

# Florida

## Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

## *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 Florida in Calendar Year 2018*



**23,458**

# *Firearm Types with a Florida Recovery*

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Receivers/Frames	Derringers	Other
15,662	3,010	2,730	1,512	274	122	148

\* Other includes Machineguns, Silencers, Unknown Types, Combinations, Any Other Weapons, Destructive Devices and Flare Guns.

# *Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Florida Recovery*



January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018



9mm	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.22 Cal	.45 Cal	.38 Cal	12GA	.357 Cal	7.62mm	.25 Cal
7,227	2,625	2,620	2,317	1,567	1,455	1,166	552	529	475

**NOTE:** There were 2,440 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 485 trace with an unknown caliber.

# *Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Florida Recovery*

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Firearm Under Investigation	Possession of Weapon	Found Firearm	Dangerous Drugs	Carrying Concealed Weapon	Aggravated Assault	Family Offense	Health - Safety	Weapon Offense	Suicide	Homicide
4,321	3,836	2,914	2,043	1,514	1,257	1,015	938	829	817	561

**NOTE:** There were 3,413 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

# *Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Florida Recovery*

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Florida	Georgia	Alabama	Texas	North Carolina
14,644	688	387	280	189
Tennessee	Pennsylvania	Ohio	South Carolina	Virginia
173	155	154	150	143
Mississippi	Kentucky	California	Indiana	Louisiana
127	111	99	98	98
New York				
98				

**NOTE:** An additional 34 states, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia and Guam accounted for 1,079 other traces.

The source state was identified in 18,673 total traces.



# *Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Florida Recovery*

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

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
1,055	1,051	1,104	2,349	1,873	10,963

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Florida Average Time-to-Crime: **8.43 Years**

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 National Average Time-to-Crime: **8.80 Years**

# *Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Florida Recovery*

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
583	1,692	1,403	3,043	3,123	1,754	2,537

1/1/2018-12/31/2018 Florida Average Age of Possessor: **36 Years**  
 1/1/2018-12/31/2018 National Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**

# *Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Florida Recovery*

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Jacksonville	Tampa	Orlando	Pensacola	West Palm Beach	Tallahassee	Miami	Naples	Fort Myers	Ocala
2,576	2,213	1,781	971	799	765	580	576	367	336

**NOTE:** There were 411 additional municipalities that accounted for 12,311 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 183 traces.

# *Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics*

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

- Includes traces with a recovery state of Florida. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Florida.
- Includes Firearms Recovered and Traced between 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018.
- 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, 2019.
- All traces may not have been submitted or completed at the time of this study.

## **Firearm Types and Calibers with a Florida Recovery**

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

## **Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Florida 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 Florida 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 Florida 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 Florida 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 Florida 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.