

Mississippi

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 Mississippi in Calendar Year 2017



4,404

Firearm Types with a Mississippi Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Other
2,626	667	629	426	45	11

* Other includes Receivers/Frames, Machineguns and a Combination.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Mississippi Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.380 Cal	.40 Cal	.38 Cal	12GA	.45 Cal	.25 Cal	.357 Cal	.32 Cal	7.62mm
1,038	607	480	479	303	294	259	150	105	90	82

NOTE: There were 490 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 27 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Mississippi Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Firearm Under Investigation	Possession of Weapon	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Property Crimes	Aggravated Assault	Homicide	Family Offense	Traffic Offense	Simple Assault
1,213	886	654	377	211	116	112	106	85	76

NOTE: There were 568 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Mississippi Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Mississippi	Louisiana	Tennessee	Alabama	Texas
2,578	146	131	116	56
Georgia	Florida	Arkansas	Indiana	Ohio
46	39	29	17	17
Kentucky	California	South Carolina	Illinois	North Carolina
15	11	11	10	10

NOTE: An additional 31 states and Guam accounted for 111 other traces. The source state was identified in 3,343 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Mississippi 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
219	184	209	407	210	1,790

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Mississippi Average Time-to-Crime: **9.35 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Mississippi 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
93	347	352	632	790	299	289

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Mississippi 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 a Mississippi Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Jackson	Gulfport	Columbus	Corinth	Southaven	Ridgeland	Hattiesburg	Clarksdale	Flowood	Greenwood
782	431	281	230	170	148	145	92	88	79

NOTE: There were 185 additional municipalities that accounted for 1,623 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 335 traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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