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# CONCEALED CARRY REVIEW

A STUDY OF EIGHT STATES CONCEALED CARRY LICENSE HOLDERS

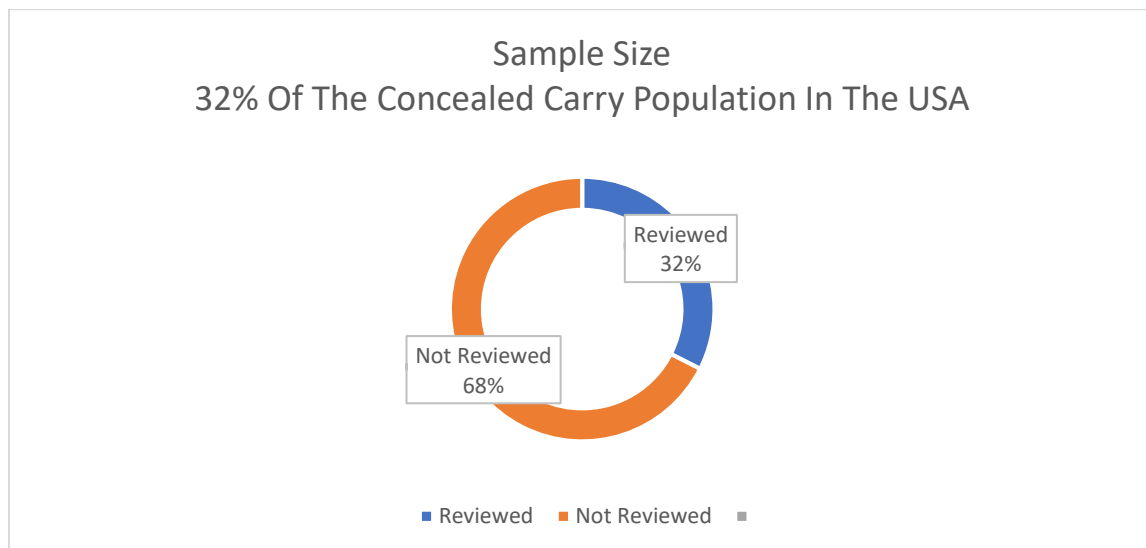
**Year after year, states that provide comprehensive concealed carry conviction statistics show the same thing:**  
*over 99% of permitted concealed carriers do not commit violent crimes.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This study provides the reader with an inside look at concealed carriers. More specifically if they commit violent crimes or not. It is not easy and there are no standards in reporting on concealed carry permit holders regarding being convicted of crimes amongst each state. But there are some states that do provide some level of detail regarding their concealed carry permit holders. This report looks at the statistics provided by eight states. Texas, Ohio, Florida, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, South Carolina and Tennessee.

## 2. STUDY DATA

We have compiled data on 5.6 million concealed carry license holders in eight states. While some states do not get into the specifics of the convictions, they do provide how many were revoked which encompasses, but not solely, being convicted of a disqualifying violent crime. All data is from 2018 data sets, except for Minnesota which is 2017 data. We use convictions/revocation and not suspensions of permits due those individuals not being proven guilty to date. Until proven guilty someone is still law abiding. In a recent study, it was shown that there are 17.25 million concealed carry permit holders in the USA. This will be used as our baseline for total concealed carriers.



Some states do not provide the specific crimes committed for concealed carriers. For this instance (Ohio, Florida, South Carolina, Minnesota) we took the three states which do provide this level of detail and found the average of violent crime to revocation ratio. In the three states which provided detailed conviction data (Texas, Kansas and Tennessee) we found that 12% of the revocations were due to violent crime. This ratio was +/- 3% between the three states. Using this metric, we used 12% metric for Ohio, Florida, South Carolina and Minnesota as our metric for violent crime committed in those states. We cannot use the raw revocation number as there are many reasons someone's concealed carry permit maybe revoked. Revocations encompass many reasons, including when the holder moves out of state, dies, cancels the license or is convicted of a disqualifying crime. Given the sample size of 1,633,643 concealed carrier permit holders, we feel secure in using the 12% metric outlined.

### 3. STATE SPECIFIC DATA

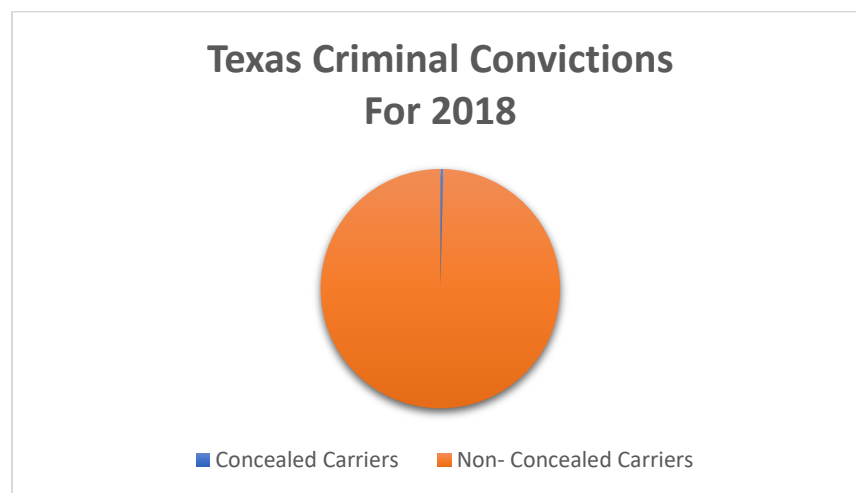
#### ❖ TEXAS (99.98%)

