

New Hampshire

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 New Hampshire in Calendar Year 2019



412

Firearm Types with a New Hampshire Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Rifles	Shotguns	Revolvers	Machineguns	Unknown Types	Any Other Weapons	Other
226	59	43	33	22	14	5	10

* Other includes Combinations, Derringers, Destructive Devices and Receivers/Frames.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Hampshire Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	12GA	.40 Cal	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	.357 Cal
110	39	36	34	29	28	13

NOTE: There were 82 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 41 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Hampshire Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Firearm Under Investigation	Possession of Weapon	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Crimes Against Person	Health – Safety	Homicide	Family Offense	Suicide	Homicide – Attempted
115	112	51	43	22	17	10	8	8	6

NOTE: There were 20 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a New Hampshire Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

New Hampshire	Maine	Massachusetts	Virginia	Vermont
219	19	11	6	5
Texas	Georgia	Connecticut	Florida	Minnesota
4	3	2	2	2
New York	North Carolina	Oklahoma	Alabama	Arizona
2	2	2	1	1
Colorado	Illinois	Indiana	Kansas	Louisiana
1	1	1	1	1
Nevada	North Dakota	Ohio	Rhode Island	
1	1	1	1	

NOTE: The source state was identified in 290 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a New Hampshire 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
29	19	12	43	20	166

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 New Hampshire Average Time-to-Crime: **6.98 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a New Hampshire 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
5	30	26	52	65	21	86

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 New Hampshire Average Age of Possessor: **39 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a New Hampshire Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Manchester	Exeter	Nashua	Somersworth	Belmont	Concord	Hopkinton	Lempster
97	38	31	30	22	16	16	9

NOTE: There were 66 additional municipalities that accounted for 153 other traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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