

Maine

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 Maine in Calendar Year 2018



441

Firearm Types with a Maine Recovery

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Pistols	Rifles	Shotguns	Revolvers	Any Other Weapons	Other
226	108	61	40	2	4

* Other includes a Derringer, a Machinegun, a Receiver/Frame and an Unknown Type.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Maine Recovery



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9mm	12GA	.22 Cal	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	.40 Cal	.30-06 Cal	.357 Cal	.25 Cal	.38 Cal	20GA
113	46	45	36	25	25	13	13	11	11	11

NOTE: There were 84 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were eight traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Maine Recovery

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Firearm Under Investigation	Possession of Weapon	Found Firearm	Dangerous Drugs	Family Offense	Homicide	Suicide	Traffic Offense	Suicide - Attempted	Robbery
159	121	47	28	25	17	12	6	5	4

NOTE: There were 17 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms

with a Maine Recovery

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Maine	New Hampshire	Alabama	Florida	Georgia
253	17	4	4	4
Texas	New York	North Carolina	Arizona	Arkansas
4	3	3	2	2
Connecticut	Kentucky	Massachusetts	Mississippi	Virginia
2	2	2	2	2

NOTE: An additional 10 states accounted for 10 other traces.
The source state was identified in 316 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Maine 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
25	28	22	35	28	169

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Maine Average Time-to-Crime: **8.81 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Maine Recovery

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17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
3	13	19	54	72	40	89

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Maine Average Age of Possessor: **42 Years**

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 National Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Maine Recovery

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Portland	Gorham	Highland Plantation	Saco	Auburn	Presque Isle	Lewiston	Bangor	Madison
73	35	34	25	18	17	14	10	10

NOTE: There were 85 additional municipalities that accounted for 205 other traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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