

# Louisiana

## Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

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 Louisiana in Calendar Year 2018*



**9,823**

# *Firearm Types with a Louisiana Recovery*

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Machineguns	Other
6,814	1,242	1,023	662	40	13	29

\* Other includes Receivers/Frames, Unknown Types, Combinations, Any Other Weapons, Silencers and a Destructive Device.

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



January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018



9mm	.40 Cal	.22 Cal	.380 Cal	.45 Cal	.38 Cal	12GA	7.62mm	.357 Cal	.25 Cal	5.56mm
3,002	1,676	865	857	692	612	472	241	231	169	145

**NOTE:** There were 801 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 60 traces with an unknown caliber.

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

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Possession of Weapon	Dangerous Drugs	Firearm Under Investigation	Found Firearm	Property Crimes	Aggravated Assault	Homicide	Simple Assault	Suicide	Carrying Concealed Weapon
2,278	1,656	1,538	1,244	462	338	244	227	214	191

**NOTE:** There were 1,431 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

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

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Louisiana	Texas	Mississippi	Alabama	Georgia
6,339	420	324	129	110
Florida	Arkansas	Tennessee	California	North Carolina
72	67	35	34	32
Oklahoma	Virginia	Kentucky	Missouri	Ohio
32	32	31	24	22

**NOTE:** An additional 32 states accounted for 269 other traces.  
The source state was identified in 7,972 total traces.



# *Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Louisiana 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
521	457	539	1,090	824	4,457

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Louisiana Average Time-to-Crime: **7.99 Years**

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



# *Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Louisiana 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
391	1,126	979	1,505	1,647	760	658

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Louisiana Average Age of Possessor: **32 Years**

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

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

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

New Orleans	Baton Rouge	Shreveport	Lake Charles	Lafayette	Metairie	Alexandria	Slidell	New Iberia	Harvey
1,742	1,582	889	510	366	251	236	192	181	164

**NOTE:** There were 281 additional municipalities that accounted for 3,690 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 20 traces.

# *Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics*

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

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

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

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