

Indiana

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 Indiana in Calendar Year 2018



8,493

Firearm Types with an Indiana Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Receivers/Frames	Other
5,936	965	874	627	53	13	25

* Other includes Machineguns, Unknown Types, Any Other Weapons, Destructive Devices, Silencers and a Combination.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with an Indiana Recovery



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9mm	.40 Cal	.22 Cal	.380 Cal	.45 Cal	.38 Cal	12GA	.357 Cal	7.62mm	.25 Cal
2,705	1,123	904	748	696	470	399	199	184	156

NOTE: There were 813 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 96 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with an Indiana Recovery

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Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Weapon Offense	Family Offense	Homicide	Health - Safety	Suicide	Robbery
2,496	1,298	1,172	1,016	671	278	219	204	162	132

NOTE: There were 845 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with an Indiana Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Indiana	Kentucky	Illinois	Ohio	Michigan
5,639	214	133	115	92
Florida	Tennessee	Georgia	Texas	Alabama
72	53	49	43	30
Missouri	California	Arizona	North Carolina	Wisconsin
30	28	26	23	23

NOTE: An additional 32 states and Guam accounted for 237 other traces. The source state was identified in 6,807 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with an Indiana 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
536	456	447	941	738	3,633

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Indiana Average Time-to-Crime: **7.75 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with an Indiana Recovery

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17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
217	974	728	1,385	1,430	743	707

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Indiana 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 an Indiana Recovery

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Indianapolis	Fort Wayne	Evansville	South Bend	Gary	Elkhart	Hammond	Muncie	Kokomo	Marion
3,929	887	502	400	301	250	196	192	135	111

NOTE: There were 203 additional municipalities that accounted for 1,589 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for one trace.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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