

# Connecticut

## Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

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 Connecticut in Calendar Year 2018*



1,469

# *Firearm Types with a Connecticut Recovery*

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Machineguns	Derringers	Other
780	270	241	144	12	9	13

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

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



January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018



9mm	.22 Cal	.380 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	.40 Cal	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	5.56mm	7.62mm	.32 Cal
307	187	120	114	111	105	100	53	43	35	34

**NOTE:** There were 210 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 50 traces with an unknown caliber.

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

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Firearm Under Investigation	Possession of Weapon	Found Firearm	Family Offense	Weapon Offense	Dangerous Drugs	Health - Safety	Simple Assault	Suicide	Public Peace
494	373	140	112	86	59	39	28	28	19

**NOTE:** There were 91 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

\*A homicide category was reported on nine traces.

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

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Connecticut	Georgia	Florida	South Carolina	Virginia
560	51	49	38	35
North Carolina	Texas	Maine	Pennsylvania	Vermont
28	25	22	21	21
New York	Massachusetts	Ohio	Alabama	New Hampshire
19	14	14	13	12

**NOTE:** An additional 28 states and Puerto Rico accounted for 79 other traces. The source state was identified in 1,001 total traces.



# *Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Connecticut Recovery*

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

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
19	36	42	79	62	745

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Connecticut Average Time-to-Crime: **12.90 Years**

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 National Average Time-to-Crime: **8.80 Years**



# *Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Connecticut Recovery*

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
14	82	86	168	265	194	348

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Connecticut Average Age of Possessor: **41 Years**

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 National Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**

# *Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Connecticut Recovery*

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Hartford	Hamden	Bridgeport	Meriden	New Haven	Waterbury	Farmington	Torrington	Groton	Milford
286	123	89	85	83	83	75	45	33	29

**NOTE:** There were 89 additional municipalities that accounted for 534 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for four traces.

# *Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics*

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

- Includes traces with a recovery state of Connecticut. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Connecticut.
- Includes Firearms Recovered and Traced between 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018.
- 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, 2019.
- All traces may not have been submitted or completed at the time of this study.

## **Firearm Types and Calibers with a Connecticut Recovery**

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

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