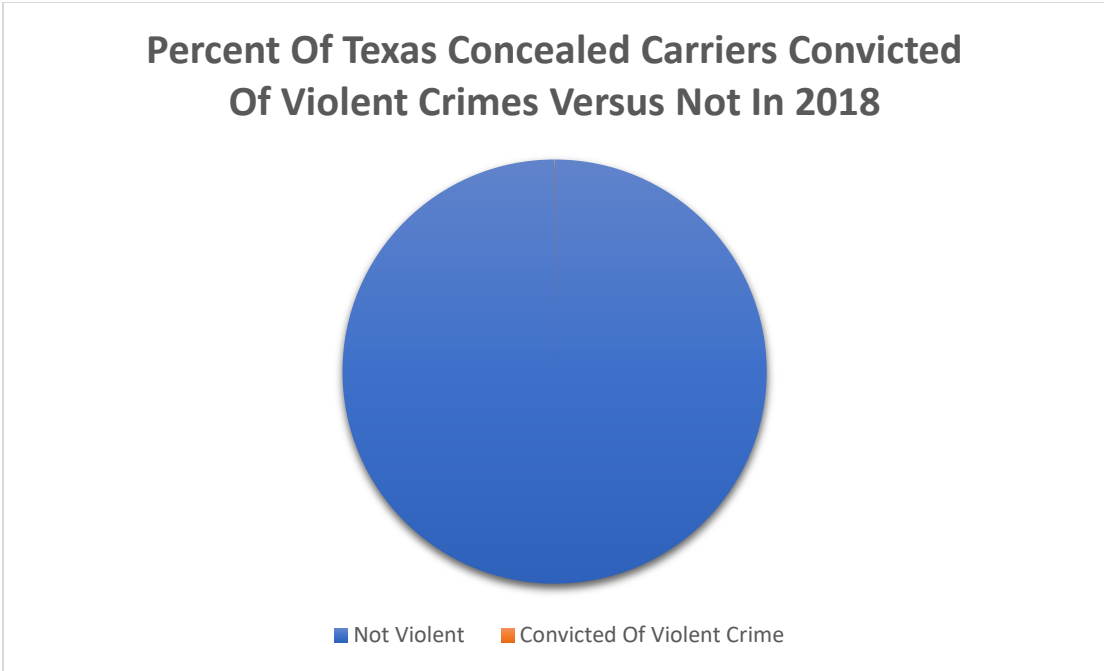
Texas has **1,362,945** concealed handgun license holders as of December 31, 2018. Texas’s statistics are very detailed of the specific crime convicted. Below is a summary of how many concealed handgun license holders were convicted of disqualifying violent crimes in 2018.

CRIME	TOTAL CONVICTIONS IN TEXAS	CONCEALED CARRIERS CONVICTED	% OF CONCEALED CARRIERS CONVICTED
AGG ASSAULT W/ DEADLY WEAPON	2,169	6	0.0004%
BURGLARY	5,338	7	0.0005%
KIDNAPPING	48	0	0.0%
MANSLAUGHTER	97	3	0.0002%
MURDER	138	1	0.0001%
ROBBERY	1268	3	0.0002%
TERRORISTIC THREAT	844	3	0.0002%
UNLAWFULLY CARRYING WEAPONS	148	1	0.0001%

After looking at these statistics we can see that only 1 of 1,362,945 concealed handgun license holders were convicted of murder in 2018. The entire state of Texas had 138 murder convictions in 2018, showing that concealed handgun license holders were convicted of 0.72% of all Texas’s murder convictions in 2018. Not even 1% of the murder convictions in Texas were attributed to concealed handgun license holders.

When we look at burglary, we see that CHL holders were convicted 7 times in 2018. While the state convicted 5,338 in total for burglary in 2018. Showing that non-concealed carriers commit 742 times more burglary than concealed carriers. Of the 41,180 total convictions in Texas for 2018, 163 of those were attributed to concealed carriers. Meaning than concealed carriers were responsible for 0.39% of all violent convictions in the state of Texas for 2018.





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TOTAL TEXAS CRIME OFFENSES	41,180	163	0.0120%

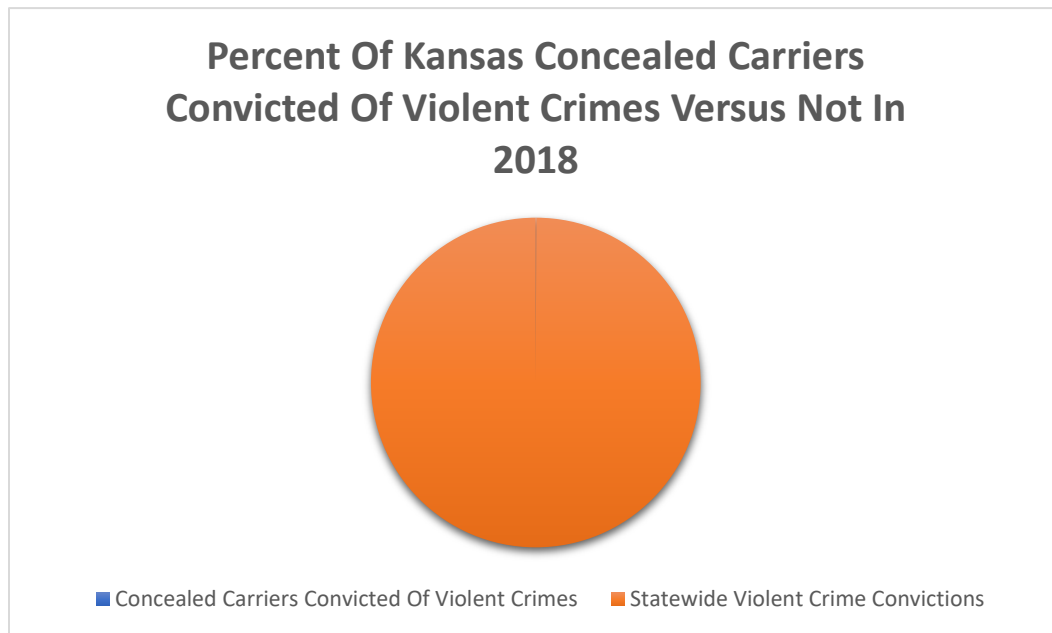
Texas’s concealed handgun license holders were convicted of 163 crimes in 2018. This shows that **99.98%** of Texas’s CHL holders were not convicted of violent crimes. A look at the previous year showed the same percentage of 99.98%.

❖ **KANSAS (99.96%)**

Kansas has **81,024 concealed carry handgun license holders** as of July 9, 2018. Kansas’s statistics are detailed in that they show how many were revoked per crime conviction. Below is a summary of how many concealed carry handgun license holders were convicted of disqualifying violent crimes in 2018.

