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 Virginia by Calendar Year

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

Pistols: 4,057
Revolvers: 1,106
Rifles: 1,101
Shotguns: 741
Derringers: 66
Receivers/Frames: 18
Machineguns: 13
Destructive Devices: 9
Combinations: 5
Silencers: 5
Unknown Types: 4
Any Other Weapons: 2
Tear Gas Launchers: 2

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information
Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Virginia Recovery
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

NOTE: There were 1,018 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 81 traces with an unknown caliber.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information
Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Virginia Recovery
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

Possession of Weapon: 1,556
Weapon Offense: 1,114
Firearm Under Investigation: 1,050
Dangerous Drugs: 595
Found Firearm: 537
Carrying Concealed Weapon: 359
Suicide: 249
Family Offense: 190
Health-Safety: 174
Homicide: 163

NOTE: There were 1,142 additional traces that were associated with other categories.
Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Virginia Recovery
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

NOTE: An additional 34 states and Guam accounted for 233 other traces. The source state was identified in 5,189 total traces.
# Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Virginia Recovery

**January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014**

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1/1/2014-12/31/2014 Virginia Average Time-to-Crime: **9.16 Years**

1/1/2014-12/31/2014 National Average Time-to-Crime: **10.88 Years**

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information
Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Virginia Recovery
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

1/1/2014-12/31/2014 Virginia Average Age of Possessor: 35 Years
1/1/2014-12/31/2014 National Average Age of Possessor: 36 Years

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information
Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Virginia Recovery

January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

Portsmouth 154
Suffolk 149
Woodbridge
Hampton 191
Chesapeake 212
Roanoke 264
Norfolk 371
Newport News 378
Virginia Beach 572
Richmond 1,134

NOTE: There were 331 additional municipalities that accounted for 3,382 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 20 traces.

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Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

- **Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced**
  - Includes traces with a recovery state of Virginia. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Virginia.
  - 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 Virginia Recovery**
  - Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.

- **Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Virginia 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 Virginia 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 Virginia 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 Virginia 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 Virginia 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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