ATF Firearms Trace
Data Disclaimer

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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 Mississippi by Calendar Year

2009

1,717

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Firearm Types with a Mississippi Recovery
January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

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Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Mississippi Recovery
January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>Possession of Weapon</td>
<td>477</td>
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<td>Dangerous Drugs</td>
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<td>None Provided</td>
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<td>Found Firearm</td>
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<td>Health - Safety</td>
<td>123</td>
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<td>Firearm Under Investigation</td>
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<td>Property Crimes</td>
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<td>Aggravated Assault</td>
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<td>Homicide</td>
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<td>Family Offense</td>
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NOTE: There were 322 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

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Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Mississippi Recovery
January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

NOTE: An additional 21 states accounted for 32 other traces. The source state was identified in 1,175 total traces.

* There were four states tied with four traces each.

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Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Mississippi Recovery
January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

1/1/2009-12/31/2009 Mississippi Average Time-to-Crime: 9.92 Years
1/1/2009-12/31/2009 National Average Time-to-Crime: 10.77 Years

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Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Mississippi Recovery
January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

- Vicksburg 51
- Tchula 54
- Hattiesburg 74
- Biloxi 77
- Saucier 45
- McComb 36
- Meridian 35
- Gulfport 302
- Jackson 133
- Ridgeland 105

NOTE: There were 143 additional municipalities that accounted for 779 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 26 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 Mississippi. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Mississippi.
• Includes Firearms Recovered and Traced between 1/1/2009 – 12/31/2009, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2009 – 12/31/2009.
• 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 March 9, 2010.
• All traces may not have been submitted or completed at the time of this study.

Firearm Types with a Mississippi Recovery
• Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.

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

Top Source States for Firearms with a Mississippi 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 Mississippi 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 Mississippi 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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