

Wisconsin

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 Wisconsin in Calendar Year 2017



4,796

Firearm Types with a Wisconsin Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Derringers	Other
3,398	552	474	338	19	15

* Other includes Combinations, Machineguns, Receivers/Frames, Any Other Weapons, a Destructive Device and an Unknown Type.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Wisconsin Recovery



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9mm	.40 Cal	.22 Cal	.380 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	7.62mm	.25 Cal	.32 Cal
1,527	667	512	434	404	237	180	105	84	69	61

NOTE: There were 478 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 38 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Wisconsin Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Carrying Concealed Weapon	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Aggravated Assault	Weapon Offense	Family Offense	Suicide	Homicide	Public Peace
1,193	806	610	423	337	189	174	147	133	118	95

NOTE: There were 571 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Wisconsin Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Wisconsin	Illinois	Indiana	Mississippi	Minnesota
3,321	81	52	38	36
Florida	Texas	Georgia	Missouri	Michigan
32	30	28	25	24
California	Ohio	Arizona	Kentucky	Tennessee
19	19	16	16	15

NOTE: An additional 29 states and Puerto Rico accounted for 195 other traces. The source state was identified in 3,947 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Wisconsin 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
402	344	342	568	339	1,919

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Wisconsin Average Time-to-Crime: **7.27 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Wisconsin 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
135	493	565	939	790	323	366

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Wisconsin Average Age of Possessor: **32 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Wisconsin Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Milwaukee	Madison	Racine	Green Bay	Janesville	West Allis	Beloit	Sheboygan	Kenosha	Appleton	Kaukauna
2,748	241	179	89	89	75	74	71	69	55	50

NOTE: There were 225 additional municipalities that accounted for 1,053 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for three traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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