CRIME	CONCEALED CARRIERS CONVICTED	% OF CONCEALED CARRIERS CONVICTED
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1	0.0012%
BURGLARY	0	0.0%
KIDNAPPING	0	0.0%
MANSLAUGHTER	0	0.0%
MURDER	0	0.0%
ROBBERY	1	0.0012%
CRIMINAL THREAT	5	0.0062%
UNLAWFULLY CARRYING WEAPONS	1	0.0012%

Kansas had 28 total revocations, due to criminal convictions, of concealed carry handgun license holders in 2018. The largest conviction segment, criminal threat, consisted of five (5) individuals. No Kansas concealed carry permit holder committed murder, kidnapping, manslaughter or burglary in 2018. While the data shows another 304 concealed carry handgun licenses were revoked, it was due to state residency changes, not crimes.



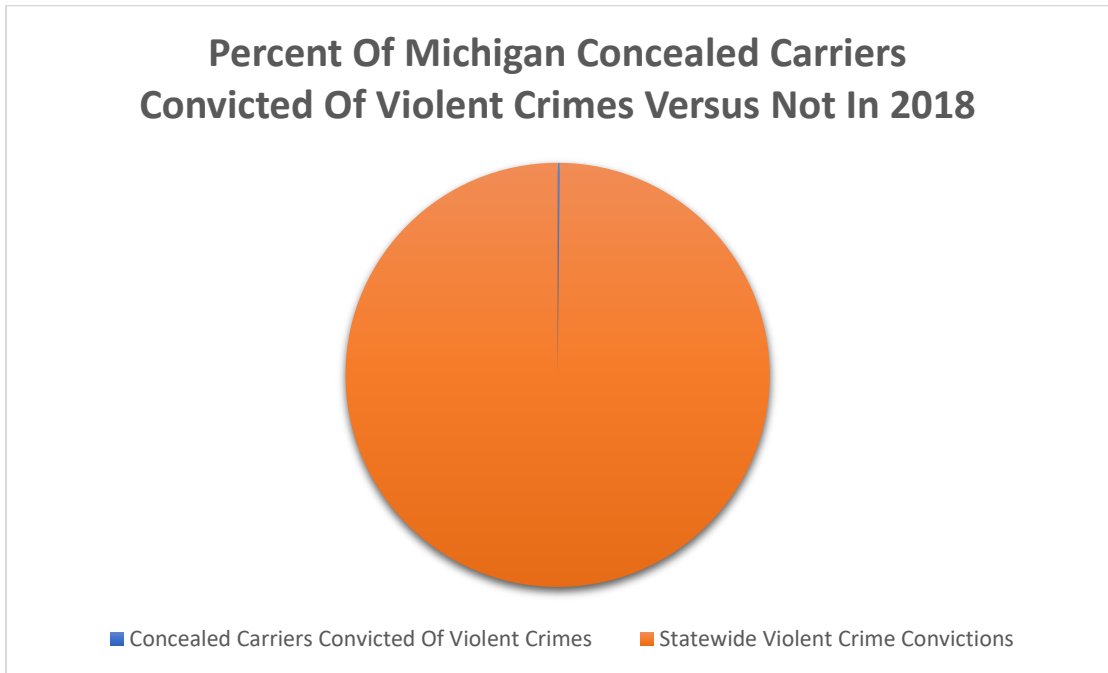
The data above shows that Kansas concealed carry handgun license holders are **99.96%** law abiding.

❖ **MICHIGAN (99.82%)**

Michigan has **660,769 concealed pistol license holders** as of July 1, 2019. Michigan’s statistics are detailed in that they show how many revoked per crime conviction. Below is a summary of how many concealed carry handgun license holders were convicted of disqualifying violent crimes in 2018.

CRIME	TOTAL OFFENSES IN MICHIGAN	CONCEALED CARRIERS CONVICTED	% OF CONCEALED CARRIERS CONVICTED
AGGRAVATED	26,006	12	0.0018%
BURGLARY – FORCED	28,942	0	0.0%
KIDNAPPING	553	0	0.0%
MANSLAUGHTER	43	1	0.0002%
MURDER	530	7	0.0011%
ROBBERY	6,486	3	0.0005%
UNLAWFULLY CARRYING WEAPONS	5,883	16	0.0024%

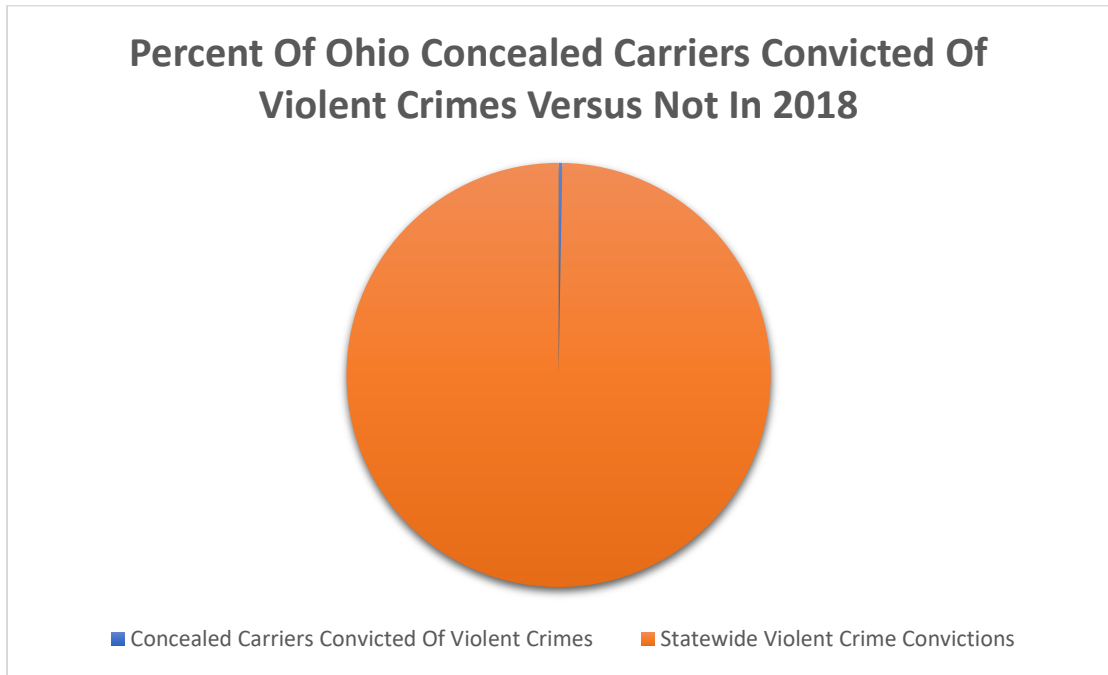
Of all the eight states, Michigan had the most concealed pistol license holders convicted of violent crimes in 2018. 1,139 in total. Michigan has over 682,000 non-cleared arrests each year. This would put their concealed pistol license holders at 0.34% of the total arrests in the state for 2018.



