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 Delaware in Calendar Year 2018

1,097
Firearm Types with a Delaware Recovery
January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pistols</th>
<th>Shotguns</th>
<th>Revolvers</th>
<th>Rifles</th>
<th>Other</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>694</td>
<td>134</td>
<td>132</td>
<td>126</td>
<td>11</td>
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</table>

* Other includes Derringers, Machineguns, Receivers/Frames, an Any Other Weapon and an Unknown Type.
Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Delaware Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Caliber</th>
<th>Count</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9mm</td>
<td>356</td>
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<tr>
<td>.22 Cal</td>
<td>130</td>
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<tr>
<td>12GA</td>
<td>109</td>
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<tr>
<td>.40 Cal</td>
<td>93</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>.380 Cal</td>
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<td>.45 Cal</td>
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<td>.38 Cal</td>
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<td>.25 Cal</td>
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<td>.357 Cal</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>.32 Cal</td>
<td>23</td>
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</table>

NOTE: There were 117 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were eight traces with an unknown caliber.
Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Delaware Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Possession of Weapon</th>
<th>Firearm Under Investigation</th>
<th>Family Offense</th>
<th>Found Firearm</th>
<th>Dangerous Drugs</th>
<th>Carrying Concealed Weapon</th>
<th>Aggravated Assault</th>
<th>Suicide</th>
<th>Weapon Offense</th>
<th>Robbery</th>
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<tr>
<td>467</td>
<td>134</td>
<td>84</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

NOTE: There were 56 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

*A homicide category was reported on 16 traces.*
**Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Delaware Recovery**

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Delaware</th>
<th>Pennsylvania</th>
<th>Maryland</th>
<th>Virginia</th>
<th>Florida</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>562</td>
<td>83</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia</td>
<td>North Carolina</td>
<td>West Virginia</td>
<td>Kentucky</td>
<td>Texas</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>California</td>
<td>South Carolina</td>
<td>Alabama</td>
<td>Tennessee</td>
<td>Connecticut</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Louisiana</td>
<td>New York</td>
<td>Vermont</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<td>3</td>
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**NOTE:** An additional 19 states accounted for 29 other traces. The source state was identified in 857 total traces.
# Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Delaware Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Under 3 Months</th>
<th>3 Months to Under 7 Months</th>
<th>7 Months to Under 1 Year</th>
<th>1 Year to Under 2 years</th>
<th>2 Years to Under 3 Years</th>
<th>3 Years and Over</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>52</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>122</td>
<td>99</td>
<td>483</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Delaware Average Time-to-Crime: **8.57 Years**

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 National Average Time-to-Crime: **8.80 Years**
# Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Delaware Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Age Group</th>
<th>Delaware Average</th>
<th>National Average</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>17 &amp; Under</td>
<td>38</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>18 to 21</td>
<td>102</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>22 to 24</td>
<td>103</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>25 to 30</td>
<td>265</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>31 to 40</td>
<td>211</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>41 to 50</td>
<td>117</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Over 50</td>
<td>71</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Delaware Average Age of Possessor: **33 Years**

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 National Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**
**Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Delaware Recovery**

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Wilmington</th>
<th>Dover</th>
<th>Harrington</th>
<th>Newark</th>
<th>New Castle</th>
<th>Millsboro</th>
<th>Seaford</th>
<th>Milford</th>
<th>Middletown</th>
<th>Claymont</th>
<th>Georgetown</th>
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<tr>
<td>330</td>
<td>133</td>
<td>111</td>
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<td>41</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>19</td>
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**NOTE:** There were 36 additional municipalities that accounted for 196 other traces.
Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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