

New Mexico

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 New Mexico in Calendar Year 2019



3,432

Firearm Types with a New Mexico Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Receivers/Frames	Derringers	Machineguns	Unknown Types	Other
2,160	521	401	268	28	21	15	9	9

* Other includes Silencers, Combinations, Destructive Devices, an Any Other Weapon and a Flare Gun.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Mexico Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	12GA	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	5.56mm
1,000	383	363	282	254	218	162	98	68

NOTE: There were 493 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 111 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Mexico Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Aggravated Assault	Found Firearm	Property Crimes	Traffic Offense	Weapon Offense	Suicide	Homicide
929	659	312	310	187	169	144	140	118	112

NOTE: There were 352 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a New Mexico Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

New Mexico	Texas	Arizona	Colorado	California
2,027	182	61	41	38
Oklahoma	Florida	Washington	Nevada	Georgia
29	20	20	17	15
Utah	Louisiana	North Carolina	Ohio	Kentucky
15	11	11	11	10
South Carolina	Wyoming			
10	10			

NOTE: An additional 29 states accounted for 132 other traces.
The source state was identified in 2,660 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a New Mexico 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
226	178	180	331	251	1,441

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 New Mexico Average Time-to-Crime: **7.62 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a New Mexico 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
82	250	217	484	527	273	429

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 New Mexico Average Age of Possessor: **36 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a New Mexico Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Albuquerque	Hobbs	Las Cruces	Rio Rancho	Clovis	Alamogordo	Artesia	Gallup	Ruidoso	Farmington
2,154	235	176	104	73	67	51	41	37	35

NOTE: There were 92 additional municipalities that accounted for 454 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for five traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Mexico 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 New Mexico 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 New Mexico 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 New Mexico 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 New Mexico 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.