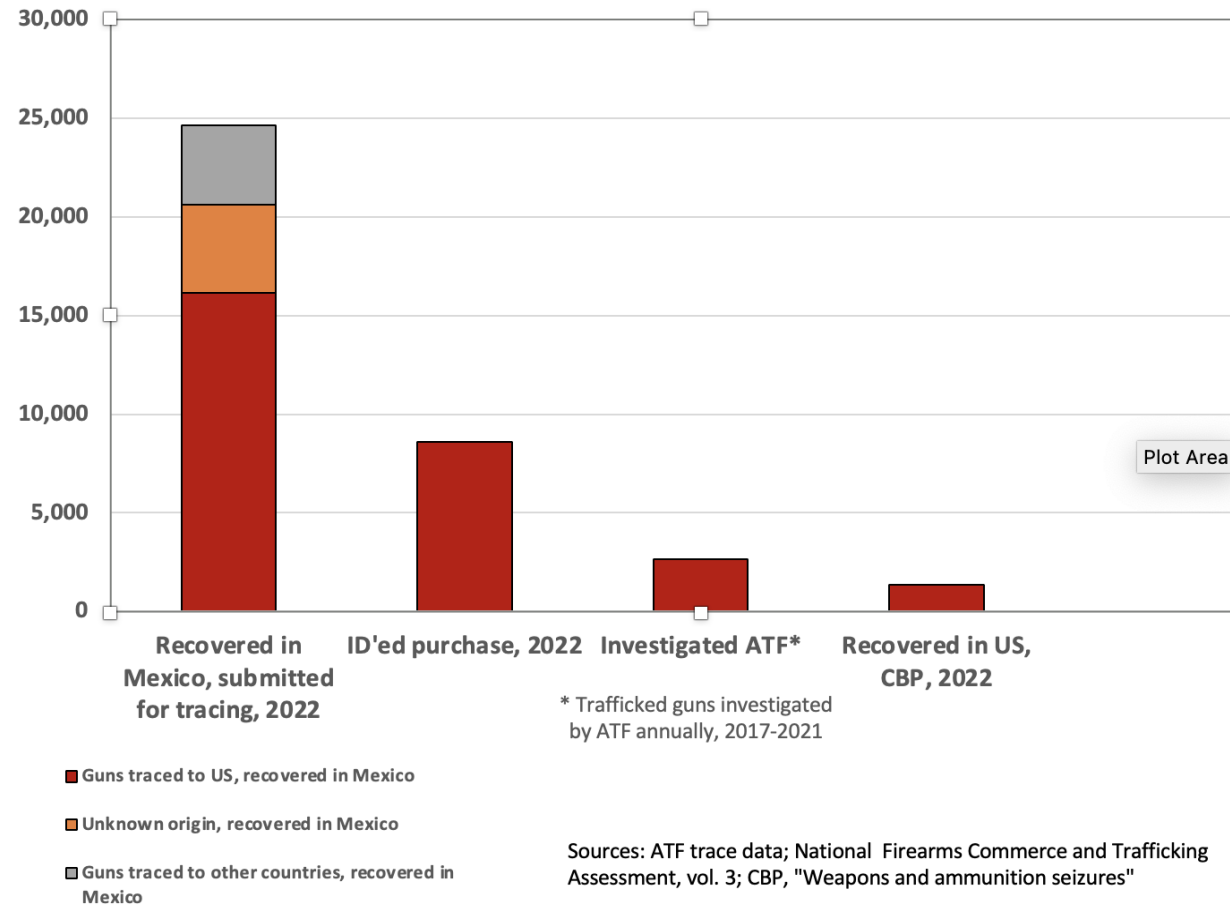


**Nearly 180,000 cars and trucks cross from  
the United States to Mexico *every day*.**

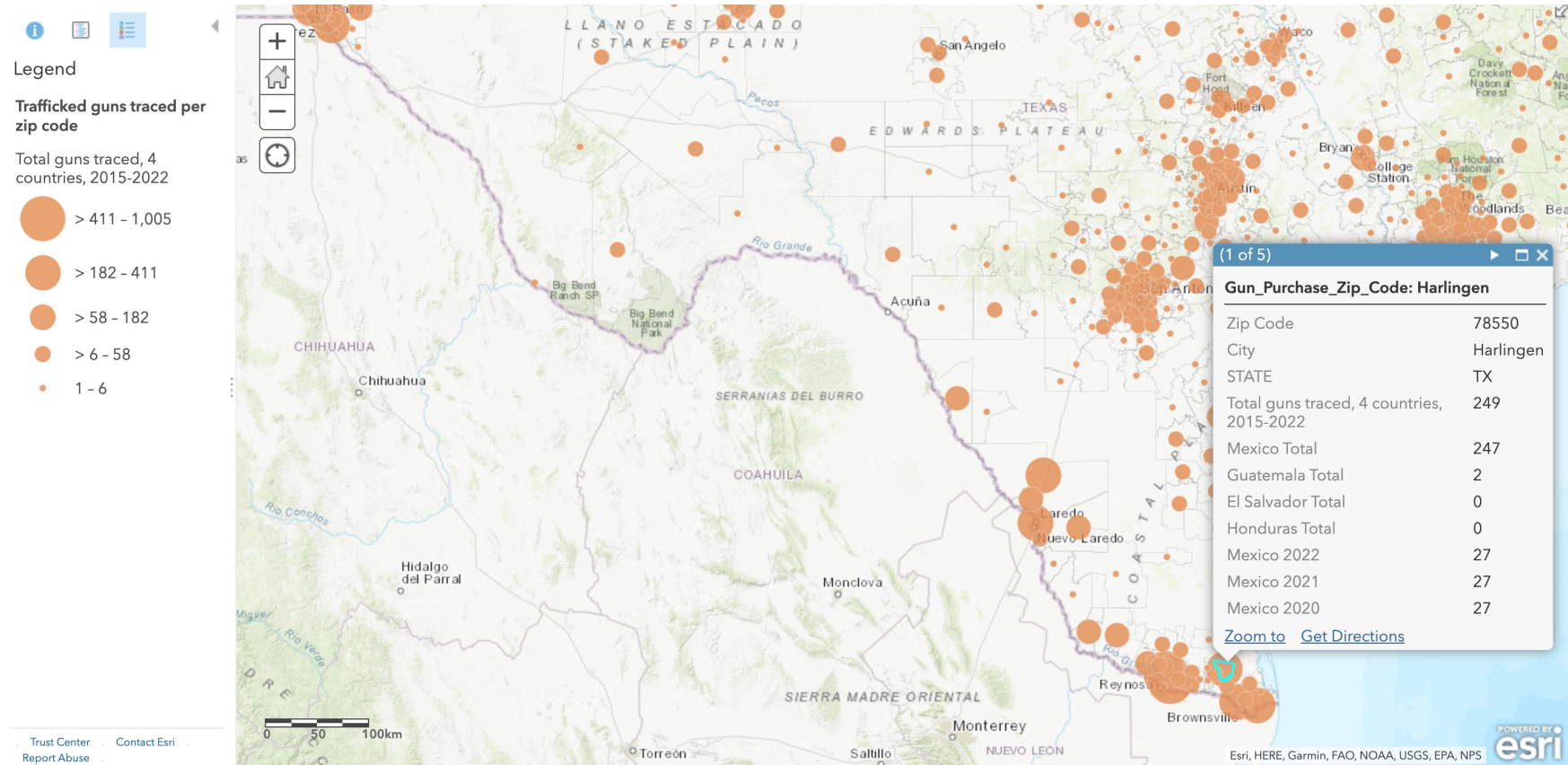


