

Wyoming

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 Wyoming in Calendar Year 2017



289

Firearm Types with a Wyoming Recovery

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Pistols	Rifles	Revolvers	Shotguns	Derringers	Machineguns	Other
150	67	34	28	4	3	3

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

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Wyoming Recovery



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9mm	.22 Cal	.45 Cal	.40 Cal	12GA	.380 Cal	.38 Cal	.223 Cal	.25 Cal	.357 Cal
60	49	31	25	17	14	10	7	7	6

NOTE: There were 50 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 13 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Wyoming Recovery

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Possession of Weapon	Weapon Offense	Found Firearm	Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Burglary	Homicide	Traffic Offense	Suicide - Attempted	None Provided	Obstruction of Justice
103	49	38	34	16	8	8	7	6	5	5

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

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Wyoming Recovery

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Wyoming	Montana	Colorado	Utah	California
120	13	11	9	7
Idaho	Nebraska	Texas	Washington	North Dakota
6	5	5	5	4
Florida	Louisiana	South Dakota	Virginia	Alaska
3	3	3	3	2
Arizona	Arkansas	Ohio	Pennsylvania	
2	2	2	2	

NOTE: An additional 10 states accounted for 10 other traces.
The source state was identified in 217 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Wyoming 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
3	13	9	21	12	148

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Wyoming Average Time-to-Crime: **10.20 Years**

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

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Wyoming Recovery

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17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
2	30	8	22	37	27	31

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Wyoming Average Age of Possessor: **36 Years**

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

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Wyoming Recovery

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Cheyenne	Laramie	Casper	Gillette	Sheridan	Evanston	Yellowstone National Park	Lander	Riverton	Wheatland
78	29	25	19	19	14	11	10	10	9

NOTE: There were 23 additional municipalities that accounted for 63 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for two traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

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

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

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