

Wisconsin

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 Wisconsin in Calendar Year 2019



4,948

Firearm Types with a Wisconsin Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Machineguns	Other
3,526	563	439	338	43	39

* Other includes Derringers, Receivers/Frames, Unknown Types, Silencers and a Combination.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Wisconsin Recovery



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9mm	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.22 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	7.62mm	.25 Cal
1,765	572	503	459	333	264	169	108	96	72

NOTE: There were 519 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 88 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Wisconsin Recovery

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Firearm Under Investigation	Possession of Weapon	Carrying Concealed Weapon	Found Firearm	Dangerous Drugs	Family Offense	Homicide	Weapon Offense	Suicide	Robbery
1,588	1,189	486	289	228	175	173	156	113	62

NOTE: There were 489 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Wisconsin Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Wisconsin	Illinois	Indiana	Mississippi	Texas
3,413	107	61	47	44
Minnesota	Florida	Missouri	Michigan	Iowa
39	30	29	28	26
Tennessee	Georgia	Ohio	Arizona	California
25	24	24	23	20
Kentucky				
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NOTE: An additional 29 states accounted for 180 other traces.
The source state was identified in 4,140 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Wisconsin 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
351	311	260	540	477	2,161

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Wisconsin Average Time-to-Crime: **6.91 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Wisconsin 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
105	386	458	841	937	374	423

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Wisconsin Average Age of Possessor: **34 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Wisconsin Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Milwaukee	Madison	Racine	Kenosha	Green Bay	West Allis	Beloit	Sheboygan	La Crosse	Mount Pleasant	Wauwatosa
2,596	252	218	195	101	85	71	69	52	52	52

NOTE: There were 227 additional municipalities that accounted for 1,194 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 11 traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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