

Maine

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

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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 Maine in Calendar Year 2017



387

Firearm Types with a Maine Recovery

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Pistols	Rifles	Shotguns	Revolvers	Combinations	Derringers	Other
188	94	55	42	3	3	2

* Other includes a Machinegun and a Receiver/Frame.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Maine Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	12GA	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.45 Cal	.38 Cal	20GA	.223 Cal	.30-06 Cal	.357 Cal
78	51	40	31	28	28	15	11	10	10	10

NOTE: There were 71 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were four traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Maine Recovery

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Firearm Under Investigation	Possession of Weapon	Dangerous Drugs	Family Offense	Found Firearm	Weapon Offense	Suicide	Simple Assault	Burglary	Robbery	Traffic Offense
112	111	37	31	20	13	12	9	8	7	7

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

*A homicide category was reported on four traces.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Maine Recovery

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Maine	New Hampshire	Louisiana	Georgia	New York
210	15	12	6	4
Texas	California	Colorado	Florida	Kentucky
4	3	3	3	3
Massachusetts	North Carolina	Connecticut	New Jersey	Pennsylvania
3	3	2	2	2
Tennessee	Virginia	West Virginia		
2	2	2		

NOTE: An additional nine states accounted for nine other traces. The source state was identified in 290 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Maine 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
17	23	21	38	22	164

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Maine Average Time-to-Crime: **9.00 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Maine Recovery

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17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
4	26	17	47	64	71	54

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Maine Average Age of Possessor: **39 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Maine Recovery

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Portland	Gorham	Burlington	Saco	Lewiston	Biddeford	Houlton	South Portland	York	Augusta
79	29	27	24	23	14	13	13	13	11

NOTE: There were 67 additional municipalities that accounted for 141 other traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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