

Minnesota

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 Minnesota in Calendar Year 2018



3,909

Firearm Types with a Minnesota Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Pistols	Rifles	Shotguns	Revolvers	Derringers	Machineguns	Other
2,211	712	477	433	27	21	28

* Other includes Receivers/Frames, Unknown Types, Destructive Devices, an Any Other Weapon, a Combination and a Silencer.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Minnesota Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	12GA	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	7.62mm	20GA	.223 Cal
1,007	526	388	365	292	241	159	103	88	80	61

NOTE: There were 501 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 98 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Minnesota Recovery

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Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Aggravated Assault	Threat	Weapon Offense	Family Offense	Suicide	Carrying Concealed Weapon	Simple Assault
898	807	672	304	153	142	130	121	76	71	68

NOTE: There were 467 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

*A homicide category was reported on 43 traces.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Minnesota Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Minnesota	Wisconsin	North Dakota	Iowa	Indiana
2,139	158	56	44	40
Texas	California	South Dakota	Missouri	Florida
37	31	31	29	26
Illinois	Michigan	Arizona	Alabama	Mississippi
25	25	23	19	18
Ohio				
18				

NOTE: An additional 27 states and Puerto Rico accounted for 220 other traces. The source state was identified in 2,939 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Minnesota 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
160	159	171	350	256	1,790

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Minnesota Average Time-to-Crime: **9.29 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Minnesota 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
72	249	237	533	561	438	468

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Minnesota Average Age of Possessor: **37 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Minnesota Recovery

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Minneapolis	St. Paul	Vadnais Heights	Brooklyn Park	Duluth	Brooklyn Center	South St. Paul	Willmar	Brainerd	Prior Lake	Burnsville
867	737	123	114	114	87	74	70	63	56	54

NOTE: There were 287 additional municipalities that accounted for 1,550 other traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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