

# Indiana

## Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

## *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 Indiana in Calendar Year 2019*



**8,539**

# *Firearm Types with an Indiana Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Machineguns	Derringers	Other
6,053	878	855	570	64	57	62

\* Other includes Receivers/Frames, Unknown Types, Silencers, an Any Other Weapon and a Tear Gas Launcher.

# *Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with an Indiana Recovery*



January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019



9mm	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.22 Cal	.45 Cal	.38 Cal	12GA	.357 Cal	5.56mm	7.62mm
3,011	1,090	785	703	614	424	404	199	194	193

**NOTE:** There were 763 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 159 traces with an unknown caliber.

# *Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with an Indiana Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Weapon Offense	Family Offense	Health - Safety	Homicide	Suicide	Aggravated Assault
2,272	1,596	1,156	932	813	280	249	174	171	162

**NOTE:** There were 734 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

# *Top 15 Source States for Firearms with an Indiana Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

<b>Indiana</b>	<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>Ohio</b>	<b>Michigan</b>
<b>5,889</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Florida</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>Texas</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>Alabama</b>
<b>71</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>California</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>Virginia</b>	<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>Arizona</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>

**NOTE:** An additional 29 states and Puerto Rico accounted for 221 other traces. The source state was identified in 7,078 total traces.



# *Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with an Indiana 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
607	501	520	916	742	3,730

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Indiana Average Time-to-Crime: **7.20 Years**

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



# *Age of Possessors for Firearms with an Indiana 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
283	1,020	719	1,356	1,499	705	609

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Indiana Average Age of Possessor: **33 Years**

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

# *Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with an Indiana Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Indianapolis	Fort Wayne	South Bend	Gary	Evansville	Hammond	Elkhart	Kokomo	Muncie	Marion
4,015	952	452	413	377	256	246	155	140	96

**NOTE:** There were 205 additional municipalities that accounted for 1,435 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for two traces.

# *Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics*

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

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

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

## **Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with an Indiana 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 an Indiana 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 an Indiana 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 an Indiana 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 an Indiana 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.