

Washington

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

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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 Washington in Calendar Year 2017



5,102

Firearm Types with a Washington Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Derringers	Receivers/Frames	Other
2,702	986	752	574	43	25	20

* Other includes Silencers, Machineguns, Any Other Weapons, Combinations and Unknown Types.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Washington Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	7.62mm	.223 Cal
1,050	752	448	447	432	383	264	181	138	90

NOTE: There were 859 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 58 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Washington Recovery

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Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Aggravated Assault	Property Crimes	Suicide	Simple Assault	Weapon Offense	Family Offense	Homicide
1,283	793	471	465	252	201	184	158	155	154	143

NOTE: There were 843 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Washington Recovery

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Washington	Oregon	Idaho	California	Montana
2,638	217	110	104	82
Nevada	Texas	Alaska	Arizona	Wisconsin
63	62	40	38	29
Florida	Colorado	Tennessee	Ohio	Georgia
25	23	23	20	16
Michigan	Missouri	North Carolina		
16	16	16		

NOTE: An additional 30 states and Guam accounted for 192 other traces. The source state was identified in 3,730 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Washington 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
190	173	181	366	278	2,476

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Washington Average Time-to-Crime: **11.09 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Washington Recovery

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17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
104	270	300	688	835	467	669

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Washington Average Age of Possessor: **38 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Washington Recovery

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Seattle	Spokane	Yakima	Kent	Vancouver	Kennewick	Spokane Valley	Everett	Tacoma	Pasco	SeaTac
716	701	261	207	205	168	154	138	108	102	93

NOTE: There were 222 additional municipalities that accounted for 2,227 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 22 traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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