

Georgia

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 Georgia in Calendar Year 2018



16,058

Firearm Types with a Georgia Recovery

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Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Machineguns	Other
11,842	1,808	1,439	831	93	23	22

* Other includes Receivers/Frames, Any Other Weapons, Destructive Devices, Flare Guns and a Tear Gas Launcher.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Georgia Recovery



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9mm	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.22 Cal	.45 Cal	.38 Cal	12GA	7.62mm	.357 Cal	.25 Cal
5,370	2,324	1,780	1,292	1,126	892	591	350	333	321

NOTE: There were 1,575 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 104 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Georgia Recovery

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Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Possession of Weapon	Found Firearm	Aggravated Assault	Property Crimes	Traffic Offense	Homicide	Weapon Offense	Suicide
3,964	2,529	2,345	2,101	773	724	535	407	381	338

NOTE: There were 1,961 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Georgia Recovery

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Georgia	Alabama	Florida	South Carolina	Tennessee
10,454	502	448	308	215
North Carolina	Texas	Mississippi	Virginia	Ohio
153	145	105	97	73
Louisiana	Indiana	Pennsylvania	Kentucky	California
66	65	63	57	51

NOTE: An additional 35 states and Puerto Rico accounted for 495 other traces. The source state was identified in 13,297 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Georgia 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
1,063	881	984	1,814	1,405	6,614

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Georgia Average Time-to-Crime: **7.29 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Georgia Recovery

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17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
481	1,370	1,175	2,359	2,295	1,046	1,061

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Georgia 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 Georgia Recovery

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Atlanta	Savannah	Augusta	Macon	Marietta	Columbus	Decatur	College Park	Jonesboro	Conyers
2,661	783	757	660	549	475	432	376	359	320

NOTE: There were 363 additional municipalities that accounted for 8,173 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 513 traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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