

Connecticut

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 Connecticut in Calendar Year 2017



1,359

Firearm Types with a Connecticut Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Unknown Types	Derringers	Other
686	257	229	159	12	9	7

* Other includes Machineguns, Combinations, and a Flare Gun.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Connecticut Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	12GA	.40 Cal	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	.32 Cal	.25 Cal	20GA
267	245	113	110	97	89	88	53	48	34	25

NOTE: There were 148 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 42 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Connecticut Recovery

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Firearm Under Investigation	Possession of Weapon	Found Firearm	Family Offense	Dangerous Drugs	Health - Safety	Suicide	Weapon Offense	Aggravated Assault	Homicide
621	260	102	91	56	34	24	22	19	17

NOTE: There were 113 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Connecticut Recovery

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Connecticut	Florida	Virginia	Georgia	North Carolina
434	48	33	29	26
South Carolina	Vermont	Maine	New York	Alabama
26	26	18	14	13
California	Texas	Indiana	Ohio	Pennsylvania
13	13	12	12	12

NOTE: An additional 26 states accounted for 75 other traces.
The source state was identified in 804 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Connecticut 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
23	15	17	66	55	514

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Connecticut Average Time-to-Crime: **12.50 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Connecticut 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
22	74	76	147	180	127	258

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Connecticut Average Age of Possessor: **41 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Connecticut Recovery

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Groton	Hartford	Milford	Bridgeport	Hamden	Waterbury	New Haven	Seymour	Meriden	New London	Stratford
260	221	143	80	66	65	43	35	34	27	27

NOTE: There were 81 additional municipalities that accounted for 358 other traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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