Taking the 1,139 violent criminal convictions into account against the 660,769 total license holders we see that **99.82% of** Michigan CPL holders do not commit violent crimes.

❖ **OHIO (99.96%)**

Ohio has **667,000 concealed carry license holders** as of March 11, 2019. Ohio’s statistics are not detailed in that they do not show how many revoked per crime conviction. But they do show the total number revoked. Of those revocations we see that 225 concealed carriers were convicted of violent crimes.

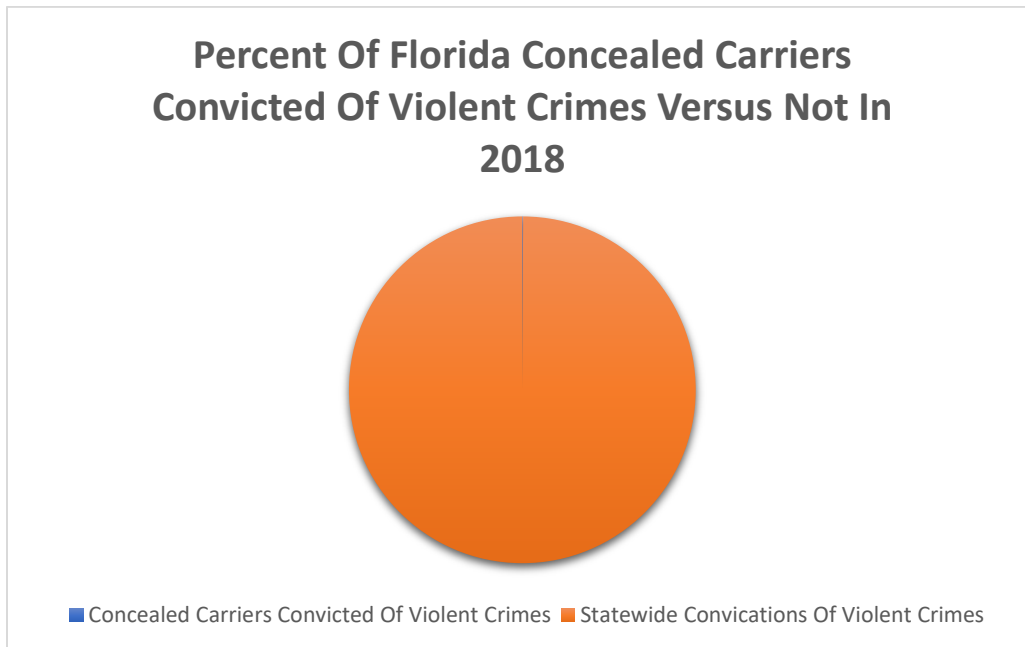


Meaning that **99.96%** of their concealed carry license holders did not commit a violent crime in 2018.

## ❖ FLORIDA (99.99%)

Florida has **1,927,724 concealed weapon license holders** as of December 31, 2018. The most of any state we analyzed. Florida's statistics are not detailed in that they do not show how many revoked per crime conviction. But they do show the total license revoked. Looking at this data we see that 169 concealed carriers were convicted of violent crimes.

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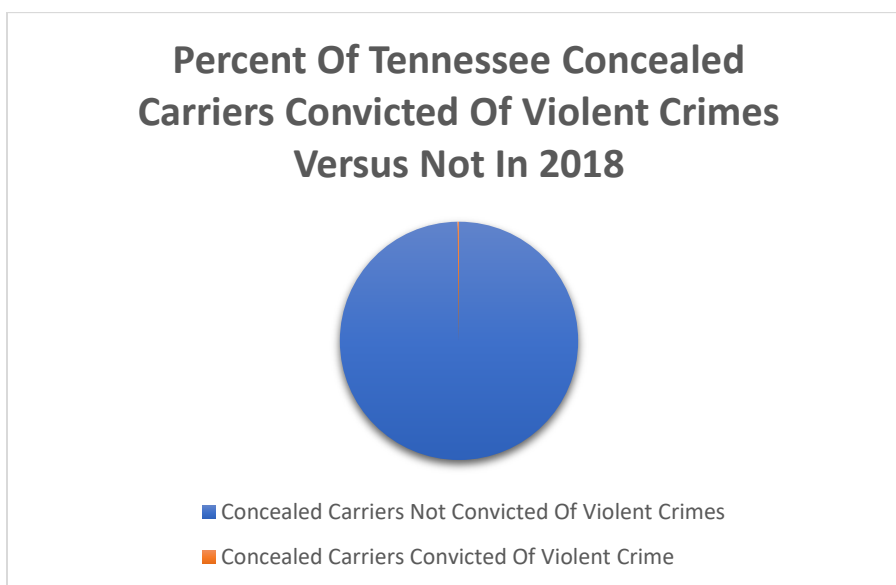
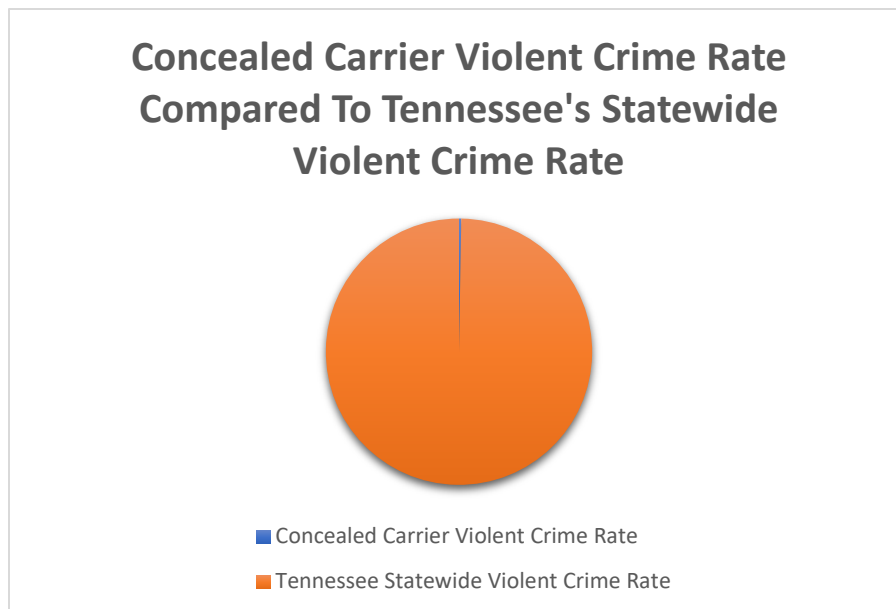


