

# Texas

## Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information



**U.S. Department of Justice**

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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 Texas in Calendar Year 2019*



29,195

# *Firearm Types with a Texas Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Machineguns	Derringers	Other
20,416	3,426	2,721	1,886	358	150	238

\* Other includes Receivers/Frames, Unknown Types, Any Other Weapons, Silencers, Destructive Devices, Flare Guns, a Combination and a Tear Gas Launcher.

# *Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Texas Recovery*



January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019



9mm	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.22 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	.38 Cal	7.62mm	5.56mm	.357 Cal
9,874	3,909	2,709	2,259	2,078	1,409	1,338	700	599	523

**NOTE:** There were 3,055 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 742 traces with an unknown caliber.

# *Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Texas Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Firearm Under Investigation	Possession of Weapon	Weapon Offense	Found Firearm	Dangerous Drugs	Aggravated Assault	Suicide	Homicide	Health - Safety	Robbery
7,721	4,689	3,746	2,702	2,021	1,394	683	619	596	533

**NOTE:** There were 4,491 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

# *Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Texas Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

<b>Texas</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>Oklahoma</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>Georgia</b>
20,119	567	273	217	200
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>New Mexico</b>	<b>California</b>	<b>Colorado</b>
191	153	131	123	117
<b>Arizona</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
110	105	101	99	85

**NOTE:** An additional 34 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico accounted for 1,006 other traces. The source state was identified in 23,597 total traces.



# *Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Texas 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
2,343	1,561	1,565	2,963	2,445	12,336

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Texas Average Time-to-Crime: **6.77 Years**

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



# *Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Texas 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
666	2,125	1,812	3,271	4,066	2,045	1,780

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Texas Average Age of Possessor: **34 Years**

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

# *Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Texas Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Houston	San Antonio	Dallas	Corpus Christi	Lubbock	Beaumont	Arlington	Grand Prairie	Irving	Killeen
7,791	3,306	2,442	805	752	531	499	494	457	442

**NOTE:** There were 670 additional municipalities that accounted for 11,599 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 77 traces.

# *Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics*

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

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

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

## **Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Texas 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 Texas 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 Texas 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 Texas 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 Texas 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.