

Rhode Island

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 Rhode Island in Calendar Year 2017



468

Firearm Types with a Rhode Island Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers
307	79	52	25	5

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Rhode Island Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	.38 Cal	.32 Cal	12GA	.357 Cal	.25 Cal
114	61	55	45	44	25	20	18	17	14

NOTE: There were 53 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were two traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Rhode Island Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Weapon Offense	Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Found Firearm	Family Offense	Health - Safety	Dangerous Drugs	Aggravated Assault	Homicide	Suicide	Weapons Trafficking
139	110	77	42	21	16	12	8	8	8	6

NOTE: There were 21 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Rhode Island Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Rhode Island	Massachusetts	North Carolina	Georgia	Connecticut
184	18	12	9	8
Florida	Pennsylvania	South Carolina	Virginia	Maine
8	8	6	6	5
New Hampshire	Texas	California	Alabama	Arizona
5	5	4	3	3
New York	Tennessee			
3	3			

NOTE: An additional 18 states and Puerto Rico accounted for 25 other traces. The source state was identified in 315 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Rhode Island 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	21	18	35	26	195

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Rhode Island Average Time-to-Crime: **9.73 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Rhode Island 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
10	58	68	106	79	39	37

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Rhode Island 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 a Rhode Island Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Providence	Cranston	Glocester	Pawtucket	Warwick	Coventry	Johnston	West Greenwich	Woonsocket	Central Falls	Newport
253	29	26	21	20	16	14	14	12	10	9

NOTE: There were 21 additional municipalities that accounted for 44 other traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island 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.