**Many guns trafficked. Fewer recovered, traced, or investigated in US.**

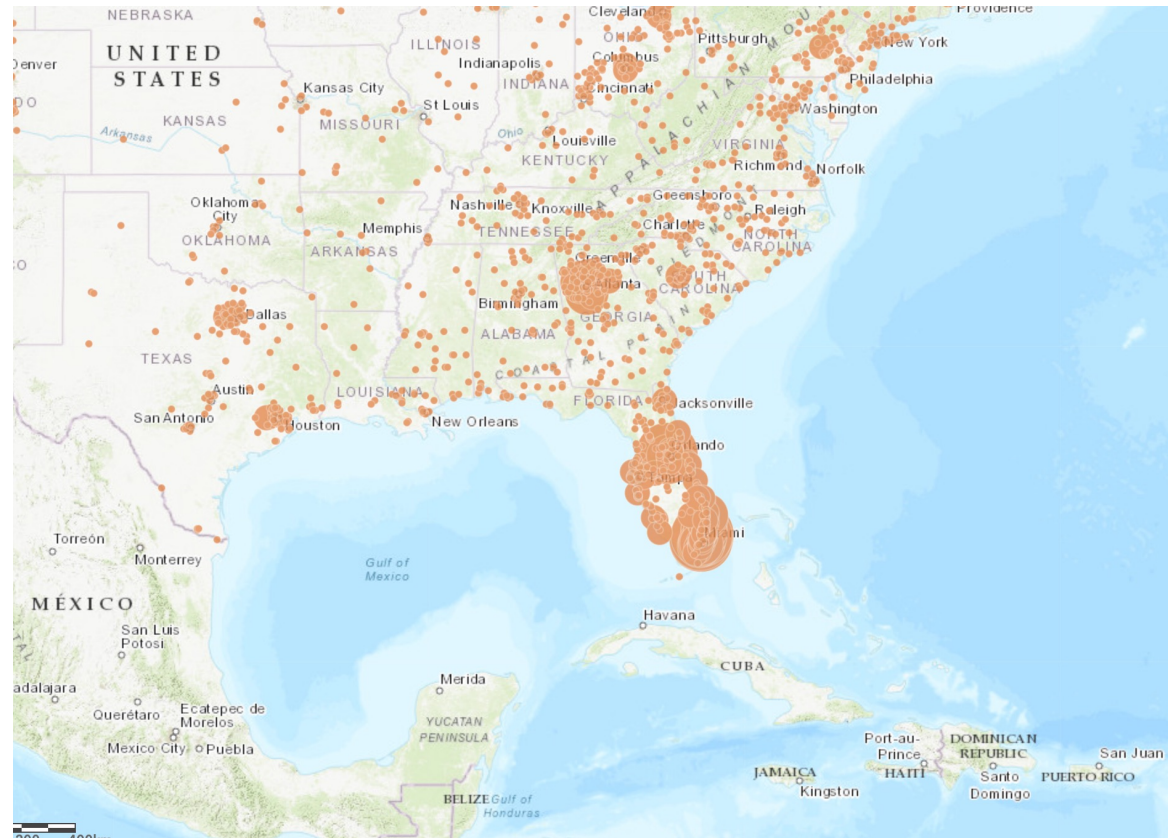
**Guns trafficked to Mexico recovered in Mexico vs. in US**



