

# Alaska

## 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 Alaska in Calendar Year 2019*



**1,133**

# *Firearm Types with an Alaska Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Machineguns	Other
745	179	96	94	10	9

\* Other includes Receivers/Frames, Unknown Types, an Any Other Weapon, a Derringer, a Destructive Device, a Silencer and a Tear Gas Launcher.

# *Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with an Alaska Recovery*



January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019



9mm	.40 Cal	.45 Cal	.22 Cal	.380 Cal	12GA	10mm	7.62mm	.357 Cal	.223 Cal
261	154	141	110	86	84	29	29	28	24

**NOTE:** There were 153 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 34 traces with an unknown caliber.

# *Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with an Alaska Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Possession of Weapon	Found Firearm	Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Weapon Offense	Traffic Offense	Health Safety	Property Crimes	Simple Assault	Homicide
568	148	103	53	49	41	29	18	14	13

**NOTE:** There were 97 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

# *Top 15 Source States for Firearms with an Alaska Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Alaska	Washington	Arizona	Texas	Colorado
747	17	12	10	9
Florida	Utah	Oregon	California	Oklahoma
8	8	7	6	6
Nevada	Pennsylvania	Georgia	Ohio	Arkansas
5	5	4	4	3
Indiana	Michigan	Minnesota	Montana	New York
3	3	3	3	3
North Carolina	South Carolina	Virginia		
3	3	3		

**NOTE:** An additional 20 states accounted for 28 other traces.  
The source state was identified in 903 total traces.



# *Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with an Alaska 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
52	45	50	103	85	544

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Alaska Average Time-to-Crime: **8.31 Years**

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



# *Age of Possessors for Firearms with an Alaska 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
11	76	84	208	279	87	52

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Alaska Average Age of Possessor: **33 Years**

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

# *Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with an Alaska Recovery*

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Anchorage	Fairbanks	Soldotna	Wasilla	Juneau	Kenai	North Pole	Anchor Point	Kodiak	Homer
694	119	88	78	23	19	12	11	11	9

**NOTE:** There were 30 additional municipalities that accounted for 69 other traces

# *Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics*

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

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

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

## **Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with an Alaska 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 an Alaska 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 an Alaska 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 an Alaska 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 an Alaska 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.