

# Louisiana

## Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information



**U.S. Department of Justice**

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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 Louisiana in Calendar Year 2017*



10,157

# *Firearm Types with a Louisiana Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Machineguns	Other
6,601	1,349	1,346	766	68	16	11

\* Other includes Unknown Types, Receivers/Frames and a Combination.

# *Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Louisiana Recovery*



January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017



9mm	.40 Cal	.22 Cal	.380 Cal	.45 Cal	.38 Cal	12GA	.357 Cal	7.62mm	.25 Cal	5.56mm
2,651	1,672	1,092	923	712	623	530	252	234	214	143

**NOTE:** There were 1,056 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 55 traces with an unknown caliber.

# *Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Louisiana Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Possession of Weapon	Dangerous Drugs	Firearm Under Investigation	Found Firearm	Weapons Trafficking	Property Crimes	Aggravated Assault	Simple Assault	Homicide	Weapon Offense	Burglary
2,085	1,741	1,531	1,168	497	432	325	304	250	188	187

**NOTE:** There were 1,449 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

# *Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Louisiana Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Louisiana	Texas	Mississippi	Alabama	Georgia
6,414	479	327	122	110
Florida	Arkansas	Tennessee	North Carolina	Oklahoma
88	57	43	32	32
California	Ohio	Arizona	Kentucky	Missouri
31	29	28	26	25

**NOTE:** An additional 32 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands accounted for 286 other traces. The source state was identified in 8,129 total traces.



# *Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Louisiana 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
460	535	501	980	612	4,955

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Louisiana Average Time-to-Crime: **8.86 Years**

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



# *Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Louisiana 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
400	1,119	908	1,445	1,402	685	1,149

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Louisiana 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 Louisiana Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

New Orleans	Baton Rouge	Shreveport	Holden	Lafayette	Lake Charles	Metairie	Alexandria	Harvey	Marrero	New Iberia
1,824	1,774	515	494	424	409	202	195	193	184	179

**NOTE:** There were 272 additional municipalities that accounted for 3,659 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 105 traces.

# *Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics*

## **Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced**

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

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

## **Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Louisiana 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 Louisiana 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 Louisiana 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 Louisiana 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 Louisiana 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.