

Minnesota

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

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- 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 Minnesota in Calendar Year 2017



3,662

Firearm Types with a Minnesota Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Rifles	Shotguns	Revolvers	Derringers	Machineguns	Other
2,142	621	477	387	19	6	10

* Other includes Unknown Types, Receivers/Frames, Combinations and an Any Other Weapon.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Minnesota Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	12GA	.380 Cal	.45 Cal	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	20GA	7.62mm	.223 Cal
939	499	365	348	278	263	121	100	83	68	60

NOTE: There were 482 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 56 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Minnesota Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Weapon Offense	Aggravated Assault	Family Offense	Carrying Concealed Weapon	Suicide	Property Crimes	Firing Weapon
832	726	633	297	218	147	129	83	78	60	57

NOTE: There were 402 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

*A homicide category was reported on 53 traces.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Minnesota Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Minnesota	Wisconsin	North Dakota	Texas	Indiana
1,969	160	72	42	39
Iowa	South Dakota	Illinois	Arizona	Florida
39	38	33	26	25
California	Mississippi	Oklahoma	Ohio	Georgia
22	20	20	19	18

NOTE: An additional 32 states accounted for 244 other traces.
The source state was identified in 2,786 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Minnesota 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
184	150	148	320	243	1,660

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Minnesota Average Time-to-Crime: **8.86 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Minnesota 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
77	264	240	439	593	320	296

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

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Minnesota Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Minneapolis	St. Paul	Brooklyn Park	Duluth	Brooklyn Center	Burnsville	Rochester	Brainerd	Prior Lake	Eagan	Minnetonka
1,017	596	130	93	86	67	56	44	42	40	37

NOTE: There were 278 additional municipalities that accounted for 1,382 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 72 traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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