As with other states, looking into the arrest contribution of Florida's concealed weapon license holders shows a miniscule amount compared to the rest of its population. Florida had 567,166 arrests in total for 2018. Florida revoked, which consists of disqualifying arrests, 1,411 concealed weapon license holders in 2018. Meaning that Florida's concealed weapon license holders made up, at maximum, only 0.24% of Florida's total arrests for 2018.



❖ **TENNESSEE (99.94%)**

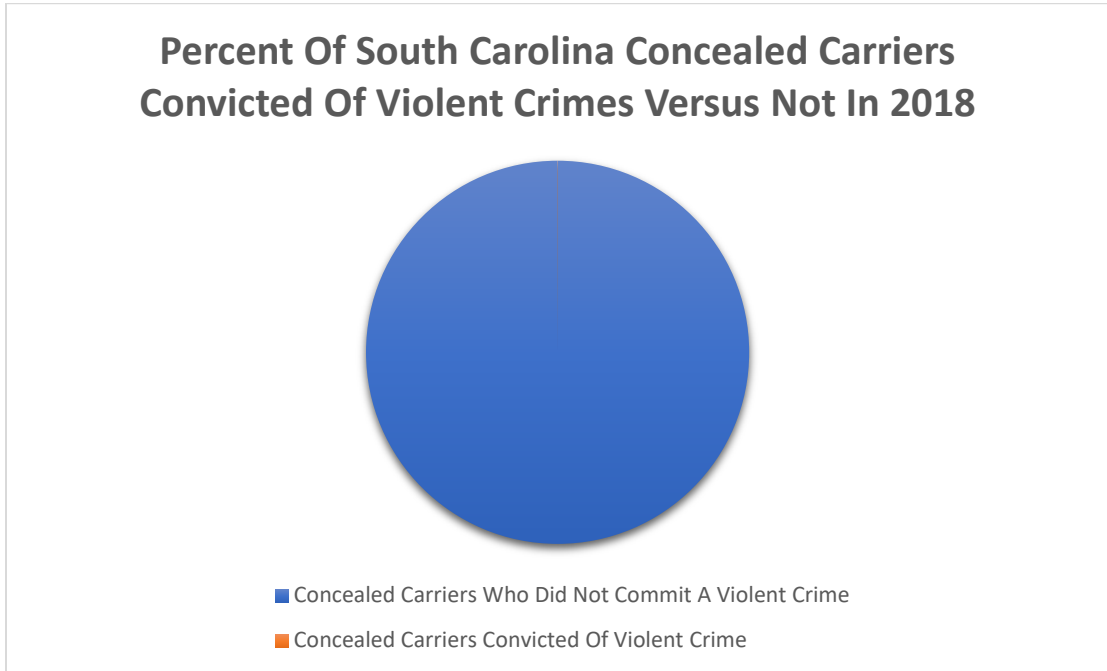
Ohio has **189,674** handgun carry permit holders as of December 31, 2018. Tennessee’s statistics are slightly detailed, as they show how many felonies, misdemeanors and involuntarily committed for concealed carriers. Tennessee concealed carriers were convicted of either a misdemeanor, felony or involuntarily committed 113 times in 2018. Tennessee’s concealed carrier’s violent crime rate is 1.8 crimes committed per 100,000 concealed carriers. This is dramatically lower than the statewide average which is 652 violent crimes per 100,000 people. Demonstrating that the concealed carry community in Tennessee is 362 times less likely to commit a violent crime.



The data shows that **99.94%** of Tennessee’s concealed carriers were law abiding.

❖ **SOUTH CAROLINA (99.97%)**

South Carolina has **459,793 concealed weapon permit holders** as of December 31, 2018. South Carolina’s statistics are not detailed in that they do not show how many revoked per crime conviction. But they do show the total revoked licenses overall. Looking at that data we see that 120 concealed carriers were convicted of violent crimes.

