

Illinois

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information



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 Illinois in Calendar Year 2017





Firearm Types with an Illinois Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Revolvers Rifle		Rifles Shotguns Derringers		Receivers/Frames	Machineguns	Other
9,870	2,217	1,018	791	86	19	13	23

^{*} Other includes Unknown Types, Any Other Weapons, Combinations and Tear Gas Launchers.



Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with an Illinois Recovery

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9mm	.40 Cal	.22 Cal	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	.38 Cal	12GA	.357 Cal	.25 Cal	.32 Cal
4,454	1,885	1,378	1,224	1,148	1,003	574	424	362	361

NOTE: There were 1,115 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 109 traces with an unknown caliber.



Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with an Illinois Recovery

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Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Found Firearm	Weapon Offense	Dangerous Drugs	Aggravated Assault	Family Offense	Homicide	Suicide	Robbery
4,575	4,358	1,223	808	761	317	312	247	215	187

NOTE: There were 1,034 additional traces that were associated with other categories.



Top 15 Source States for Firearms with an Illinois Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Illinois	Indiana	Wisconsin	Missouri	Kentucky
4,985	1,623	429	412	345
Mississippi	Tennessee	Ohio	Georgia	Texas
300	229	223	200	175
lowa	Alabama	Arkansas	Florida	Michigan
173	149	128	124	120

NOTE: An additional 34 states and Puerto Rico accounted for 810 other traces. The source state was identified in 10,425 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with an Illinois 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
631	668	668	1,375	959	6,015

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Illinois Average Time-to-Crime: **9.28 Years** 1/1/2017-12/31/2017 National Average Time-to-Crime: **9.30 Years**



Age of Possessors for Firearms with an Illinois 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
572	1,386	1,262	1,967	1,636	869	918

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Illinois 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 an Illinois Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Chicago	Rockford	Peoria	East St. Louis	Springfield	Joliet	Aurora	Champaign	Rock Island	Cicero
7,224	467	331	312	280	184	176	112	103	101

NOTE: There were 521 additional municipalities that accounted for 4,745 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for two traces.



Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with an Illinois 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 an Illinois 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 an Illinois 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 an Illinois 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 an Illinois 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.