

North Dakota

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 North Dakota in Calendar Year 2018



665

Firearm Types with a North Dakota Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Pistols	Rifles	Shotguns	Revolvers	Derringers	Receivers/Frames	Unknown Type
357	150	90	61	4	2	1

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a North Dakota Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	12GA	.45 Cal	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.357 Cal	7.62mm	MULTI	20GA	.38 Cal
159	95	65	60	45	36	21	19	18	16	15

NOTE: There were 106 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 10 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a North Dakota Recovery

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Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Property Crimes	Weapon Offense	Suicide	Suicide - Attempted	Family Offense	Health - Safety	Threat
152	122	104	57	28	28	23	21	17	14	13

NOTE: There were 86 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

*A homicide category was reported on 12 traces.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a North Dakota Recovery

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North Dakota	Minnesota	Montana	South Dakota	Indiana
353	22	22	12	11
Arizona	Florida	Idaho	Texas	Mississippi
8	7	7	7	6
Colorado	Georgia	Kentucky	Utah	Wyoming
5	4	4	4	4

NOTE: An additional 18 states accounted for 35 other traces.
The source state was identified in 511 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a North Dakota 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
51	38	36	50	50	266

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 North Dakota Average Time-to-Crime: **7.47 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a North Dakota Recovery

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17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
5	42	40	116	106	56	42

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 North Dakota Average Age of Possessor: **34 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a North Dakota Recovery

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Minot	Fargo	Williston	Bismarck	Grand Forks	Watford City	Lidgerwood	Mandan	Dickinson	Drayton	Jamestown
144	92	78	59	55	37	29	25	23	16	14

NOTE: There were 38 additional municipalities that accounted for 93 other traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a North Dakota 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 North Dakota 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 North Dakota 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 North Dakota 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 North Dakota 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.