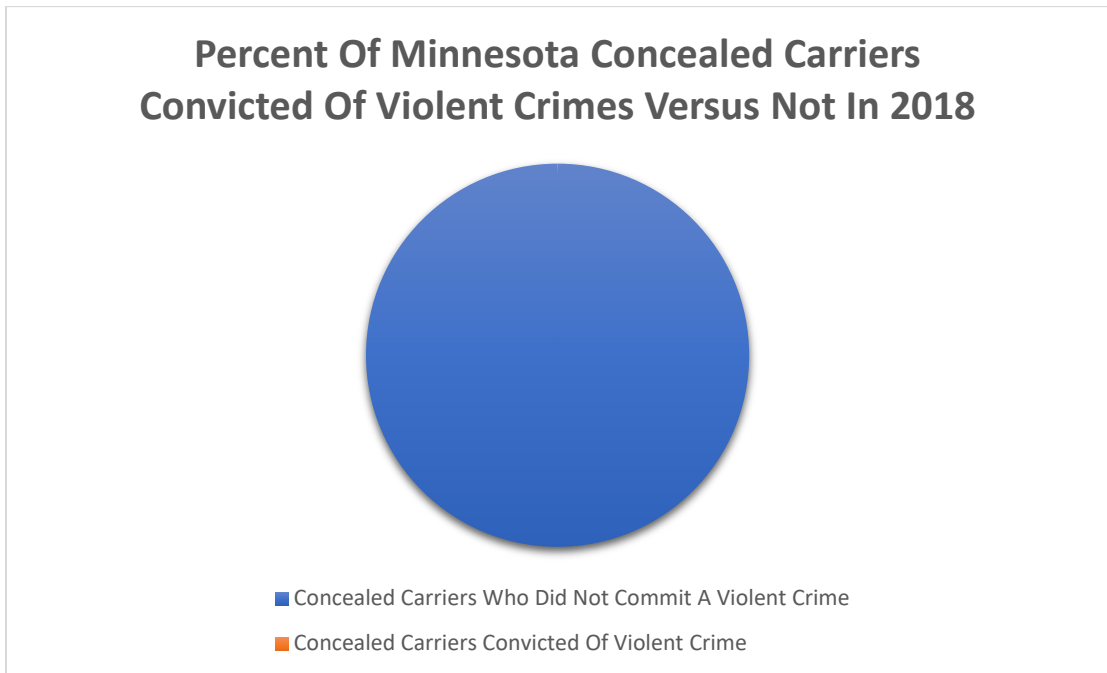


In total South Carolina concealed weapon permit holders had 1,004 revocations in 2018. In conclusion, **99.97%** of South Carolina’s concealed weapon license holders were did not commit a violent crime in 2018.

❖ **MINNESOTA (99.99%)**

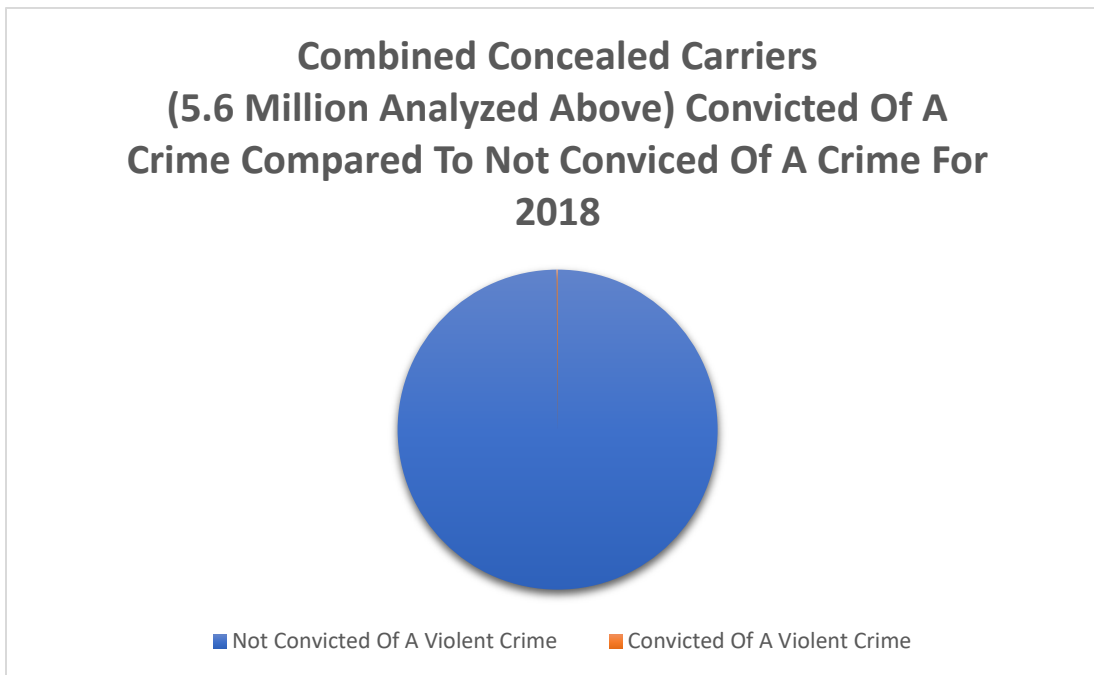
Minnesota has **290,546 concealed weapon permit holders** as of December 31, 2018. Minnesota’s statistics are not detailed in that they do not show how many revoked per crime conviction. Looking at this data we see that 4 concealed carriers were convicted of violent crimes.

Statewide Minnesota had 12,571 violent crimes committed. Of those violent crimes, 4 can be attributed to concealed carriers. Meaning that 0.03% of the violent crime committed in Minnesota can be attributed to concealed carriers. **99.99%** of the violent crime in Minnesota is not committed by concealed carriers.



