

Rhode Island

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 Rhode Island in Calendar Year 2018



510

Firearm Types with a Rhode Island Recovery

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Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Derringers	Any Other Weapon	Machinegun	Receiver/Frame
300	93	65	46	3	1	1	1

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Rhode Island Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	12GA	.45 Cal	.38 Cal	.25 Cal	.357 Cal	.32 Cal
123	75	49	45	35	29	28	19	16	15

NOTE: There were 69 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were seven traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Rhode Island Recovery

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Possession of Weapon	Weapon Offense	Selling Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Found Firearm	Aggravated Assault	Dangerous Drugs	Family Offense	Property Crimes	Homicide
210	105	48	43	39	18	16	9	5	4

NOTE: There were 13 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Rhode Island Recovery

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Rhode Island	Massachusetts	Georgia	Connecticut	Pennsylvania
204	37	12	10	10
Tennessee	New Hampshire	Texas	Florida	Maine
10	9	9	8	8
North Carolina	South Carolina	Alabama	Ohio	Vermont
7	5	3	3	3

NOTE: An additional 13 states accounted for 16 other traces.
The source state was identified in 354 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Rhode Island 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
18	17	10	39	28	239

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Rhode Island Average Time-to-Crime: **10.34 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Rhode Island Recovery

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17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
9	58	49	87	83	95	58

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island Recovery

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Providence	Woonsocket	Smithfield	Pawtucket	Cranston	Narragansett	West Warwick	Coventry	Warwick
209	56	49	37	26	22	15	14	13

NOTE: There were 19 additional municipalities that accounted for 69 other traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island 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.