(1) 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.

(2) 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 Maine by Calendar Year

2008

446

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Firearm Types with a Maine Recovery

Pistols: 166
Rifles: 129
Shotguns: 83
Revolvers: 62
Machineguns: 3
Combination: 1
Derringer: 1
Destructive Device: 1

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Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Maine Recovery

- Possession of Weapon: 151
- Firearm Under Investigation: 99
- Family Offense: 33
- Suicide: 23
- Dangerous Drugs: 20
- Found Firearm: 17
- None Provided: 17
- Health - Safety: 15
- Simple Assault: 12

* A homicide-related category was reported on six traces.

NOTE: There were 47 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

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Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Maine Recovery

NOTE: The source state was identified in 258 total traces.

* There were 12 states tied with one trace each.

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Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Maine Recovery

1/1/2008-12/31/2008 Maine Average Time-to-Crime: 11.12 Years
1/1/2008-12/31/2008 National Average Time-to-Crime: 10.39 Years

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Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Maine Recovery

NOTE: There were 72 additional municipalities that accounted for 179 other traces.

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Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

**Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced**
- Includes traces with a recovery state of Maine. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Maine.
- Includes Firearms Recovered and Traced between 1/1/2008 – 12/31/2008, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2008 – 12/31/2008.
- 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 May 19, 2009.

**Firearm Types with a Maine Recovery**
- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.

**Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Maine Recovery**
- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.

**Top Source States for Firearms with a Maine 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 Maine 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.

**Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Maine 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.

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