

# Iowa

## Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information



**U.S. Department of Justice**

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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 Iowa in Calendar Year 2017*



2,197

# *Firearm Types with an Iowa Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Rifles	Shotguns	Revolvers	Derringers	Machineguns	Other
1,266	337	299	268	14	5	8

\* Other includes Receivers/Frames, Combinations, Unknown Types and a Destructive Device.

# *Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with an Iowa Recovery*



January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017



9mm	.22 Cal	12GA	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.45 Cal	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	20GA	7.62mm	.223 Cal
538	404	207	204	175	151	85	61	59	44	40

**NOTE:** There were 211 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 18 traces with an unknown caliber.

# *Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with an Iowa Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Possession of Weapon	Dangerous Drugs	Firearm Under Investigation	Found Firearm	Carrying Concealed Weapon	Family Offense	Suicide	Property Crimes	Weapon Offense	Aggravated Assault	Burglary
614	292	199	187	173	117	72	64	59	58	56

**NOTE:** There were 306 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

\*A homicide category was reported on 47 traces.

# *Top 15 Source States for Firearms with an Iowa Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Iowa	Illinois	Nebraska	Missouri	Minnesota
1,212	69	36	27	23
Texas	South Dakota	Wisconsin	Kansas	Arizona
23	21	19	18	17
Colorado	Indiana	Alabama	Arkansas	California
17	16	13	13	12

**NOTE:** An additional 28 states accounted for 130 other traces.  
The source state was identified in 1,666 total traces.



# *Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with an Iowa 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
115	107	114	221	142	955

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Iowa Average Time-to-Crime: **8.88 Years**

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



# *Age of Possessors for Firearms with an Iowa 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
91	260	173	307	335	214	174

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Iowa 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 Iowa Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Des Moines	Cedar Rapids	Davenport	Waterloo	Sioux City	Burlington	Fort Dodge	Muscatine	Clinton	Council Bluffs	Dubuque
562	216	211	157	137	82	53	53	42	42	40

**NOTE:** There were 145 additional municipalities that accounted for 596 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for six traces.

# *Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics*

## **Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced**

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

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

## **Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with an Iowa 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 Iowa 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 Iowa 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 Iowa 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 Iowa 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.