

New York

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

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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 New York in Calendar Year 2018



7,689

Firearm Types with a New York Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Receivers/Frames	Other
4,412	1,553	946	655	67	39	17

* Other includes Machineguns, Combinations, Unknown Types and a Silencer.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a New York Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.380 Cal	.38 Cal	.40 Cal	12GA	.45 Cal	.25 Cal	.32 Cal	.357 Cal	7.62mm
1,799	1,046	841	630	556	491	478	339	316	268	121

NOTE: There were 733 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 71 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New York Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Possession of Weapon	Found Firearm	Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Weapon Offense	Weapons Trafficking	Traffic Offense	Simple Assault	Homicide	Selling Weapon	Robbery
3,060	1,127	1,097	753	250	162	155	132	127	126	100

NOTE: There were 600 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a New York Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

New York	Georgia	Virginia	Florida	Pennsylvania
1,170	582	473	388	337
South Carolina	North Carolina	Ohio	Alabama	Texas
326	303	255	138	111
West Virginia	Tennessee	Vermont	Maine	New Jersey
91	88	74	50	49

NOTE: An additional 35 states and Puerto Rico accounted for 650 other traces. The source state was identified in 5,085 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a New York 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
224	186	196	407	394	3,635

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 New York Average Time-to-Crime: **13.08 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a New York 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
199	665	507	1,185	1,214	620	805

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

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a New York Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

New York City	Buffalo	Rochester	Syracuse	Albany	Jamestown	Niagara Falls	Elmira	Newburgh	Brentwood	Poughkeepsie
3,710	571	530	269	92	69	64	54	49	48	48

NOTE: There were 544 additional municipalities that accounted for 2,185 other traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New York 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 New York 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 New York 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 New York 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 New York 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.