



THE DEMAND FOR FIREARMS

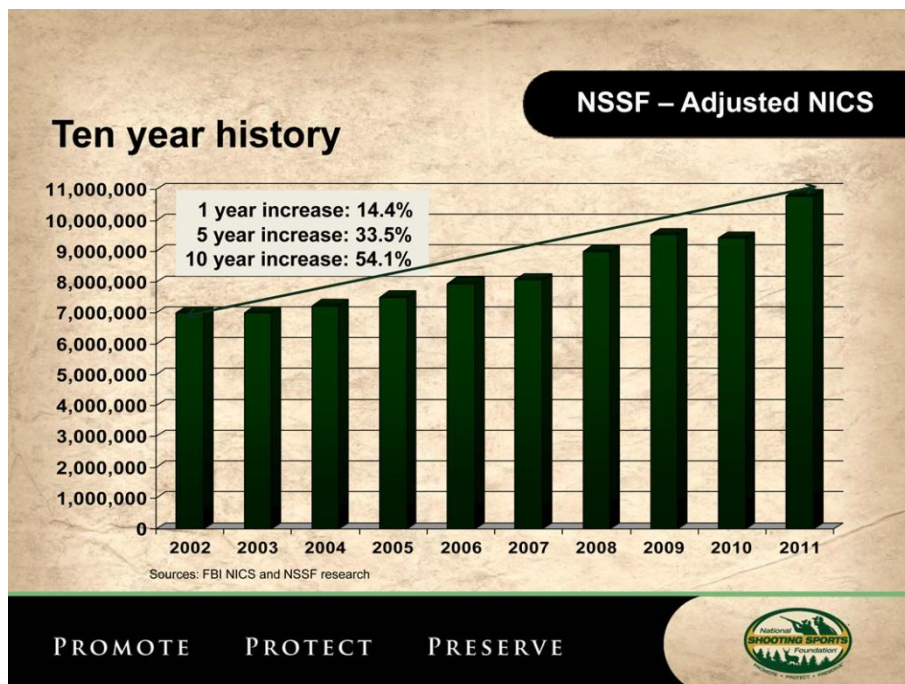
The demand for firearms is now overwhelming in the USA! With one famous manufacturer “Ruger” unable to meet demand and were left with no option but suspend all new firearm orders.

Ever since circulating my report entitled “US Government stuck between a rock and a hard place”, dated 16 January 2012, which was the first report highlighting the reduction in US police force numbers at many states across America, I have been closely following US citizens’ growing concern over rising crime.

Members may recall I mentioned in a previous report that financial problems were so severe in several states that they are facing bankruptcy. Massive cut backs have had to be made reducing social services, which has led to a lack of law enforcement in some states in the US. It is an astonishing fact that many senior politicians have not yet grasped that there is a severe problem in the economy of their jurisdictions and that consequently there is increasing stress in the lives of many of their citizens.

If this is this why Americans residing in the US are stocking up on firearms and ammunition, if so this is a worrying trend, consider the facts;

The chart below shows 2011 was a record breaking year for gun sales, with US citizens purchasing 10.8 million firearms, a 14% increase over the previous year and up over 50% from ten years ago as reported by the National Shooting Sports Foundation.



As members can clearly see from statistics the firearms industry in the US has witnessed a staggering upward trend, is this a direct result of a negative economy?

It's clear perhaps when you look at a recent Gallop poll which showed a record lack of support for gun control, with only 26 percent of Americans favoring a ban on the possession of handguns. Historic records show that Gallup first asked Americans the same question 50 years ago the result was that 60 percent favored banning handguns.

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