

Utah

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

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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 Utah in Calendar Year 2018



2,106

Firearm Types with a Utah Recovery

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Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Machineguns	Derringers	Other
1,277	346	216	177	75	10	5

* Other includes Receivers/Frames, a Combination and a Silencer.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Utah Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.380 Cal	.40 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	7.62mm	.223 Cal
596	287	201	174	152	129	72	46	41	38

NOTE: There were 284 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 86 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Utah Recovery

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Possession of Weapon	Weapon Offense	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Family Offense	Firearm Under Investigation	Suicide	Property Crimes	Aggravated Assault	Traffic Offense
357	275	221	213	160	150	117	93	79	60

NOTE: There were 381 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

*A homicide category was reported on 38 traces.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Utah Recovery

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Utah	Idaho	Arizona	Nevada	California
1,201	40	38	38	35
Texas	Colorado	Wyoming	Florida	Ohio
24	22	15	14	12
Washington	Oregon	Massachusetts	New Mexico	Kansas
12	11	10	10	9

NOTE: An additional 29 states and Guam accounted for 116 other traces. The source state was identified in 1,607 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Utah Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

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
103	82	89	179	149	984

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Utah Average Time-to-Crime: **8.30 Years**

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 National Average Time-to-Crime: **8.80 Years**

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Utah Recovery

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17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
67	153	151	252	376	224	188

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Utah Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 National Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Utah Recovery

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West Valley City	Salt Lake City	Ogden	West Jordan	Midvale	Spanish Fork	Orem	South Salt Lake	Saint George	Layton
198	188	148	135	128	97	83	82	80	78

NOTE: There were 111 additional municipalities that accounted for 884 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for five traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

- Includes traces with a recovery state of Utah. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Utah.
- Includes Firearms Recovered and Traced between 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018.
- 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, 2019.
- All traces may not have been submitted or completed at the time of this study.

Firearm Types and Calibers with a Utah Recovery

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

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