

Texas

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 Texas in Calendar Year 2018



29,834

Firearm Types with a Texas Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Derringers	Receivers/Frames	Other
20,182	3,925	3,232	2,101	165	136	93

* Other includes Machineguns, Unknown Types, Silencers, Combinations, Any Other Weapons and Destructive Devices.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Texas Recovery



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9mm	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.22 Cal	.45 Cal	.38 Cal	12GA	7.62mm	.357 Cal	5.56mm
8,945	3,947	2,993	2,457	2,306	1,631	1,578	725	664	601

NOTE: There were 3,551 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 436 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Texas Recovery

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Firearm Under Investigation	Possession of Weapon	Weapon Offense	Found Firearm	Dangerous Drugs	Aggravated Assault	Selling Weapon	Health - Safety	Homicide	Weapons Trafficking
7,054	5,037	3,291	2,581	2,086	1,360	919	737	665	626

NOTE: There were 5,478 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Texas Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Texas	Louisiana	Oklahoma	Florida	Georgia
20,543	566	265	230	185
Mississippi	California	New Mexico	Arkansas	Arizona
182	172	151	132	122
Missouri	Alabama	Tennessee	Colorado	North Carolina
113	111	98	97	90

NOTE: An additional 35 states and Puerto Rico accounted for 1,067 other traces. The source state was identified in 24,124 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Texas 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
2,189	1,706	1,637	3,073	2,379	12,493

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Texas Average Time-to-Crime: **7.26 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Texas 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
581	1,952	1,859	3,633	4,332	2,173	2,585

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Texas 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 Texas Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Houston	San Antonio	Dallas	Corpus Christi	Arlington	Lubbock	Austin	Beaumont	Mesquite	Midland
7,905	3,021	3,002	805	791	607	547	477	448	443

NOTE: There were 650 additional municipalities that accounted for 11,767 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 21 traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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