

Maryland

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 Maryland in Calendar Year 2018



11,096

Firearm Types with a Maryland Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Receivers/Frames	Derringers	Other
5,088	2,478	1,681	1,549	131	63	106

* Other includes Silencers, Unknown Types, Machineguns, Combinations, Flare Guns, Destructive Devices and an Any Other Weapon.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Maryland Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	12GA	.40 Cal	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	.38 Cal	.32 Cal	.357 Cal	.25 Cal
2,125	1,685	1,212	919	650	637	613	390	292	289

NOTE: There were 2,078 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 206 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Maryland Recovery

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Health – Safety	Possession of Weapon	Family Offense	Firearm Under Investigation	Carrying Concealed Weapon	Dangerous Drugs	Homicide	Found Firearm	Simple Assault	Weapon Offense
2,118	1,656	1,463	1,311	1,081	684	519	497	392	352

NOTE: There were 1,023 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Maryland Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Maryland	Virginia	Pennsylvania	West Virginia	Georgia
3,596	1,036	419	260	253
North Carolina	Florida	South Carolina	Delaware	Ohio
245	168	150	128	110
Texas	Tennessee	Kentucky	California	Louisiana
110	66	58	53	50

NOTE: An additional 35 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam accounted for 502 other traces.

The source state was identified in 7,204 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Maryland 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
258	227	300	639	546	4,967

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Maryland Average Time-to-Crime: **12.47 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Maryland Recovery

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17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
179	689	714	1,240	1,512	1,368	1,760

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Maryland Average Age of Possessor: **39 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Maryland Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Baltimore	Frederick	Silver Spring	Brookeville	Waldorf	Annapolis	Pasadena	Hagerstown	Glen Burnie	Hyattsville
3,483	749	235	224	211	210	210	195	191	171

NOTE: There were 295 additional municipalities that accounted for 5,213 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for four traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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