

Delaware

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

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- 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 Delaware in Calendar Year 2017



1,114

Firearm Types with a Delaware Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Other
718	159	113	107	17

* Other includes Receivers/Frames, Derringers, Machineguns and a Destructive Device.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Delaware Recovery



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9mm	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.22 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	.32 Cal	.25 Cal
328	111	102	97	89	84	69	38	37	27

NOTE: There were 107 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 25 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Delaware Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Possession of Weapon	Carrying Concealed Weapon	Found Firearm	Dangerous Drugs	Firearm Under Investigation	Weapon Offense	Aggravated Assault	Homicide	Suicide	Family Offense	Robbery
367	136	122	113	83	70	53	28	24	23	23

NOTE: There were 72 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Delaware Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Delaware	Pennsylvania	Maryland	Virginia	Georgia
533	89	51	23	19
Florida	Massachusetts	North Carolina	Ohio	Alabama
16	12	11	10	9
South Carolina	Texas	Kentucky	Illinois	New Jersey
8	7	5	4	4

NOTE: An additional 22 states accounted for 34 other traces.
The source state was identified in 835 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Delaware 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
75	57	62	120	68	448

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Delaware Average Time-to-Crime: **9.01 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Delaware Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
41	115	112	219	168	77	144

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Delaware Average Age of Possessor: **34 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Delaware Recovery

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Wilmington	Newark	Dover	New Castle	Hockessin	Georgetown	Millsboro	Bear	Seaford	Greenwood	Lewes	Middletown
379	135	120	88	46	25	24	21	20	19	19	19

NOTE: There were 31 additional municipalities that accounted for 199 other traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

- Includes traces with a recovery state of Delaware. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Delaware.
- 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 Delaware Recovery

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

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Delaware 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 Delaware 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 Delaware 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 Delaware 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 a Delaware 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.