

Utah

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 Utah in Calendar Year 2019



2,510

Firearm Types with a Utah Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Machineguns	Unknown Types	Other
1,543	422	210	187	115	10	23

* Other includes Receivers/Frames, Derringers, Silencers, an Any Other Weapon, a Combination and a Tear Gas Launcher.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Utah Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	7.62mm	.223 Cal	5.56mm
771	351	227	184	164	156	72	53	51	41	41

NOTE: There were 246 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 153 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Utah Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Possession of Weapon	Weapon Offense	Found Firearm	Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Family Offense	Suicide	Aggravated Assault	Traffic Offense	Property Crimes
543	374	235	225	204	176	125	86	73	70

NOTE: There were 399 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

*A homicide category was reported on 36 traces.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Utah Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Utah	Idaho	Nevada	California	Colorado
1,526	40	39	34	25
Texas	Arizona	Oregon	Wyoming	Montana
25	22	20	17	16
Florida	Georgia	New Mexico	Pennsylvania	Washington
13	12	12	12	12

NOTE: An additional 31 states accounted for 103 other traces.
The source state was identified in 1,928 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Utah 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
118	79	115	209	188	1,207

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Utah Average Time-to-Crime: **7.94 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Utah 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
78	206	136	272	382	280	343

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Utah Average Age of Possessor: **38 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Utah Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Salt Lake City	West Valley City	West Jordan	Ogden	Orem	South Jordan	Taylorsville	Saint George	Provo	South Salt Lake
342	231	150	133	129	119	94	84	82	72

NOTE: There were 114 additional municipalities that accounted for 1,071 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for three traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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