

# New Mexico

## Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information



**U.S. Department of Justice**

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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 Mexico in Calendar Year 2018*



**2,551**

# *Firearm Types with a New Mexico Recovery*

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Machineguns	Receivers/Frames	Silencers	Derringers	Other
1,556	400	305	227	21	15	13	10	4

\* Other includes Combinations, an Any Other Weapon and an Unknown Type.

# *Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Mexico Recovery*



January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018



9mm	.22 Cal	.45 Cal	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	12GA	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	7.62mm
696	300	245	239	217	154	112	90	64

**NOTE:** There were 399 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 35 traces with an unknown caliber.

# *Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Mexico Recovery*

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Aggravated Assault	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Property Crimes	Homicide	Suicide	Family Offense	Firing Weapon
707	433	238	229	188	111	103	78	74	70

**NOTE:** There were 320 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

# *Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a New Mexico Recovery*

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

<b>New Mexico</b>	<b>Texas</b>	<b>Arizona</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>California</b>
1,500	146	48	39	28
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>Nevada</b>	<b>Oklahoma</b>	<b>Washington</b>
18	17	11	9	9
<b>Alabama</b>	<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>Ohio</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
8	8	8	8	7
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>Montana</b>	<b>Pennsylvania</b>
7	7	7	7	7

**NOTE:** An additional 25 states accounted for 73 other traces.  
The source state was identified in 1,972 total traces.



# *Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a New Mexico 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
136	139	128	254	173	1,050

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 New Mexico Average Time-to-Crime: **7.99 Years**

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



# *Age of Possessors for Firearms with a New Mexico 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
75	165	202	429	477	211	228

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 New Mexico 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 Mexico Recovery*

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Albuquerque	Hobbs	Las Cruces	Clovis	Roswell	Hagerman	Alamogordo	Artesia	Deming	Farmington	Gallup
1,516	204	128	76	48	47	44	44	35	28	24

**NOTE:** There were 85 additional municipalities that accounted for 342 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 15 traces.

# *Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics*

## **Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced**

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

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

## **Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Mexico 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 Mexico 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 Mexico 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 Mexico 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 Mexico 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.