

Louisiana

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

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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 Louisiana in Calendar Year 2019



10,666

Firearm Types with a Louisiana Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Receivers/Frames	Other
7,467	1,256	1,162	676	45	19	41

* Other includes Unknown Types, Machineguns, Combinations, Silencers and an Any Other Weapon.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Louisiana Recovery



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9mm	.40 Cal	.22 Cal	.380 Cal	.45 Cal	.38 Cal	12GA	7.62mm	.357 Cal	5.56mm	.25 Cal
3,542	1,647	925	873	741	570	466	262	234	194	151

NOTE: There were 972 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 89 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Louisiana Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Possession of Weapon	Dangerous Drugs	Firearm Under Investigation	Found Firearm	Aggravated Assault	Property Crimes	Homicide	Carrying Prohibited Weapon	Family Offense	Suicide
2,307	1,930	1,697	1,227	540	467	306	255	223	219

NOTE: There were 1,495 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Louisiana Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Louisiana	Texas	Mississippi	Georgia	Alabama
6,836	505	377	133	124
Florida	Arkansas	Tennessee	North Carolina	California
95	67	47	35	34
Oklahoma	Missouri	Ohio	South Carolina	Virginia
31	30	29	29	29

NOTE: An additional 30 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico accounted for 311 other traces.

The source state was identified in 8,712 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Louisiana 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
602	542	546	1,062	857	5,003

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Louisiana Average Time-to-Crime: **7.90 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Louisiana 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
446	1,228	986	1,683	1,716	827	842

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Louisiana 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 a Louisiana Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

New Orleans	Baton Rouge	Shreveport	Lake Charles	Lafayette	Monroe	Metairie	Gretna	Slidell	LaPlace
1,861	1,680	1,031	556	452	293	261	226	197	178

NOTE: There were 275 additional municipalities that accounted for 3,929 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for two 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 1/1/2019 – 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 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.