

Study: 1 in 11 shopping for guns online in Nevada can't legally possess one

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Nearly one in 11 people shopping for guns online in Nevada is prohibited from possessing a firearm, according to a study by Everytown for Gun Safety released Friday.

Everytown for Gun Safety, a national gun control advocacy group, researched listings for firearms on four websites: Armslist, Gunlistings, Backpage and Facebook, where private-party sellers in Nevada used dozens of dedicated pages to arrange gun sales.

The study, called "The Wild Wild Web," evokes Nevada's frontier history:

"Frontier days seem distant in Nevada, where the rugged landscape has recently acquired a 21st-century sheen. Cities have sprouted in its deserts. Technology companies like Tesla Motors and Faraday Future vie for the state's workforce," the report said. "But invisible to most Nevadans, an unregulated commerce in firearms continues. And it's facilitated by the same digital platforms driving the economic boom."

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