**Department of Justice**

**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives**

**Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information**

**Data Source: Firearms Tracing System**

**January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008**
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(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 Hawaii by Calendar Year

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Firearm Types with a Hawaii Recovery

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Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Hawaii Recovery

- Possession of Weapon: 45
- Homicide: 7
- Dangerous Drugs: 6
- Weapon Offense: 5
- Family Offense: 5
- Found Firearm: 2
- Property Crimes: 2
- Burglary: 1
- Health - Safety: 1
- None Provided: 1

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Top 15 **Source** States for Firearms with a Hawaii Recovery

**NOTE:** There were only 14 source states identified in 43 total traces.

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

1/1/2008-12/31/2008 Hawaii Average Time-to-Crime: 17.86 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 Hawaii Recovery

Kamuela
Honaunau
Lihue
Kailua Kona
Waianae
Kapaa
Hilo
Honolulu

NOTE: There were 12 additional municipalities that accounted for 12 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for five 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 Hawaii. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Hawaii.
  - 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 Hawaii Recovery**
  - Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.

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

- **Top Source States for Firearms with a Hawaii 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 Hawaii 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 Hawaii 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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