

# Washington

## 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 Washington in Calendar Year 2019*



**5,488**

# *Firearm Types with a Washington Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Machineguns	Derringers	Other
3,212	955	673	518	39	31	60

\* Other includes Receivers/Frames, Unknown Types, Silencers, Any Other Weapons, Combinations and a Destructive Device.

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



January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019



9mm	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	12GA	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	7.62mm	.32 Cal	5.56mm
1,459	752	481	448	396	396	226	161	107	77	77

**NOTE:** There were 736 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 172 traces with an unknown caliber.

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

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Possession of Weapon	Found Firearm	Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Weapon Offense	Aggravated Assault	Simple Assault	Suicide	Property Crimes	Traffic Offense
1,443	617	557	435	342	268	220	202	190	173

**NOTE:** There were 1,041 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

\*A homicide category was reported on 154 traces.

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

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

<b>Washington</b>	<b>Oregon</b>	<b>Idaho</b>	<b>California</b>	<b>Montana</b>
2,883	253	141	89	83
<b>Texas</b>	<b>Arizona</b>	<b>Alaska</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>Nevada</b>
63	57	32	30	25
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>Missouri</b>
23	23	23	15	15

**NOTE:** An additional 34 states accounted for 239 other traces.  
The source state was identified in 3,994 total traces.



# *Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Washington 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
204	181	230	446	363	2,537

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Washington Average Time-to-Crime: **9.75 Years**

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



# *Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Washington 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
113	326	333	582	1,021	518	869

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Washington 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 Washington Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Seattle	Spokane	Tacoma	Moses Lake	Kent	Vancouver	Renton	Yakima	Kennewick	Pasco
655	529	371	245	225	216	197	168	122	122

**NOTE:** There were 230 additional municipalities that accounted for 2,634 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for four traces.

# *Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics*

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

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

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

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