

# Package ‘gunsales’

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## Description

Statistical analysis of monthly background checks of gun purchases for the New York Times story ``What Drives Gun Sales: Terrorism, Obama and Calls for Restrictions" at <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/12/10/us/gun-sales-terrorism-obama-restrictions.html?> is provided.

**License** Apache License (== 2)

**Depends** R (>= 2.10)

**LazyData** true

**Imports** utils, dplyr, seasonal, ggplot2, data.table, zoo, x13binary

**Suggests** knitr, rmarkdown

**VignetteBuilder** knitr

**RoxygenNote** 5.0.1

**NeedsCompilation** no

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| alldata | <i>Source data from the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System</i> |
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**Description**

It was converted from the original PDF format to CSV using Tabula.

**Format**

A 'tbl\_df' and data frame object with 11480 observation of 34 variables

**Source**

[https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/nics\\_firearm\\_checks\\_-\\_month\\_year\\_by\\_state\\_type.pdf](https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/nics_firearm_checks_-_month_year_by_state_type.pdf)

**See Also**

The GitHub repository created by BuzzFeed containing a similar data set at <https://github.com/BuzzFeedNews/nics-firearm-background-checks/>

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| analysis | <i>Run Statistical Analysis of Monthly Background Checks of Gun Purchase</i> |
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**Description**

Run Statistical Analysis of Monthly Background Checks of Gun Purchase

**Usage**

```
analysis(debug = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| debug | Optional boolean switch to indicate whether interim data is displayed; default is 'FALSE' |
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**Value**

A data.frame is returned, contained all different prepared columns.

**Author(s)**

Gregor Aisch and Josh Keller wrote the R code; Dirk Eddelbuettel created and maintains the package.

**See Also**

The NY Times article presenting this analysis undertaken by this package is at <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/12/10/us/gun-sales-terrorism-obama-restrictions.html?>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
gs <- analysis()  
plot_gunsales(gs)  
ggplot_gunsales(gs)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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ggplot\_gunsales

*ggplot2 plots for gunsales analysis*

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**Description**

This function creates (ggplot2) plots for gunsales analysis.

**Usage**

```
ggplot_gunsales(df, savePlots = FALSE, savePNG = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| df        | A data.frame as prepared by the <a href="#">analysis</a> functions.   |
| savePlots | A boolean toggle to indicate if the plots are to be saved in the out/ directory as a single pdf file, with a default of FALSE.    |
| savePNG   | A boolean toggle to indicate if the plots are to be saved in the out/ directory as individual png files, with a default of FALSE. |

**Details**

In interactive mode, plot display is paused and the user has to advance by pressing the Return key.

**Value**

NULL is returned invisibly.

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
gs <- analysis()  
ggplot_gunsales(gs)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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plot\_gunsales

*Base Plots for gunsales analysis*

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**Description**

This function creates (base graphics) plots for gunsales analysis.

**Usage**

```
plot_gunsales(df, savePlots = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| df        | A data.frame as prepared by the <a href="#">analysis</a> functions.                                       |
| savePlots | A boolean toggle to indicate if the plots are to be saved in the out/ directory, with a default of FALSE. |

**Details**

In interactive mode, plot display is paused and the user has to advance by pressing the Return key.

**Value**

NULL is returned invisibly.

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
gs <- analysis()  
plot_gunsales(gs)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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poptotal

*US Population Growth data*

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**Description**

Montly observations about population growth

**Format**

A 'tbl\_df' and data frame object with 217 observation of 3 variables

**Source**

US Census Bureau

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