

New York

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 New York in Calendar Year 2017



9,151

Firearm Types with a New York Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Unknown Types	Other
5,131	1,892	1,165	831	80	21	31

* Other includes Machineguns, Destructive Devices, Receivers/Frames, Any Other Weapons and a Combination.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a New York Recovery



January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017



9mm	.22 Cal	.380 Cal	.38 Cal	12GA	.25 Cal	.40 Cal	.45 Cal	.32 Cal	.357 Cal	7.62mm
1,949	1,321	934	777	645	577	545	503	412	332	147

NOTE: There were 954 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 55 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New York Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Found Firearm	Dangerous Drugs	Weapon Offense	Selling Weapon	Weapons Trafficking	Simple Assault	Traffic Offense	Robbery	Property Crimes
3,172	2,424	963	722	310	250	169	164	116	103	82

NOTE: There were 676 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

*A homicide category was reported on 78 traces.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a New York Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

New York	Georgia	Florida	Pennsylvania	Virginia
1,355	558	485	451	426
North Carolina	South Carolina	Ohio	Alabama	Texas
377	340	271	127	112
Tennessee	West Virginia	Arizona	Vermont	California
74	69	66	66	64

NOTE: An additional 35 states, the District of Columbia and Guam accounted for 724 other traces. The source state was identified in 5,565 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a New York 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
161	175	180	441	336	4,214

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 New York Average Time-to-Crime: **14.81 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a New York 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
222	636	635	1,139	1,293	546	840

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 New York 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 New York Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

New York City	Rochester	Buffalo	Syracuse	Hempstead	Albany	Niagara Falls	Utica	Newburgh	Schenectady	Troy
5,004	527	487	335	119	116	87	66	55	52	50

NOTE: There were 518 additional municipalities that accounted for 2,252 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 New York. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to New York.
- 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 New York Recovery

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

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New York 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 New York 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 New York 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 New York 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 New York 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.