

Mississippi

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

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- 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 Mississippi in Calendar Year 2018



4,205

Firearm Types with a Mississippi Recovery

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Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Derringers	Other
2,661	608	547	325	27	37

* Other includes Machineguns, Receivers/Frames, Silencers, Any Other Weapons, Unknown Types and a Combination.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Mississippi Recovery



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9mm	.40 Cal	.22 Cal	.380 Cal	.45 Cal	.38 Cal	12GA	.357 Cal	.25 Cal	5.56mm	7.62mm
1,132	549	505	401	265	227	220	99	97	92	90

NOTE: There were 492 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 36 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Mississippi Recovery

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Possession of Weapon	Dangerous Drugs	Firearm Under Investigation	Found Firearm	Property Crimes	Aggravated Assault	Weapon Offense	Homicide	Family Offense	Burglary
991	732	671	479	193	152	131	123	97	88

NOTE: There were 548 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Mississippi Recovery

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Mississippi	Louisiana	Tennessee	Alabama	Texas
2,588	139	124	103	62
Georgia	Arkansas	California	Florida	Kentucky
61	29	24	22	19
Missouri	Virginia	Arizona	North Carolina	Ohio
14	11	10	9	9
Pennsylvania				
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NOTE: An additional 29 states accounted for 96 other traces.
The source state was identified in 3,329 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Mississippi 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
276	215	209	408	365	1,823

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Mississippi Average Time-to-Crime: **8.76 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Mississippi Recovery

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17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
101	362	315	573	788	338	408

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

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Mississippi Recovery

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Jackson	Gulfport	Hattiesburg	Southaven	Laurel	Ridgeland	Greenwood	Starkville	Clinton	Clarksdale
743	365	239	184	102	98	85	85	82	77

NOTE: There were 182 additional municipalities that accounted for 2,136 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for nine traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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