

# Texas

## Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information



**U.S. Department of Justice**

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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 Texas in Calendar Year 2017*



**27,958**

# *Firearm Types with a Texas Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Derringers	Receivers/Frames	Other
18,619	3,486	3,231	2,262	160	58	142

\* Other includes Machineguns, Unknown Types, Silencers, Combinations, Any Other Weapons, Destructive Devices, Tear Gas Launchers and a Flare Gun.

# *Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Texas Recovery*



January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017



9mm	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.22 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	.38 Cal	7.62mm	.357 Cal	5.56mm
7,970	3,828	2,787	2,540	2,194	1,652	1,487	710	681	519

**NOTE:** There were 3,260 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 330 traces with an unknown caliber.

# *Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Texas Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Firearm Under Investigation	Possession of Weapon	Weapon Offense	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Aggravated Assault	Health - Safety	Homicide	Suicide	Robbery
7,963	4,321	2,877	2,335	2,308	1,213	864	724	563	561

**NOTE:** There were 4,229 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

# *Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Texas Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

<b>Texas</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>Oklahoma</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>Georgia</b>
18,740	522	296	182	174
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>California</b>	<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>New Mexico</b>	<b>Alabama</b>
172	169	149	140	132
<b>Arizona</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>Ohio</b>
131	98	94	91	85

**NOTE:** An additional 35 states, Guam and Puerto Rico accounted for 1,013 other traces. The source state was identified in 22,188 total traces.



# *Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Texas 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
1,597	1,266	1,294	2,731	2,121	12,774

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Texas Average Time-to-Crime: **8.06 Years**

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



# *Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Texas 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
463	1,869	1,738	3,138	3,495	1,871	1,724

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Texas Average Age of Possessor: **34 Years**

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

# *Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Texas Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Houston	Dallas	San Antonio	Fort Worth	Austin	Corpus Christi	Laredo	Beaumont	Killeen	Grand Prairie
7,398	3,336	2,499	1,361	1,195	721	505	497	467	447

**NOTE:** There were 647 additional municipalities that accounted for 9,480 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 52 traces.

# *Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics*

## **Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced**

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

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

## **Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Texas 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 Texas 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 Texas 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 Texas 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 Texas 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.