

Wisconsin

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 Wisconsin in Calendar Year 2018



4,965

Firearm Types with a Wisconsin Recovery

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Derringers	Other
3,571	565	461	319	30	19

* Other includes Receivers/Frames, Machineguns, Combinations, an Any Other Weapon, a Destructive Device, a Flare Gun and an Unknown Type.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Wisconsin Recovery



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9mm	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.22 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	7.62mm	.25 Cal	5.56mm
1,688	676	468	462	381	248	192	115	91	88	58

NOTE: There were 467 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 31 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Wisconsin Recovery

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Firearm Under Investigation	Possession of Weapon	Carrying Concealed Weapon	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Weapon Offense	Suicide	Family Offense	Homicide	Firing Weapon	Robbery
1,380	1,167	572	327	318	158	141	136	131	78	68

NOTE: There were 489 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Wisconsin Recovery

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Wisconsin	Illinois	Indiana	Mississippi	Texas
3,502	87	49	49	44
Minnesota	Georgia	Tennessee	Florida	Michigan
35	33	29	25	24
Arizona	Iowa	Kentucky	Ohio	Missouri
23	23	23	22	21

NOTE: An additional 29 states and Puerto Rico accounted for 180 other traces. The source state was identified in 4,169 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Wisconsin 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
380	331	299	651	397	2,056

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Wisconsin Average Time-to-Crime: **6.96 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Wisconsin Recovery

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17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
111	456	477	867	893	442	412

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Wisconsin 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 Wisconsin Recovery

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Milwaukee	Madison	Racine	Kenosha	West Allis	Green Bay	Wauwatosa	La Crosse	Fitchburg	Janesville
2,832	344	164	120	99	88	73	65	64	58

NOTE: There were 206 additional municipalities that accounted for 1,052 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for six traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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