

New York

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 York in Calendar Year 2019



7,363

Firearm Types with a New York Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Machineguns	Receivers/Frames	Other
4,549	1,276	805	557	68	52	41	15

* Other includes Unknown Types, Silencers, Combinations, Destructive Devices and an Any Other Weapon.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a New York Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.380 Cal	.40 Cal	.38 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	.25 Cal	.32 Cal	.357 Cal
2,020	832	805	584	566	478	431	287	242	231

NOTE: There were 718 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 169 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New York Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Found Firearm	Dangerous Drugs	Weapons Trafficking	Weapon Offense	Traffic Offense	Selling Weapon	Simple Assault	Health - Safety
3,395	971	697	672	213	201	178	164	152	133

NOTE: There were 587 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

*A homicide category was reported on 78 traces.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a New York Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

New York	Georgia	Virginia	South Carolina	Pennsylvania
1,048	550	474	420	379
Florida	North Carolina	Ohio	Alabama	Texas
331	329	272	143	107
West Virginia	Tennessee	Kentucky	Vermont	Maine
102	70	53	53	52

NOTE: An additional 35 states and Puerto Rico accounted for 591 other traces. The source state was identified in 4,974 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a New York 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
205	179	213	434	375	3,512

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 New York Average Time-to-Crime: **11.75 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a New York 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
214	669	565	1,282	1,352	632	641

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 New York Average Age of Possessor: **34 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a New York Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

New York City	Buffalo	Rochester	Syracuse	Albany	Yonkers	East Nassau	Niagara Falls	Jamestown	Schenectady
3,495	615	548	225	93	92	89	56	48	47

NOTE: There were 453 additional municipalities that accounted for 2,052 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for three traces.

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 1/1/2019 – 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 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.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics (continued)

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.