

Minnesota

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

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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 2019



4,112

Firearm Types with a Minnesota Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Rifles	Shotguns	Revolvers	Derringers	Unknown Types	Other
2,451	674	508	430	21	11	17

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

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Minnesota Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	12GA	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	20GA	7.62mm	.223 Cal
1,209	537	365	352	298	293	139	104	92	67	60

NOTE: There were 520 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 76 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Minnesota Recovery

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Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Weapon Offense	Aggravated Assault	Family Offense	Property Crimes	Carrying Concealed Weapon	Suicide	Homicide
1,132	627	563	353	333	173	113	109	90	88	87

NOTE: There were 444 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Minnesota Recovery

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Minnesota	Wisconsin	North Dakota	Texas	South Dakota
2,167	172	83	55	54
Illinois	Indiana	Iowa	Florida	Arizona
45	41	33	28	27
Missouri	Georgia	Oklahoma	California	Ohio
27	25	24	22	21

NOTE: An additional 31 states accounted for 237 other traces.
The source state was identified in 3,061 total traces.



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

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

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
154	160	179	341	327	1,856

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Minnesota Average Time-to-Crime: **8.43 Years**

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 National Average Time-to-Crime: **8.29 Years**

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Minnesota Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
72	248	256	518	638	328	437

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Minnesota Average Age of Possessor: **36 Years**

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 National Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Minnesota Recovery

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Minneapolis	St. Paul	Rochester	Bemidji	Brooklyn Park	Duluth	Brooklyn Center	Montevideo	Bloomington	Hendricks	Burnsville
945	657	143	125	123	104	79	73	61	57	50

NOTE: There were 280 additional municipalities that accounted for 1,673 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 22 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 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019.
- 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 10, 2020.
- 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.