

# New Jersey

## Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information



**U.S. Department of Justice**

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## *ATF Firearms Trace Data Disclaimer*

- 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 New Jersey in Calendar Year 2017*



4,002

# *Firearm Types with a New Jersey Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Any Other Weapons	Other
2,439	859	382	297	15	4	6

\* Other includes Machineguns, Unknown Types and a Combination.

# *Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Jersey Recovery*



January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017



9mm	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	.38 Cal	.380 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	.32 Cal	.357 Cal	.25 Cal	7.62mm
994	485	402	374	330	320	226	177	169	135	71

**NOTE:** There were 310 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were nine traces with an unknown caliber.

# *Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Jersey Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Possession of Weapon	Found Firearm	Weapon Offense	Dangerous Drugs	Firearm Under Investigation	Homicide	Aggravated Assault	Health – Safety	Robbery	Simple Assault	Property Crimes
1,787	1,236	140	135	119	92	87	47	45	42	39

**NOTE:** There were 233 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

# *Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a New Jersey Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Virginia</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>
468	389	269	262	239
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>Ohio</b>	<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>New York</b>
199	153	75	60	48
<b>Texas</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>Delaware</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
43	40	39	38	25

**NOTE:** An additional 33 states and the District of Columbia accounted for 244 other traces. The source state was identified in 2,591 total traces.



# *Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a New Jersey Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Under 3 Months	3 Months to Under 7 Months	7 Months to Under 1 Year	1 Year to Under 2 years	2 Years to Under 3 Years	3 Years and Over
104	101	90	211	194	1,875

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 New Jersey Average Time-to-Crime: **12.78 Years**

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 National Average Time-to-Crime: **9.30 Years**



# *Age of Possessors for Firearms with a New Jersey Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
123	359	352	563	525	293	394

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 New Jersey Average Age of Possessor: **34 Years**

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 National Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**

# *Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a New Jersey Recovery*

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Newark	Jersey City	Paterson	Trenton	Camden	Irvington	Atlantic City	Elizabeth	East Orange
623	246	216	216	198	103	99	71	62

**NOTE:** There were 355 additional municipalities that accounted for 2,168 other traces.

# *Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics*

## **Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced**

- Includes traces with a recovery state of New Jersey. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to New Jersey.
- Includes Firearms Recovered and Traced between 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017.
- 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 April 11, 2018.
- All traces may not have been submitted or completed at the time of this study.

## **Firearm Types and Calibers with a New Jersey Recovery**

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.

## **Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Jersey 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.

## *Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics (continued)*

### **Top Source States for Firearms with a New Jersey 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 Jersey 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 Jersey 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 Jersey 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.