

Maine

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

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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 2019



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Firearm Types with a Maine Recovery

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Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Machineguns	Other
265	130	58	58	7	13

* Other includes Receivers/Frames, Unknown Types, Any Other Weapons and a Derringer.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Maine Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	12GA	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	.40 Cal	7.62mm	.357 Cal	.223 Cal	.30-06 Cal	5.56mm
111	68	45	35	34	32	15	14	11	11	11

NOTE: There were 101 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 43 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	Family Offense	Dangerous Drugs	Weapon Offense	Suicide	Homicide	Homicide - Attempted	Aggravated Assault	Robbery	Simple Assault
264	101	40	34	26	14	13	7	5	4	4	4

NOTE: There were 15 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	Massachusetts	Connecticut	Georgia
297	18	11	5	5
Florida	Tennessee	Utah	Arizona	North Carolina
4	4	4	3	3
Pennsylvania	Texas	Nevada	South Carolina	California
3	3	2	2	1
Kansas	Louisiana	Maryland	Minnesota	New Mexico
1	1	1	1	1
Oregon	Washington	Wisconsin		
1	1	1		

NOTE: The source state was identified in 373 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Maine Recovery

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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
16	19	13	43	38	237

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Maine Average Time-to-Crime: **9.84 Years**

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 National Average Time-to-Crime: **8.29 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
6	23	35	46	73	65	139

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Maine Average Age of Possessor: **42 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Maine Recovery

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Stetson	Portland	Gorham	Auburn	Leeds	Augusta	Bangor	Lewiston	Rockland	LaGrange
87	63	55	25	17	15	15	15	13	11

NOTE: There were 95 additional municipalities that accounted for 215 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 1/1/2019 – 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 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.