

Alaska

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

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ATF Firearms Trace Data Disclaimer

- 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 Alaska in Calendar Year 2017



1,075

Firearm Types with an Alaska Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Receivers/Frames	Derringers	Other
607	198	161	87	12	5	5

* Other includes Machineguns, Unknown Types and a Combination.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with an Alaska Recovery



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9mm	.45 Cal	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	12GA	.380 Cal	.357 Cal	7.62mm	.44 Cal	.38 Cal
206	149	128	114	75	68	42	31	29	28

NOTE: There were 184 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 21 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with an Alaska Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Possession of Weapon	Found Firearm	Dangerous Drugs	Firearm Under Investigation	Weapon Offense	Property Crimes	Burglary	Traffic Offense	Robbery	Threat
270	144	128	77	66	61	49	41	31	25

NOTE: There were 183 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

*A homicide category was reported on 22 traces.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with an Alaska Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Alaska	Texas	Arizona	Nevada	Virginia
691	24	13	9	9
Washington	Georgia	Oregon	South Carolina	Florida
9	7	6	6	5
Idaho	Louisiana	Michigan	Ohio	Pennsylvania
5	5	5	5	5

NOTE: An additional 29 states accounted for 62 other traces.
The source state was identified in 866 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with an Alaska Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

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
29	33	39	91	95	572

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Alaska Average Time-to-Crime: **9.43 Years**

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 National Average Time-to-Crime: **9.30 Years**

Age of Possessors for Firearms with an Alaska Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
11	60	77	170	194	69	53

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Alaska Average Age of Possessor: **33 Years**

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 National Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with an Alaska Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Anchorage	Fairbanks	Soldotna	Kenai	Kodiak	Wasilla	Juneau	Palmer	North Pole	Eagle River
521	157	89	55	43	42	37	19	17	15

NOTE: There were 29 additional municipalities that accounted for 79 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for one trace.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

- Includes traces with a recovery state of Alaska. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Alaska.
- Includes Firearms Recovered and Traced between 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017.
- 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 11, 2018.
- All traces may not have been submitted or completed at the time of this study.

Firearm Types and Calibers with an Alaska Recovery

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

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with an Alaska 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 an Alaska 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 an Alaska 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 an Alaska 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 an Alaska 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.