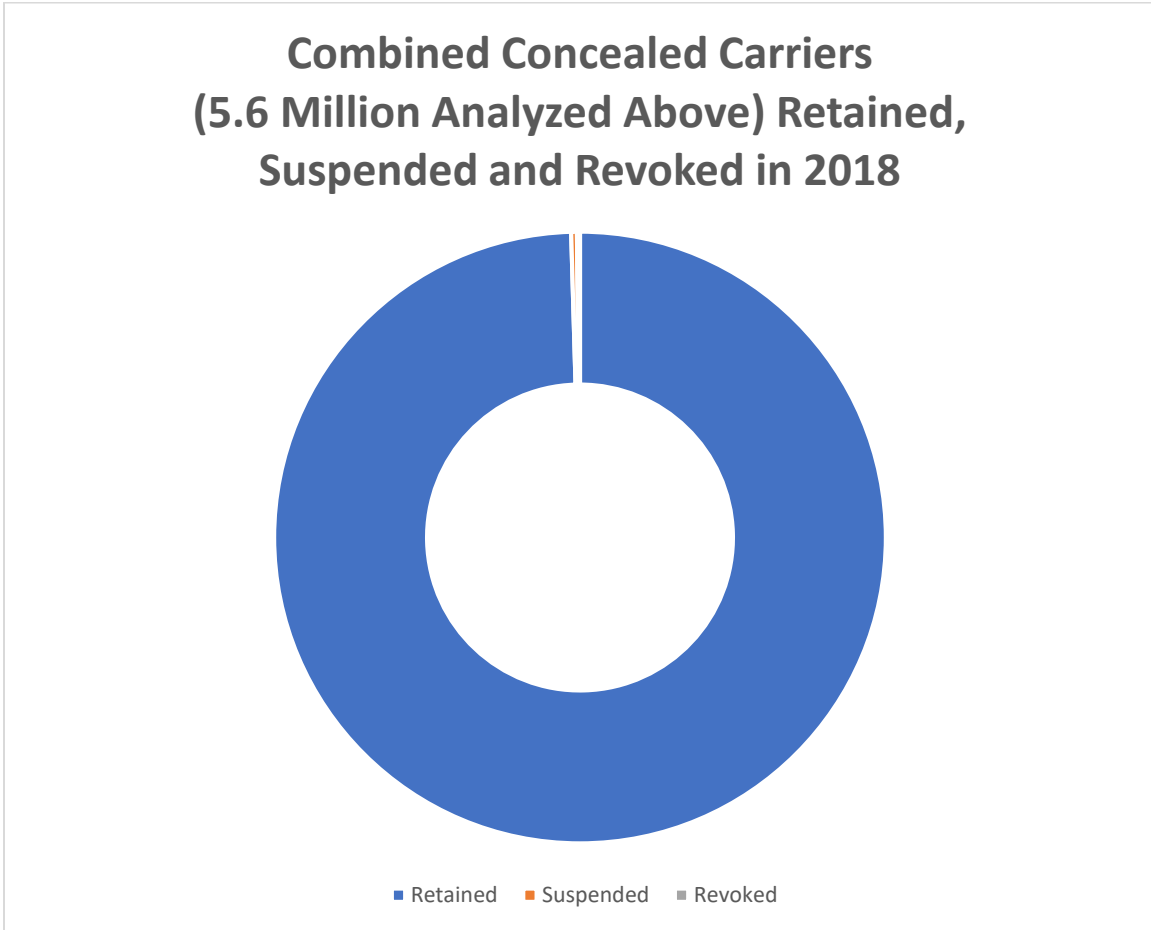
## 4. CONCLUSION

After review of these eight states it is apparent that the concealed carry license holders in each of these states are by and large not violent. While they do commit violent crimes, it is at an amazingly low rate compared with the rest of these states population. Overall these statistics show that the 5.6 million concealed carry license holders reviewed in this study are more than 99.92% not violent. They contributed on average to around 0.46% to the total arrests in their states. Not even 1%. For contrast DUI arrests in the USA are 0.64% of all drivers and that is just one traffic offense. With around 17.25 million concealed carry license holders in the USA, this study has used a sample that is 1/3 the entire concealed carry license holder community in the United States.

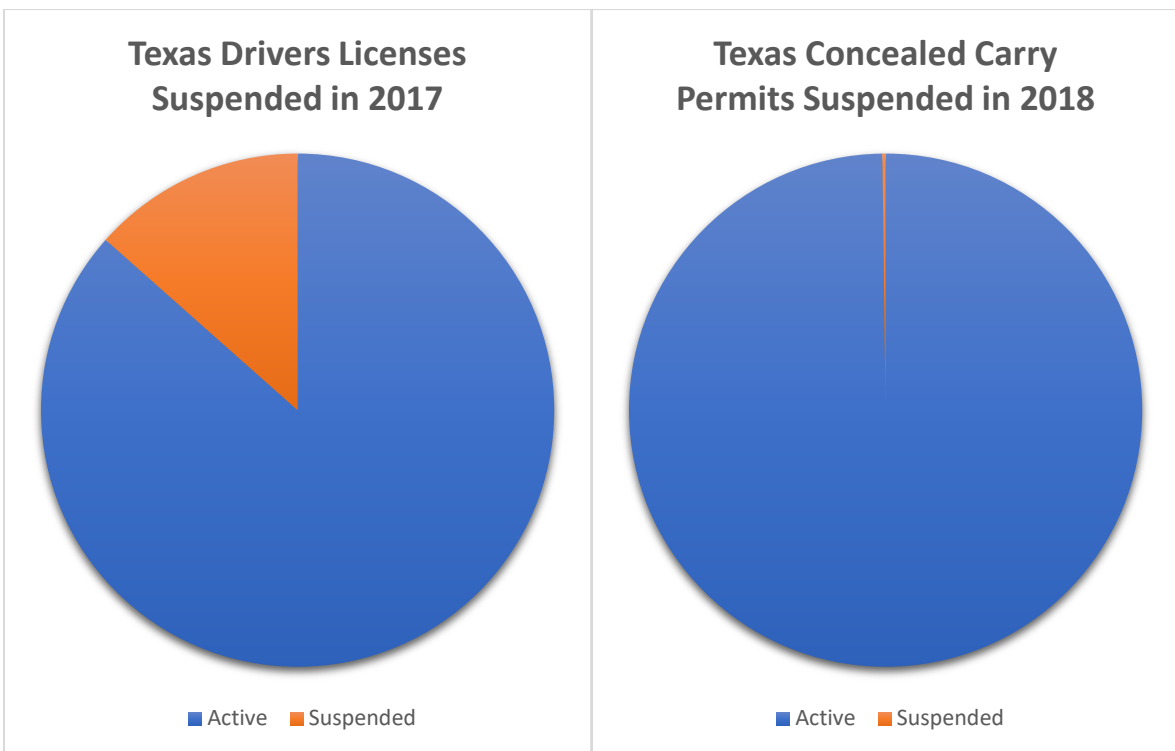
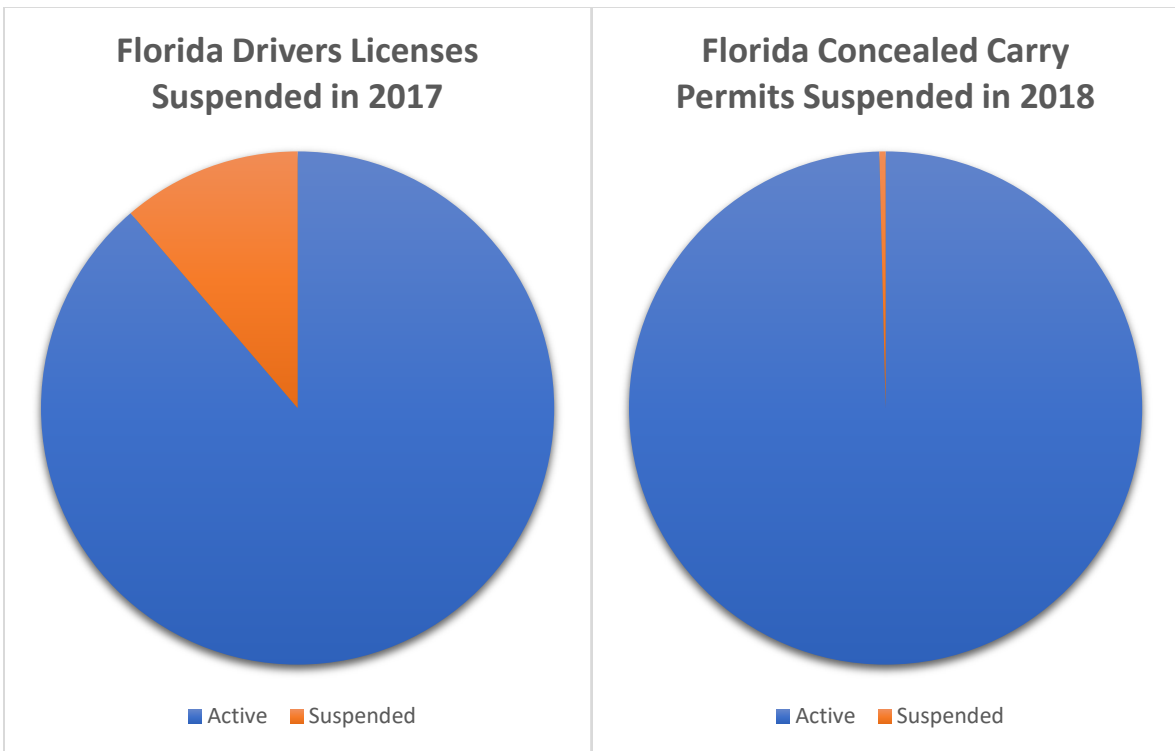


