

Colorado

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

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ATF Firearms Trace Data Disclaimer

- Firearm traces are designed to assist law enforcement authorities in conducting investigations by tracking the sale and possession of specific firearms. Law enforcement agencies may request firearms traces for any reason, and those reasons are not necessarily reported to the Federal Government. Not all firearms used in crime are traced and not all firearms traced are used in crime.
- Firearms selected for tracing are not chosen for purposes of determining which types, makes or models of firearms are used for illicit purposes. The firearms selected do not constitute a random sample and should not be considered representative of the larger universe of all firearms used by criminals, or any subset of that universe. Firearms are normally traced to the first retail seller, and sources reported for firearms traced do not necessarily represent the sources or methods by which firearms in general are acquired for use in crime.

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced in Colorado in Calendar Year 2017



4,905

Firearm Types with a Colorado Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Derringers	Receivers/Frames	Other
3,083	704	668	387	23	16	24

* Other includes Machineguns, Any Other Weapons, Combinations, Unknown Types and Silencers.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Colorado Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	12GA	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	.223 Cal	7.62mm	.25 Cal
1,290	600	544	526	399	305	237	180	100	83	66

NOTE: There were 530 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 45 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Colorado Recovery

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Possession of Weapon	Weapon Offense	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Firearm Under Investigation	Suicide	Homicide	Property Crimes	Traffic Offense	Aggravated Assault	Burglary
1,036	797	512	472	313	215	190	182	175	173	123

NOTE: There were 717 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Colorado Recovery

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Colorado	Texas	Florida	Wyoming	Arizona
2,596	156	83	78	66
New Mexico	California	Kansas	Georgia	Missouri
66	57	54	44	43
Louisiana	Oklahoma	Utah	Illinois	Nebraska
41	40	32	27	27
North Carolina				
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NOTE: An additional 32 states accounted for 392 other traces.
The source state was identified in 3,829 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Colorado Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Under 3 Months	3 Months to Under 7 Months	7 Months to Under 1 Year	1 Year to Under 2 years	2 Years to Under 3 Years	3 Years and Over
289	253	263	468	352	2,175

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Colorado Average Time-to-Crime: **8.03 Years**

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 National Average Time-to-Crime: **9.30 Years**

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Colorado Recovery

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17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
156	294	342	645	900	386	424

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Colorado Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 National Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Colorado Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Denver	Colorado Springs	Pueblo	Lakewood	Greeley	Grand Junction	Aurora	Durango	Longmont	Fort Collins	Northglenn
1,463	831	253	249	239	205	202	84	84	63	59

NOTE: There were 175 additional municipalities that accounted for 1,170 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for three traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

- Includes traces with a recovery state of Colorado. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Colorado.
- Includes Firearms Recovered and Traced between 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017.
- Duplicate traces, Firearms Not Recovered, Gun Buyback and Firearms Turned In are not included in this figure.
- Data was extracted from the Firearms Tracing System (FTS) on April 11, 2018.
- All traces may not have been submitted or completed at the time of this study.

Firearm Types and Calibers with a Colorado Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Colorado Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced. Beginning in CY 2010, attempted homicide, attempted suicide and negligent vehicular manslaughter are reported in separate categories.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics (continued)

Top Source States for Firearms with a Colorado Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.
- Traces must identify a purchaser and the state in which the final dealer is located.

Time-to-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Colorado Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.
- Traces must identify a purchaser.
- Time-to-Crime was calculated for those traces in which the purchase date could be subtracted from the recovery date.

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Colorado Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.
- Includes traces that provide a possessor and the possessor's date of birth.
- Possessor's age is calculated by subtracting the possessor's date of birth from the recovery date.

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with an Colorado Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.
- Includes traces with a recovery city, or, if the recovery city was not provided, the requesting agency had jurisdiction only within that city.