

U.S. Virgin Islands

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information



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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 the U.S. Virgin Islands in Calendar Year 2019



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Firearm Types with a U.S. Virgin Islands Recovery

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Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Receiver/Frame
73	8	6	1

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a U.S. Virgin Islands Recovery



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9mm	.40 Cal	.45 Cal	.22 Cal	.38 Cal	5.56mm	.223 Cal	.357 Cal	.380 Cal	MULTI	7.62mm
27	25	7	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	2

NOTE: There were three additional traces that were associated with other calibers.

Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a U.S. Virgin Islands Recovery

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Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Found Firearm	Homicide	Smuggling	Weapons Trafficking	Simple Assault	Carrying Prohibited Weapon	Firing Weapon
44	18	6	6	5	4	3	1	1

Source States for Firearms with a U.S. Virgin Islands Recovery

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Florida	Georgia	U.S. Virgin Islands	Texas	Louisiana
26	12	8	7	3
Ohio	Puerto Rico	Colorado	South Carolina	Virginia
2	2	1	1	1

NOTE: The source state was identified in 63 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a U.S. Virgin Islands 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
5	1	6	4	2	40

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 U.S. Virgin Islands Average Time-to-Crime: **7.99 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a U.S. Virgin Islands Recovery

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17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
0	5	1	6	6	2	3

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 U.S. Virgin Islands Average Age of Possessor: **33 Years**

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

Recovery Cities for Firearms with a U.S. Virgin Islands Recovery

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Christiansted	Frederiksted	Charlotte Amalie West	St. Thomas	Charlotte Amalie	Kingshill	St. Croix	St. John	Red Hook
39	11	10	10	7	6	2	2	1

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a U.S. Virgin Islands 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)

Source States for Firearms with a U.S. Virgin Islands 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 U.S. Virgin Islands 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 U.S. Virgin Islands 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.

Recovery Cities for Firearms with a U.S. Virgin Islands 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.