

Utah

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

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- 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 Utah in Calendar Year 2017



1,668

Firearm Types with a Utah Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Machineguns	Derringers	Other
962	321	209	136	20	10	10

* Other includes Unknown Types, Silencers, Receivers/Frames, and a Destructive Device.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Utah Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	12GA	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	.223 Cal	5.56mm
414	293	145	139	138	110	63	47	30	25

NOTE: There were 239 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 25 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Utah Recovery

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Possession of Weapon	Dangerous Drugs	Firearm Under Investigation	Found Firearm	Family Offense	Weapon Offense	Suicide	Aggravated Assault	Property Crimes	Traffic Offense
285	223	194	179	152	101	87	68	61	53

NOTE: There were 265 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

*A homicide category was reported on 30 traces.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Utah Recovery

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Utah	California	Idaho	Arizona	Colorado
1,002	40	31	27	24
Nevada	Florida	Oregon	Texas	Georgia
21	17	14	13	11
Pennsylvania	Wyoming	Montana	Ohio	Washington
11	11	10	8	8

NOTE: An additional 28 states accounted for 69 other traces.
The source state was identified in 1,317 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Utah 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
88	65	78	144	91	834

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Utah Average Time-to-Crime: **8.93 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Utah 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
52	135	99	242	305	209	154

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Utah Average Age of Possessor: **36 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Utah Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

West Valley City	Saint George	Ogden	West Jordan	Salt Lake City	Provo	Spanish Fork	South Salt Lake	Orem	Layton
197	132	127	118	103	94	72	71	68	55

NOTE: There were 99 additional municipalities that accounted for 624 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for seven traces

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

- Includes traces with a recovery state of Utah. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Utah.
- 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 Utah Recovery

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

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Utah 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 Utah 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 Utah 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 Utah 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 Utah 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.