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(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 the U.S. Virgin Islands by Calendar Year

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Firearm Types with a U.S. Virgin Islands Recovery

- Pistols: 84
- Revolvers: 37
- Rifles: 12
- Shotguns: 6

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Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a U.S. Virgin Islands Recovery

- Possession of Weapon: 82
- Aggravated Assault: 16
- Found Firearm: 12
- Homicide: 10
- Kidnapping: 1
- None Provided: 1
- Dangerous Drugs: 1
- Simple Assault: 2
- Firing Weapon: 2
- Robbery: 4
- Firearm Under Investigation: 8
- None

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Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a U.S. Virgin Islands Recovery

NOTE: The source state was identified in 68 total traces.

* There were eight states tied with one trace each.

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Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a U.S. Virgin Islands Recovery


1/1/2007-12/31/2007 National Average Time-to-Crime: 10.33 Years

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Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a U.S. Virgin Islands Recovery

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Christiansted
Frederiksted
St. John
St. Croix
St. Thomas

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Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

1. **Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced**
   - Includes traces with a recovery state of the U.S. Virgin Islands, or, if the recovery state was not provided, the requesting agency had jurisdiction only within the U.S. Virgin Islands.
   - Includes Guns Recovered and Traced Between 1/1/2007 – 12/31/2007, or if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2007 – 12/31/2007.
   - Duplicate traces, Firearms Not Recovered, Gun Buy Back and Firearms Turned In are not included in this figure.

2. **Firearm Types with a U.S. Virgin Islands Recovery**
   - Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.

3. **Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a U.S. Virgin Islands Recovery**
   - Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.

4. **Top Source States for Firearms with a U.S. Virgin Islands 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.

5. **Time-to-Crime Rates for Firearms with a U.S. Virgin Islands Recovery**
   - Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.
   - Time-to-Crime was calculated for those traces in which the purchase date could be subtracted from the recovery date.

6. **Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a U.S. Virgin Islands 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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