

New Jersey

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

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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 New Jersey in Calendar Year 2019



4,309

Firearm Types with a New Jersey Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Unknown Types	Other
2,671	824	473	279	30	13	19

* Other includes Machineguns, Receivers/Frames, Silencers, an Any Other Weapon and a Combination.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Jersey Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.38 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	.32 Cal	.357 Cal	.25 Cal
1,188	507	424	357	350	314	232	201	156	139

NOTE: There were 396 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 45 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Jersey Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Possession of Weapon	Found Firearm	Weapon Offense	Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Aggravated Assault	Homicide	Health - Safety	Homicide - Attempted	Property Crimes
1,889	1,398	175	168	121	87	65	63	44	41

NOTE: There were 258 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a New Jersey Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Georgia	Virginia	North Carolina
527	424	274	257	237
South Carolina	Florida	Ohio	West Virginia	Tennessee
189	157	94	63	40
Texas	New York	Alabama	Delaware	California
37	36	34	29	26

NOTE: An additional 34 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands accounted for 276 other traces. The source state was identified in 2,700 total traces.



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

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

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
107	77	83	226	226	1,966

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 New Jersey Average Time-to-Crime: **12.38 Years**

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 National Average Time-to-Crime: **8.29 Years**

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a New Jersey Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
144	360	254	559	668	367	391

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 New Jersey Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**

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Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a New Jersey Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Newark	Trenton	Camden	Paterson	Jersey City	Elizabeth	East Orange	Atlantic City	Irvington	Vineland	Bayonne
543	283	261	193	175	107	104	101	78	78	56

NOTE: There were 385 additional municipalities that accounted for 2,320 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 10 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 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019.
- 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 10, 2020.
- 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.