

New Mexico

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

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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 New Mexico in Calendar Year 2017



2,090

Firearm Types with a New Mexico Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Silencers	Other
1,270	299	295	192	16	9	9

* Other includes Receivers/Frames, Any Other Weapons, Machineguns and a Combination.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Mexico Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	7.62mm
529	279	199	195	191	143	104	70	47

NOTE: There were 303 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 30 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Mexico Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Aggravated Assault	Property Crimes	Suicide	Family Offense	Homicide	Firing Weapon
473	345	281	229	184	80	68	56	56	51

NOTE: There were 267 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a New Mexico Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

New Mexico	Texas	Arizona	Colorado	California
1,206	120	48	31	22
Oklahoma	Louisiana	Georgia	Nevada	Ohio
20	12	11	10	10
Florida	Arkansas	Kansas	Oregon	Utah
9	8	8	8	7

NOTE: An additional 29 states, Guam and Puerto Rico accounted for 95 other traces. The source state was identified in 1,625 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a New Mexico Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

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
89	94	104	191	147	948

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 New Mexico Average Time-to-Crime: **8.90 Years**

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 National Average Time-to-Crime: **9.30 Years**

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a New Mexico Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
69	162	162	279	421	154	155

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 New Mexico Average Age of Possessor: **34 Years**

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 National Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a New Mexico Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Albuquerque	Hobbs	Las Cruces	Clovis	Alamogordo	Gallup	Carlsbad	Roswell	Belen	Artesia	Los Lunas
1,108	172	166	74	55	54	42	38	37	34	25

NOTE: There were 76 additional municipalities that accounted for 281 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for four traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

- Includes traces with a recovery state of New Mexico. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to New Mexico.
- Includes Firearms Recovered and Traced between 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017.
- 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, 2018.
- All traces may not have been submitted or completed at the time of this study.

Firearm Types and Calibers with a New Mexico Recovery

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

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a New Mexico 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 Mexico 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 Mexico 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 Mexico 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 Mexico 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.