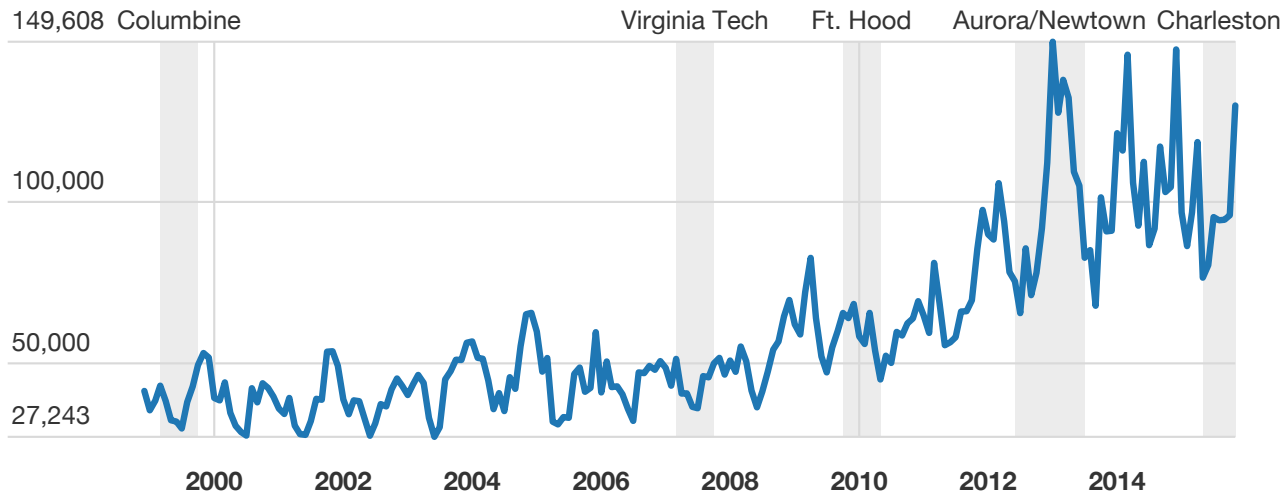


Illinois firearm background checks by month

Gun sellers perform background checks on buyers before a purchase. Illinois saw spikes in gun purchases after several high-profile mass shootings. This chart shows FBI background checks on Illinois buyers and the periods immediately before and seven months after the nation's largest mass shootings.



Note: Not every background check results in a gun purchase, so this data represents people trying to buy a gun.