# Firearms Tracing System

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**Department of Justice**

**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives**

**Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information**

**Data Source:** Firearms Tracing System
(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 New York by Calendar Year

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Firearm Types with a New York Recovery

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*Other includes Any Other Weapons, Destructive Devices, Combination Guns, Unknown Types and a Silencer.
Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a New York Recovery

NOTE: There were 1,020 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 76 traces with an unknown caliber.

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Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New York Recovery

- Possession of Weapon: 3,686
- Firearm Under Investigation: 1,272
- Found Firearm: 1,130
- Dangerous Drugs: 607
- Selling Weapon: 310
- Health-Safety: 215
- Robbery: 176
- Family Offense: 169
- Simple Assault: 160
- Weapon Offense: 148

NOTE: There were 666 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

*B A homicide category was reported on 80 traces.
Top 15 **Source** States for Firearms with a New York Recovery


**NOTE:** An additional 34 states and Puerto Rico accounted for 554 other traces. The source state was identified in 4,784 total traces.

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Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a New York Recovery

1/1/2013-12/31/2013 New York Average Time-to-Crime: 15.07 Years
1/1/2013-12/31/2013 National Average Time-to-Crime: 11.08 Years

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Age of Possessors for Firearms with a New York Recovery

1/1/2013-12/31/2013 New York Average Age of Possessor: 35 Years
1/1/2013-12/31/2013 National Average Age of Possessor: 36 Years

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Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a New York Recovery

New York City 4,022
Buffalo 579
Syracuse 317
Rochester 624
Uniondale 202
Albany 121
Yonkers 121
Niagara Falls 99
Centereach 93
Poughkeepsie 66

NOTE: There were 520 additional municipalities that accounted for 2,295 other 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 New York. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to New York.
- Includes Firearms Recovered and Traced between 1/1/2013 – 12/31/2013, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2013 – 12/31/2013.
- 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, 2014.
- All traces may not have been submitted or completed at the time of this study.

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

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New York 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 New York 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 New York 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 New York 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 New York 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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