

Table 3.180

Results of airline passenger screening

United States, 1977-2000

| | Persons screened (in millions) | Weapons detected | | | | Other dangerous articles ^a | Explosive/incendiary devices ^b | Persons arrested | |
|------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| | | Total | Handguns | Long guns | Other ^a | | | For carrying | For giving |
| | | | | | | | | firearms/explosives | false information |
| 1977 | 508.8 | 2,034 | 1,730 | 64 | 240 | NA | 5 | 810 | 44 |
| 1978 | 579.7 | 2,058 | 1,827 | 67 | 164 | NA | 3 | 896 | 64 |
| 1979 | 592.5 | 2,161 | 1,962 | 55 | 144 | NA | 3 | 1,060 | 47 |
| 1980 | 585.0 | 2,022 | 1,878 | 36 | 108 | NA | 8 | 1,031 | 32 |
| 1981 | 598.5 | 2,255 | 2,124 | 44 | 87 | NA | 11 | 1,187 | 49 |
| 1982 | 630.2 | 2,676 | 2,559 | 57 | 60 | NA | 1 | 1,314 | 27 |
| 1983 | 709.1 | 2,784 | 2,634 | 67 | 83 | NA | 4 | 1,282 | 34 |
| 1984 | 775.6 | 2,957 | 2,766 | 100 | 91 | NA | 6 | 1,285 | 27 |
| 1985 | 992.9 | 2,987 | 2,823 | 90 | 74 | NA | 12 | 1,310 | 42 |
| 1986 | 1,055.3 | 3,241 | 2,981 | 146 | 114 | NA | 11 | 1,415 | 89 |
| 1987 | 1,095.6 | 3,252 | 3,012 | 99 | 141 | NA | 14 | 1,581 | 81 |
| 1988 | 1,054.9 | 2,773 | 2,591 | 74 | 108 | NA | 11 | 1,493 | 222 |
| 1989 | 1,113.3 | 2,879 | 2,397 | 92 | 390 | NA | 26 | 1,436 | 83 |
| 1990 | 1,145.1 | 2,853 | 2,490 | 59 | 304 | NA | 15 | 1,336 | 18 |
| 1991 | 1,015.1 | 1,919 | 1,597 | 47 | 275 | NA | 94 | 893 | 28 |
| 1992 | 1,110.8 | 2,608 | 2,503 | 105 | NA | 2,341 | 167 | 1,282 | 13 |
| 1993 | 1,150.0 | 2,798 | 2,707 | 91 | NA | 3,867 | 251 | 1,354 | 31 |
| 1994 | 1,261.3 | 2,994 | 2,860 | 134 | NA | 6,051 | 505 | 1,433 | 35 |
| 1995 | 1,263.0 | 2,390 | 2,230 | 160 | NA | 4,414 | 631 | 1,194 | 68 |
| 1996 | 1,496.9 | 2,155 | 1,999 | 156 | NA | NA | NA | 999 | 131 |
| 1997 | 1,659.7 | 2,067 | 1,905 | 162 | NA | NA | NA | 924 | 72 |
| 1998 | 1,666.5 | 1,515 | 1,401 | 114 | NA | NA | NA | 660 | 86 |
| 1999 | 1,767.0 | 1,552 | 1,421 | 131 | NA | NA | NA | 633 | 58 |
| 2000 | 1,812.0 | 1,937 | 1,643 | 294 | NA | NA | NA | 600 | 61 |

Note: Screening consists of "the systematic examination of persons and property using weapons-detecting procedures or facilities (electronic or physical search) for the purpose of detecting weapons and dangerous articles and to prevent their unauthorized introduction into sterile areas or aboard aircraft." (Source, 1993, p. 42.) Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCE-BOOK.

^aPrior to 1992, the weapons category "other" included items such as starter pistols, flare pistols, and BB guns. Beginning in 1992, this category was expanded to include stunning devices, chemical agents, martial arts equipment, knives, bludgeons, and certain other designated items, and renamed "other dangerous articles." Reporting of this category was discontinued by the Source in 1996 due to inconsistent reporting.

^bFrom 1992 to 1994, the method of counting "explosive/incendiary devices" was revised. Individual items were counted rather than packages (i.e., one box of firecrackers counted as 20 firecrackers; one box of ammunition counted as 50 cartridges). Reporting of this category was discontinued by the Source in 1996 due to inconsistent reporting.

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, *Semiannual Report to Congress on the Effectiveness of the Civil Aviation Security Program, July 1 to December 31, 1978*, Exhibit 10; *July 1 to December 31, 1982*, Exhibit 10; *July 1 to December 31, 1984*, Exhibit 7; *July 1 to December 31, 1989*, p. 11 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Transportation); U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, *Annual Report to Congress on Civil Aviation Security, January 1, 1993-December 31, 1993*, p. 9; *January 1, 1995-December 31, 1995*, p. 11 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Transportation); and data provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration and Bureau of Transportation Statistics [Online]. Available: http://www.bts.gov/publications/national_transportation_statistics/2003/html/table_02_16.html [May 24, 2004]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.