

Vermont

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

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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 Vermont in Calendar Year 2019



182

Firearm Types with a Vermont Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Rifles	Shotguns	Revolvers	Other
87	40	30	22	3

* Other includes a Derringer, a Receiver/Frame and an Unknown Type.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Vermont Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	12GA	.40 Cal	.45 Cal	.380 Cal	.357 Cal	.38 Cal	20GA
45	34	20	12	11	7	6	6	5

NOTE: There were 29 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were seven traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Vermont Recovery

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Dangerous Drugs	Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Found Firearm	Homicide	Weapon Offense	Suicide	Aggravated Assault	Property Crimes	Robbery
52	38	23	17	13	11	7	4	4	3

NOTE: There were 10 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Source States for Firearms with a Vermont Recovery

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Vermont	New Hampshire	New York	Connecticut	Maine
98	14	5	2	2
Colorado	Florida	Georgia	Indiana	Montana
1	1	1	1	1
North Carolina	Texas	Virginia		
1	1	1		

NOTE: The source state was identified in 129 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Vermont 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
12	9	6	8	7	86

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Vermont Average Time-to-Crime: **8.40 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Vermont Recovery

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17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
1	15	7	32	33	37	11

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Vermont Average Age of Possessor: **37 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Vermont Recovery

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South Burlington	Burlington	Barre	Newport	Putney	Essex Junction	Milton	Waterbury	Rutland
33	19	18	9	9	8	7	7	6

NOTE: There were 37 additional municipalities that accounted for 66 other traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Vermont 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 Vermont 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 Vermont 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 Vermont 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 Vermont 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.