# High volumes of guns are trafficked to Mexico from some areas: southern Texas



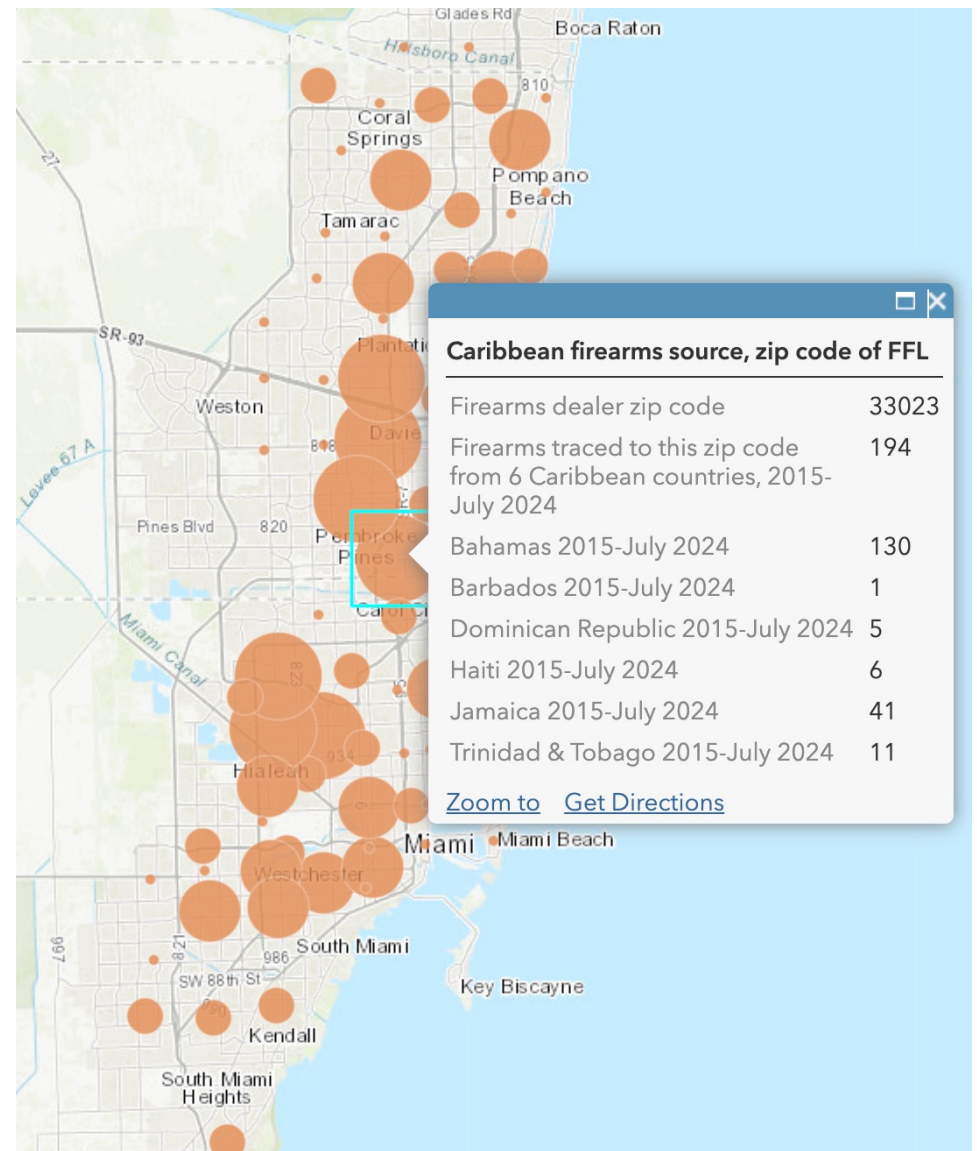
# US sources of firearms trafficked to Caribbean



