(1) 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.

(2) 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 Tennessee by Calendar Year

5,839

2014

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information
Firearm Types with a Tennessee Recovery
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

Pistols: 3,044
Rifles: 1,081
Shotguns: 913
Derringers: 656
Machineguns: 96
Any Other Weapons: 24
Receivers/Frames: 11
Destructive Device: 6
Flare Gun: 3

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Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Tennessee Recovery
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

NOTE: There were 999 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 94 traces with an unknown caliber.

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Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Tennessee Recovery
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

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<td>Firearm Under Investigation</td>
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<td>Possession of Weapon</td>
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<td>Weapon Offense</td>
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NOTE: There were 372 additional traces that were associated with other categories.
Top 15 **Source** States for Firearms with a Tennessee Recovery

January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

**NOTE:** An additional 25 states accounted for 143 other traces. The source state was identified in 3,849 total traces.

* There were three states tied with 24 traces each.

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Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Tennessee Recovery
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

1/1/2014-12/31/2014 Tennessee Average Time-to-Crime: **10.69 Years**
1/1/2014-12/31/2014 National Average Time-to-Crime: **10.88 Years**
Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Tennessee Recovery
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

1/1/2014–12/31/2014 Tennessee Average Age of Possessor: 36 Years
1/1/2014–12/31/2014 National Average Age of Possessor: 36 Years

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Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Tennessee Recovery
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

Maryville 104
Soddy Daisy 104
Clarksville 92
Johnson City 89
Knoxville 403
East Ridge 485
Nashville 772
Chattanooga 804
Memphis 1,172

NOTE: There were 198 additional municipalities that accounted for 1,470 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 344 traces.
Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

- Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced
  - Includes traces with a recovery state of Tennessee. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Tennessee.
  - Includes Firearms Recovered and Traced between 1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014.
  - 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 May 1, 2015.
  - All traces may not have been submitted or completed at the time of this study.

- Firearm Types and Calibers with a Tennessee Recovery
  - Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.

- Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Tennessee 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.

- Top Source States for Firearms with a Tennessee Recovery
  - Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.
  - Includes traces with a recovery state of Tennessee. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Tennessee.
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- Time-to-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Tennessee 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 Tennessee 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 Tennessee 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.

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