

Indiana

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 Indiana in Calendar Year 2017



8,200

Firearm Types with an Indiana Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Machineguns	Other
5,626	1,044	858	546	67	22	37

* Other includes Receivers/Frames, Silencers, Any Other Weapons, Destructive Devices, Unknown Types and Combinations.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with an Indiana Recovery



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9mm	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.22 Cal	.45 Cal	.38 Cal	12GA	.357 Cal	.25 Cal	7.62mm
2,446	1,091	821	817	646	511	394	220	200	173

NOTE: There were 797 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 84 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with an Indiana Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Possession of Weapon	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Weapon Offense	Firearm Under Investigation	Family Offense	Homicide	Health - Safety	Robbery	Suicide
2,424	1,658	874	637	559	340	256	203	169	160

NOTE: There were 920 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with an Indiana Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Indiana	Kentucky	Ohio	Illinois	Michigan
5,375	186	150	145	87
Florida	Texas	Tennessee	Georgia	Alabama
73	59	50	46	30
California	Mississippi	Missouri	South Carolina	Virginia
29	28	26	24	23

NOTE: An additional 31 states and Puerto Rico accounted for 269 other traces. The source state was identified in 6,600 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with an Indiana 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
504	451	479	979	641	3,460

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Indiana Average Time-to-Crime: **7.69 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with an Indiana 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
229	991	755	1,341	1,442	826	664

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Indiana Average Age of Possessor: **33 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with an Indiana Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Indianapolis	Fort Wayne	South Bend	Gary	Evansville	Hammond	Muncie	Elkhart	Mooresville	Kokomo
4,003	705	385	348	301	215	203	177	138	102

NOTE: There were 229 additional municipalities that accounted for 1,619 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for four traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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