

# Rhode Island

## Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

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 Rhode Island in Calendar Year 2019*



410

# *Firearm Types with a Rhode Island Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Revolvers	Shotguns	Rifles	Machineguns	Derringers	Receiver/ Frame	Unknown Type
256	64	39	34	9	6	1	1

# *Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Rhode Island Recovery*



January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019



9mm	.40 Cal	.22 Cal	12GA	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	.32 Cal	5.56mm
113	47	43	36	32	26	25	19	14	13

**NOTE:** There were 30 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 12 traces with an unknown caliber.

# *Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Rhode Island Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Possession of Weapon	Weapon Offense	Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Family Offense	Found Firearm	Aggravated Assault	Suicide - Attempted	Suicide	Homicide
144	82	52	26	24	22	16	15	8	5

**NOTE:** There were 16 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

# *Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Rhode Island Recovery*

January 1, 2019– December 31, 2019

Rhode Island	Maine	Georgia	Massachusetts	North Carolina
149	17	16	14	12
Florida	California	New Hampshire	Colorado	South Carolina
11	10	7	6	6
Ohio	Arizona	Connecticut	Pennsylvania	Tennessee
5	4	4	4	4

**NOTE:** An additional 14 states accounted for 21 other traces.  
The source state was identified in 290 total traces.



# *Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Rhode Island 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
10	13	9	41	26	190

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Rhode Island Average Time-to-Crime: **9.23 Years**

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



# *Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Rhode Island 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
3	39	50	81	93	29	27

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Rhode Island Average Age of Possessor: **32 Years**

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

# *Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Rhode Island Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Providence	Cranston	Pawtucket	Middletown	Hopkinton	Woonsocket	Warwick	West Warwick
206	50	17	15	13	13	12	9

**NOTE:** There were 19 additional municipalities that accounted for 75 other traces.

# *Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics*

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

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

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

## **Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island 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.