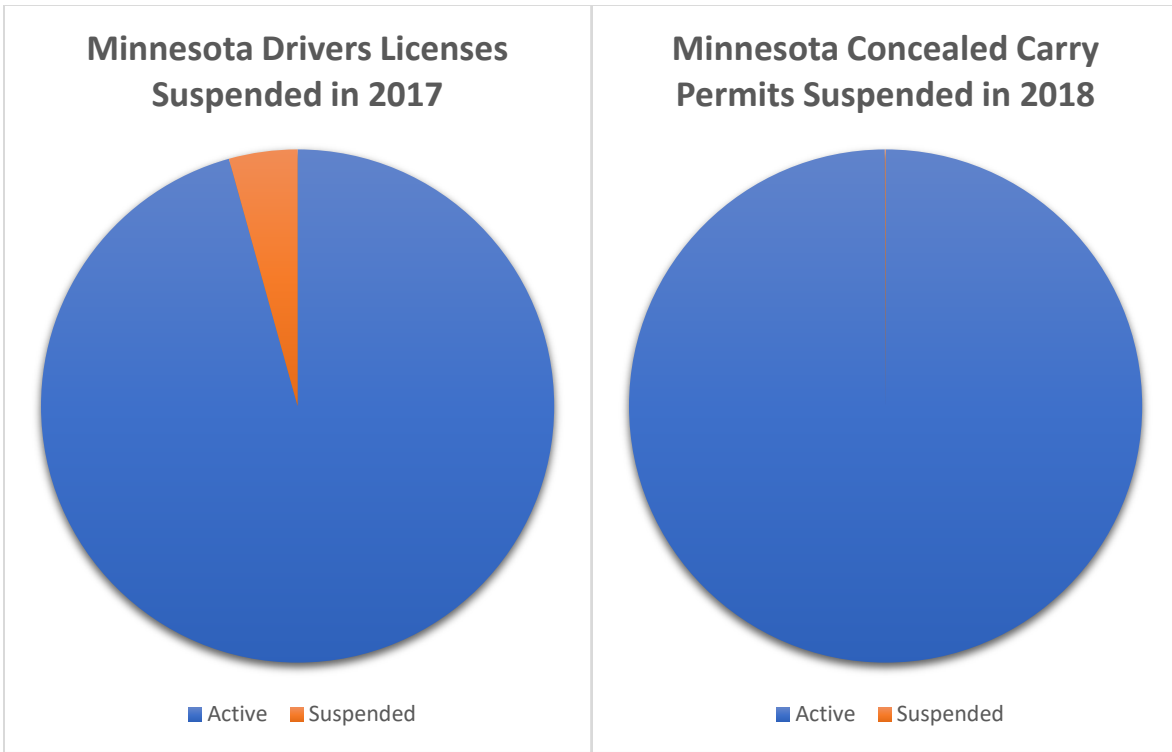
Taking the violent crimes in the United States, 1,247,321, and comparing it to the total crime convictions of concealed carry license holders in this review, 1,961, it is very visible that concealed carry license holders are one of the least likely groups of individuals to commit a violent crime. The data shows that of all the violent crime in the USA, concealed carriers committed 0.98% of them. We get to this conclusion by taking the average violent crimes committed (245) by concealed carriers in the eight states we analyzed and multiplying that average by 50 states. This means that **99.01%** of the violent crime committed is not committed by concealed carriers.

A deeper look at overall data for these 5.6 million concealed carry permit holders below shows the amount of concealed carry permit holders that retain, have revoked or are suspended. Out of our data set we can see that 0.30% of permits were suspended, 0.16% were revoked and 99.54% were retained. Of the 5,639,475 concealed carrier permit holders analyzed in this study, 5,613,451 were not revoked or suspended in 2018.



One interesting statistical comparison is concealed carry permit holders’ suspensions versus drivers’ licenses suspensions. When we investigated Florida, we found that drivers license holders in Florida were 29 times more likely to be suspended than concealed carry permit holders. In Texas, drivers license holders were 67 times more likely to be suspended than concealed carry permit holders. In Minnesota drivers license holders were 88 times more likely to be suspended than concealed carry permit holders.





We have found that of all the statistics we look at, they all show the same pattern. Concealed carry permit holders contribute less than 1% of all violent crime in the USA. In closing, we would like to thank each of these states and the FBI for providing the data for this study. Without this information, this study would not have been possible.

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