

New Jersey

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 New Jersey in Calendar Year 2018



4,034

Firearm Types with a New Jersey Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Machineguns	Other
2,483	826	387	295	25	10	8

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

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Jersey Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	.38 Cal	.380 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	.357 Cal	.32 Cal	.25 Cal	5.56mm
1,092	482	401	375	326	279	242	149	148	141	59

NOTE: There were 325 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 15 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Jersey Recovery

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Possession of Weapon	Found Firearm	Weapon Offense	Dangerous Drugs	Firearm Under Investigation	Homicide	Aggravated Assault	Simple Assault	Health – Safety	Robbery	Family Offense
1,771	1,301	178	103	80	74	71	58	51	46	41

NOTE: There were 260 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a New Jersey Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Georgia	Virginia	North Carolina
530	407	258	258	238
South Carolina	Florida	Ohio	Texas	New York
179	156	87	60	53
West Virginia	Alabama	Tennessee	Delaware	Indiana
46	42	39	29	28

NOTE: An additional 27 states and Puerto Rico accounted for 246 other traces. The source state was identified in 2,656 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a New Jersey 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
94	100	107	214	205	1,917

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 New Jersey Average Time-to-Crime: **13.12 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a New Jersey 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
111	349	306	538	591	297	428

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 New Jersey 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 New Jersey Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Newark	Trenton	Jersey City	Paterson	Camden	Elizabeth	Atlantic City	Vineland	East Orange	Irvington	Pennsauken
599	275	227	184	161	121	84	63	53	53	41

NOTE: There were 381 additional municipalities that accounted for 2,173 other traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Jersey 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 New Jersey 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 New Jersey 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 New Jersey 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 New Jersey 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.