

# Connecticut

## Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information



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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 Connecticut in Calendar Year 2019*



1,423

# *Firearm Types with a Connecticut Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Machineguns	Unknown Types	Other
899	197	170	102	21	12	22

\* Other includes Receivers/Frames, Derringers, a Combination and a Destructive Device.

# *Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Connecticut Recovery*



January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019



9mm	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	.38 Cal	12GA	.32 Cal	.25 Cal	.357 Cal
377	164	143	117	116	83	77	53	48	30

**NOTE:** There were 154 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 61 traces with an unknown caliber.

# *Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Connecticut Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Firearm Under Investigation	Possession of Weapon	Found Firearm	Family Offense	Weapon Offense	Dangerous Drugs	Health Safety	Suicide	Robbery	Homicide	Simple Assault
438	429	195	93	62	47	33	21	14	13	13

**NOTE:** There were 65 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

# *Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Connecticut Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Connecticut	Georgia	Florida	South Carolina	Texas
422	55	51	45	34
North Carolina	Virginia	Maine	Ohio	Vermont
32	27	23	20	20
Rhode Island	Pennsylvania	Alabama	New Hampshire	Massachusetts
18	17	15	13	11
New York				
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**NOTE:** An additional 30 states accounted for 83 other traces. The source state was identified in 897 total traces.



# *Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Connecticut Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

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
35	29	42	72	71	633

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Connecticut Average Time-to-Crime: **11.66 Years**

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 National Average Time-to-Crime: **8.29 Years**



# *Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Connecticut Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
27	110	77	186	226	161	171

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Connecticut Average Age of Possessor: **38 Years**

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 National Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**

# *Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Connecticut Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Bridgeport	Hartford	New Haven	Waterbury	Vernon	Meriden	Groton	New Milford	Clinton	Milford
327	270	108	108	50	45	42	41	23	23

**NOTE:** There were 81 additional municipalities that accounted for 385 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for one trace.

# *Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics*

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

- Includes traces with a recovery state of Connecticut. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Connecticut.
- Includes Firearms Recovered and Traced between 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019.
- 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 10, 2020.
- All traces may not have been submitted or completed at the time of this study.

## **Firearm Types and Calibers with a Connecticut Recovery**

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

## **Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Connecticut 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 Connecticut 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 Connecticut 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 Connecticut 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 Connecticut 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.