

Maryland

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 Maryland in Calendar Year 2017



8,648

Firearm Types with a Maryland Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Rifles	Shotguns	Revolvers	Derringers	Receivers/Frames	Other
3,948	1,832	1,476	1,274	47	32	39

* Other includes Machineguns, Unknown Types, Combinations, Silencers, Flare Guns and Any Other Weapons.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Maryland Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	12GA	.40 Cal	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	.32 Cal	20GA
1,607	1,269	1,073	825	519	467	434	283	230	230

NOTE: There were 1,629 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 82 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Maryland Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Family Offense	Carrying Concealed Weapon	Health - Safety	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Weapon Offense	Simple Assault	Robbery	Homicide
1,544	1,141	1,126	952	799	652	483	363	358	207	204

NOTE: There were 819 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Maryland Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Maryland	Virginia	Pennsylvania	West Virginia	Georgia
2,775	858	383	253	230
North Carolina	South Carolina	Florida	Delaware	Texas
215	147	117	107	101
Ohio	Alabama	Tennessee	Kentucky	California
70	67	54	52	46

NOTE: An additional 34 states, the District of Columbia and Guam accounted for 411 other traces.

The source state was identified in 5,886 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Maryland 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
275	245	233	474	407	4,197

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Maryland Average Time-to-Crime: **12.09 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Maryland 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
154	752	598	1,076	1,358	1,031	1,382

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Maryland Average Age of Possessor: **38 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Maryland Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Baltimore	Hagerstown	Glen Burnie	Frederick	Silver Spring	Gaithersburg	Oxon Hill	Hyattsville	District Heights	Waldorf
2,102	236	212	198	190	189	167	158	156	155

NOTE: There were 289 additional municipalities that accounted for 4,870 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 15 traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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