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Ks Concealed Carry Applications Set New Record

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - The state of Kansas received a record number of applications for concealed carry permits in March, reaching a new high for the third consecutive month.

Attorney General Derek Schmidt's office said Wednesday that 4,072 Kansans applied for permits last month. That's 14 percent more than the previous records of 3,573 set in February. The state received 3,167 applications in January.

Before this year, the record was 1,651 in March 2012.

Schmidt's office said that almost 53,300 Kansans already have permits.

Gun sales and applications for gun permits have increased across the country in response to discussions about new federal gun-control measures. The discussions follow the December shooting that left 20 elementary school students and six teachers dead at a Newtown, Connecticut school.

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