

Mississippi

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 Mississippi in Calendar Year 2019



4,044

Firearm Types with a Mississippi Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Other
2,754	512	468	260	24	26

* Other includes Machineguns, Receivers/Frames, Any Other Weapons, Unknown Types, a Combination and a Silencer.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Mississippi Recovery



January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019



9mm	.40 Cal	.22 Cal	.380 Cal	.38 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	7.62mm	.25 Cal	.357 Cal	5.56mm
1,318	551	402	398	254	197	179	97	86	76	73

NOTE: There were 378 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 35 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Mississippi Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Firearm Under Investigation	Possession of Weapon	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Property Crimes	Aggravated Assault	Homicide	Family Offense	Weapon Offense	Suicide
960	835	526	459	181	168	136	125	88	67

NOTE: There were 499 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms

with a Mississippi Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Mississippi	Louisiana	Tennessee	Alabama	Texas
2,485	146	124	105	71
Georgia	Arkansas	Florida	Kentucky	Pennsylvania
42	40	34	17	16
Arizona	Michigan	North Carolina	Illinois	Indiana
13	12	11	10	9
Missouri	South Carolina			
9	9			

NOTE: An additional 25 states accounted for 80 other traces.
The source state was identified in 3,233 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Mississippi 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
306	211	225	411	331	1,610

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Mississippi Average Time-to-Crime: **7.80 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Mississippi 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
131	452	327	549	620	283	238

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Mississippi Average Age of Possessor: **32 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Mississippi Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Jackson	Gulfport	Hattiesburg	Southaven	Clarksdale	Natchez	Vicksburg	Ridgeland	Pascagoula	Laurel
536	384	344	153	150	109	109	98	86	84

NOTE: There were 163 additional municipalities that accounted for 1,860 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 131 traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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