

Florida

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 Florida in Calendar Year 2017



21,088

Firearm Types with a Florida Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Receivers/Frames	Other
13,950	3,130	2,436	1,328	141	35	68

* Other includes Machineguns, Unknown Types, Combinations, Silencers, Any Other Weapons, Destructive Devices and a Flare Gun.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Florida Recovery



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9mm	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.22 Cal	.38 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	.357 Cal	7.62mm	.25 Cal	.32 Cal
6,180	2,471	2,337	2,060	1,549	1,491	1,026	599	565	420	364

NOTE: There were 1,848 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 178 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Florida Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Firearm Under Investigation	Possession of Weapon	Found Firearm	Dangerous Drugs	Carrying Concealed Weapon	Aggravated Assault	Family Offense	Health - Safety	Suicide	Weapon Offense	Homicide
3,494	3,373	2,634	1,840	1,404	1,237	1,125	802	796	780	685

NOTE: There were 2,918 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Florida Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Florida	Georgia	Alabama	Texas	North Carolina
13,132	685	370	209	176
South Carolina	Tennessee	Virginia	Pennsylvania	Ohio
152	151	147	142	129
Kentucky	Louisiana	Indiana	New York	California
119	105	101	97	90

NOTE: An additional 35 states and Puerto Rico accounted for 1,059 other traces. The source state was identified in 16,864 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Florida 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
1,056	1,004	1,031	2,076	1,444	10,023

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Florida Average Time-to-Crime: **8.60 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Florida 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
617	1,730	1,469	2,660	2,751	1,578	2,220

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Florida 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 Florida Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Jacksonville	Tampa	Orlando	Pensacola	Miami	West Palm Beach	Daytona Beach	Fort Myers	Kissimmee	St. Petersburg	Gainesville
2,190	2,094	1,293	1,076	1,022	813	357	332	304	285	284

NOTE: There were 409 additional municipalities that accounted for 10,993 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 45 traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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