Source: ATF, data released via FOIA request

**Majority of traceable  
firearms recovered in  
Caribbean 2015-2024  
were purchased in  
Florida, especially in  
Miami and Orlando areas**

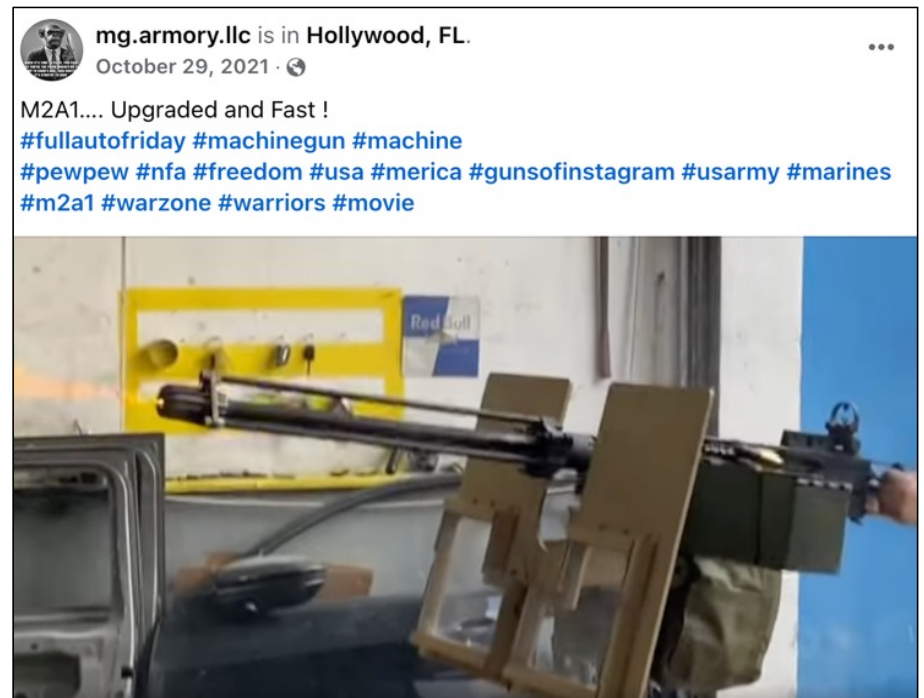
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**Zip code with the largest number of traced firearms recovered in Caribbean nations is in Miramar, Florida – 194 during last decade. Most were recovered in Bahamas.**

**Of seven gun dealers in zip code, 5 are pawn shops. One is MG Armory, which specializes in militarized firearms.**



# Mexico's litigation against gun industry

- **Lawsuit against manufacturers of guns trafficked for negligence:**
  - Initially dismissed, appeals court reversed, gunmakers appealed to Supreme Court, which may dismiss, likely to rule in June-July
- **Lawsuit against five gun dealers in Arizona with many weapons trafficked to Mexico:**
  - Has advanced to “discovery” (production of evidence) phase



# What is to be done?

- Write letters to editor. Use social media to highlight impacts of US gun markets and trafficking

## Congressional Advocacy:

- Co-sponsor Stop Arming Cartels Act – H.R. 923 / S. 367
  - Prohibits sale of .50 caliber rifles to civilians
- ARMAS Act – *requires re-introduction*
  - Requires integrated strategy against illicit gun trafficking
  - Creates oversight and transparency for firearms exports in Americas