

# Arkansas

## Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information



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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 Arkansas in Calendar Year 2019*



**3,516**

# *Firearm Types with an Arkansas Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Machineguns	Other
2,145	521	473	322	25	14	16

\* Other includes Unknown Types, Silencers, an Any Other Weapon, a Combination, a Destructive Device and a Receiver/Frame.

# *Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with an Arkansas Recovery*



January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019



9mm	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	12GA	.45 Cal	.38 Cal	.25 Cal	7.62mm	.32 Cal
962	515	355	325	229	202	174	108	87	73

**NOTE:** There were 445 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 41 traces with an unknown caliber.

# *Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with an Arkansas Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Firearm Under Investigation	Possession of Weapon	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Aggravated Assault	Property Crimes	Weapon Offense	Homicide	Family Offense	Suicide
1,358	756	316	286	204	127	85	78	63	42

**NOTE:** There were 201 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

# *Top 15 Source States for Firearms with an Arkansas Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Arkansas	Texas	Mississippi	Tennessee	Missouri
1,992	97	84	69	50
Louisiana	Oklahoma	California	Georgia	North Carolina
31	31	18	18	12
Alabama	Florida	Illinois	Indiana	Arizona
11	11	11	10	9

**NOTE:** An additional 29 states accounted for 95 other traces.  
The source state was identified in 2,549 total traces.



# *Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with an Arkansas Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

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
152	120	107	248	217	1,124

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Arkansas Average Time-to-Crime: **8.24 Years**

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 National Average Time-to-Crime: **8.29 Years**



# *Age of Possessors for Firearms with an Arkansas Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
113	329	178	347	531	251	236

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Arkansas Average Age of Possessor: **33 Years**

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 National Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**

# *Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with an Arkansas Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Little Rock	West Helena	North Little Rock	Hot Springs	Jonesboro	Fayetteville	Springdale	Texarkana	West Memphis	Rogers
894	756	226	203	173	126	107	106	105	80

**NOTE:** There were 100 additional municipalities that accounted for 558 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 182 traces.

# *Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics*

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

- Includes traces with a recovery state of Arkansas. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Arkansas.
- Includes Firearms Recovered and Traced between 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019.
- 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 10, 2020.
- All traces may not have been submitted or completed at the time of this study.

## **Firearm Types and Calibers with an Arkansas Recovery**

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

## **Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with an Arkansas 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 an Arkansas 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 an Arkansas 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 an Arkansas 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 an Arkansas 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.