

Maryland

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

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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 Maryland in Calendar Year 2019



9,465

Firearm Types with a Maryland Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Rifles	Shotguns	Revolvers	Unknown Types	Receivers/Frames	Other
4,778	1,880	1,398	1,193	59	54	103

* Other includes Derringers, Machineguns, Combinations, Silencers, Destructive Devices and an Any Other Weapon.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Maryland Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	12GA	.40 Cal	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	.32 Cal	20GA
2,232	1,185	1,080	949	612	459	454	264	208	188

NOTE: There were 1,625 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 209 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Maryland Recovery

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Possession of Weapon	Family Offense	Health - Safety	Firearm Under Investigation	Carrying Concealed Weapon	Found Firearm	Dangerous Drugs	Weapon Offense	Simple Assault	Homicide
1,705	1,687	1,123	1,027	1,019	558	403	394	329	234

NOTE: There were 986 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Maryland Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Maryland	Virginia	Pennsylvania	North Carolina	Georgia
3,018	1,054	380	262	253
West Virginia	South Carolina	Florida	Delaware	Texas
247	149	139	125	110
Ohio	Kentucky	Alabama	Tennessee	California
109	75	64	52	50

NOTE: An additional 35 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico accounted for 456 other traces.

The source state was identified in 6,543 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Maryland 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
237	230	280	574	556	4,600

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Maryland Average Time-to-Crime: **11.41 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Maryland 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
228	682	540	1,097	1,676	1,085	1,514

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Maryland Average Age of Possessor: **39 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Maryland Recovery

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Baltimore	Pasadena	Hagerstown	Frederick	Silver Spring	Hyattsville	Waldorf	Elkton	Glen Burnie	Capitol Heights
2,490	320	305	286	238	211	194	178	172	147

NOTE: There were 288 additional municipalities that accounted for 4,914 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 10 traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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