January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012

Department of Justice
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information
Data Source: Firearms Tracing System
ATF Firearms Trace
Data Disclaimer

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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 New York by Calendar Year

8,731

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Firearm Types with a New York Recovery
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*Other includes Tear Gas Launchers, Any Other Weapons, a Destructive Device and a Combination Gun.
Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a New York Recovery
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NOTE: There were 1,116 additional traces that were associated with other calibers.

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Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New York Recovery
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3,971 Possession of Weapon
1,405 Firearm Under Investigation
732 Found Firearm
661 Dangerous Drugs
387 Health - Safety
238 Selling Weapon
214 Weapon Offense
209 Simple Assault
184 Robbery
107 Family Offense

* A homicide category was reported on 95 traces.

NOTE: There were 623 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

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Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a New York Recovery
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NOTE: An additional 34 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam accounted for 571 other traces. The source state was identified in 4,850 total traces.

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Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a New York Recovery
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1/1/2012-12/31/2012 New York Average Time-to-Crime: **13.90 Years**
1/1/2012-12/31/2012 National Average Time-to-Crime: **11.12 Years**
Age of Possessors for Firearms with a New York Recovery
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1/1/2012-12/31/2012 New York Average Age of Possessor: 35 Years
1/1/2012-12/31/2012 National Average Age of Possessor: 36 Years

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Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a New York Recovery
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New York City 3,928
Buffalo 695
Rochester 857
Syracuse 158
Hempstead 115
Freeport 112
Yonkers 97
Victor 93
Greece 81
Albany 79

NOTE: There were 544 additional municipalities that accounted for 2,515 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for one trace.

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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 1/1/2012 – 12/31/2012, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2012 – 12/31/2012.
- 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, 2013.
- 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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