

Washington

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

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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 Washington in Calendar Year 2018



5,120

Firearm Types with a Washington Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Derringers	Receivers/Frames	Other
3,045	874	650	458	29	27	37

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

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Washington Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	12GA	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	5.56mm	7.62mm
1,319	685	516	400	399	380	247	160	101	95

NOTE: There were 749 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 69 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Washington Recovery

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Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Found Firearm	Dangerous Drugs	Aggravated Assault	Weapon Offense	Family Offense	Traffic Offense	Property Crimes	Suicide
1,320	636	600	477	272	203	189	181	165	148

NOTE: There were 929 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

*A homicide category was reported on 104 traces.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Washington Recovery

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Washington	Oregon	California	Idaho	Montana
2,868	205	105	103	76
Arizona	Texas	Alaska	Colorado	Florida
55	54	39	30	26
Ohio	Georgia	Nevada	Illinois	Oklahoma
26	24	20	17	17

NOTE: An additional 32 states and Guam accounted for 215 other traces. The source state was identified in 3,880 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Washington 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
241	172	198	415	348	2,434

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Washington Average Time-to-Crime: **10.14 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Washington Recovery

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17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
102	267	350	608	870	566	496

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Washington Average Age of Possessor: **37 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Washington Recovery

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Seattle	Spokane	Tacoma	Kent	Yakima	Renton	Vancouver	Pasco	Spokane Valley	SeaTac
675	577	282	259	256	145	144	141	120	102

NOTE: There were 220 additional municipalities that accounted for 2,395 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 24 traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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