

Alaska

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

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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 Alaska in Calendar Year 2018



1,010

Firearm Types with an Alaska Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Derringers	Receivers/Frames	Other
518	240	123	112	8	5	4

* Other includes an Any Other Weapon, a Combination, a Machinegun and an Unknown Type.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with an Alaska Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.45 Cal	.40 Cal	12GA	.380 Cal	.44 Cal	7.62mm	.223 Cal	.357 Cal
166	143	107	106	95	56	31	29	27	27

NOTE: There were 203 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 20 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with an Alaska Recovery

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Possession of Weapon	Found Firearm	Property Crimes	Dangerous Drugs	Firearm Under Investigation	Weapon Offense	Traffic Offense	Burglary	Simple Assault	Suicide
279	168	113	96	73	43	39	30	29	22

NOTE: There were 118 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

*A homicide category was reported on 19 traces.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with an Alaska Recovery

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Alaska	Washington	California	Arizona	Texas
614	16	13	12	11
Oregon	Pennsylvania	Tennessee	Georgia	North Carolina
9	6	6	5	5
Ohio	Virginia	Colorado	Idaho	Kansas
5	5	4	4	4
Nevada	New Mexico	North Dakota	Oklahoma	Utah
4	4	4	4	4
Wyoming				
4				

NOTE: An additional 17 states accounted for 30 other traces.
The source state was identified in 773 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with an Alaska Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

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
34	29	40	75	61	515

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Alaska Average Time-to-Crime: **9.65 Years**

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 National Average Time-to-Crime: **8.80 Years**

Age of Possessors for Firearms with an Alaska Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
16	48	51	122	202	112	73

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Alaska Average Age of Possessor: **37 Years**

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 National Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with an Alaska Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Palmer	Wasilla	Homer	Soldotna	Kenai	Eagle River	North Pole
479	125	72	58	51	33	24	22	19	14

NOTE: There were 22 additional municipalities that accounted for 102 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 11 traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

- Includes traces with a recovery state of Alaska. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Alaska.
- Includes Firearms Recovered and Traced between 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018.
- 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, 2019.
- All traces may not have been submitted or completed at the time of this study.

Firearm Types and Calibers with an Alaska Recovery

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

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