







U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives New York Field Division Data Source: ATF New York Crime Gun Center January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008



ATF Firearms Trace Data Disclaimer



Public L. No. 110-161, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008, Sec. 518

- (1) 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.
- (2) 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.



Explanation of ATF Firearms Trace Data



The Statistics used in this report were gathered and prepared in February of 2009 from a data set that was created as of January 20th, 2009 and includes crime gun recovery information with a recovery date between January 1, 2008 to December 31st, 2008. The statistics from this report are taken from data submitted by all law enforcement within the jurisdiction of Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) New York Field Division and ATF National Tracing Center (NTC). If the recovery date is blank then the date that the trace was entered into the Firearms Tracing System was used. This yearly report was created to show firearm patterns and trends for certain geographic areas within New York State. Reasonable efforts have been made to ensure accuracy and completeness of the statistics. The statistics may change due to the finalization of traces and/or recovery information.

All data excludes traces with a completion code of XX or DT which correspond to Duplicate Traces. Additionally Gun Buy Backs and Firearms Not Recovered are excluded.

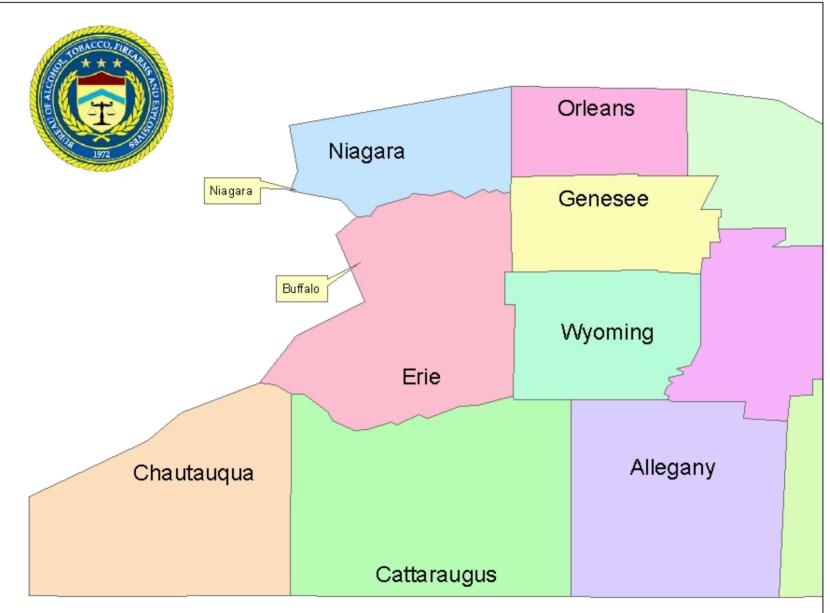
The data was gathered by the following criteria:

Recovery State = NY, if the Recovery State is blank, then Requestor OA_State = NY, if blank, then SA_State = NY Recovery County = _____, based upon the counties for each geographic.

Successful traces are those traces where a final purchaser was found as deemed by the NTC, Martinsburg West Virginia. "In Progress" traces are those that are still being researched by the NTC

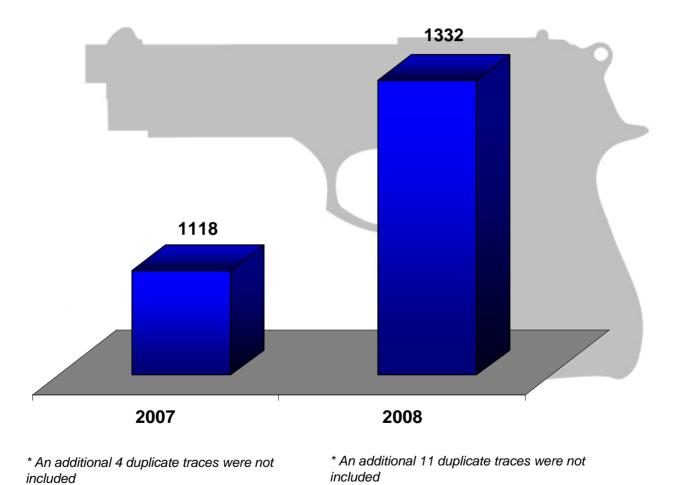
For traces involving New York State Police with more than one Originating Number (ORI #), all of these traces were grouped as one ORI number even though they have separate ORI numbers.

Buffalo Region



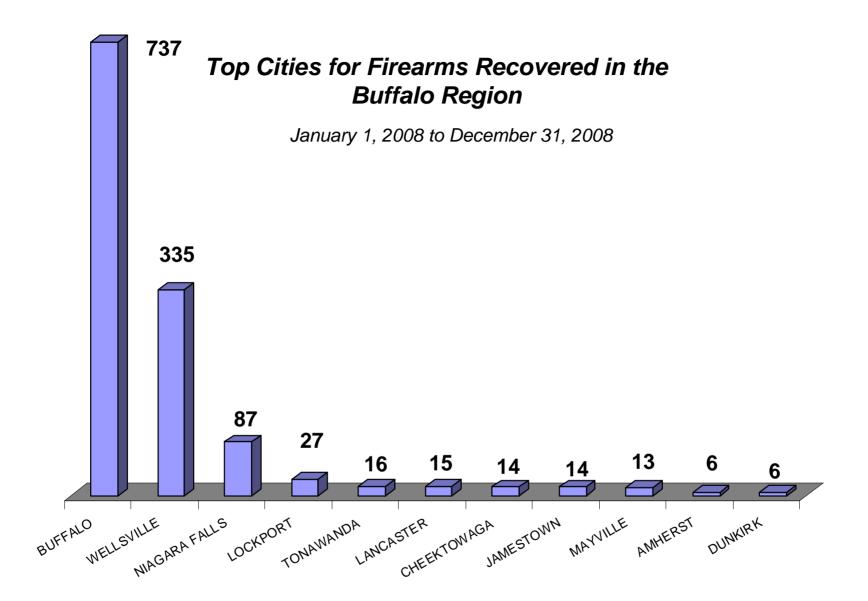
Total Firearms Recovered in the Buffalo Region

January 1, 2008 to December 31 2008



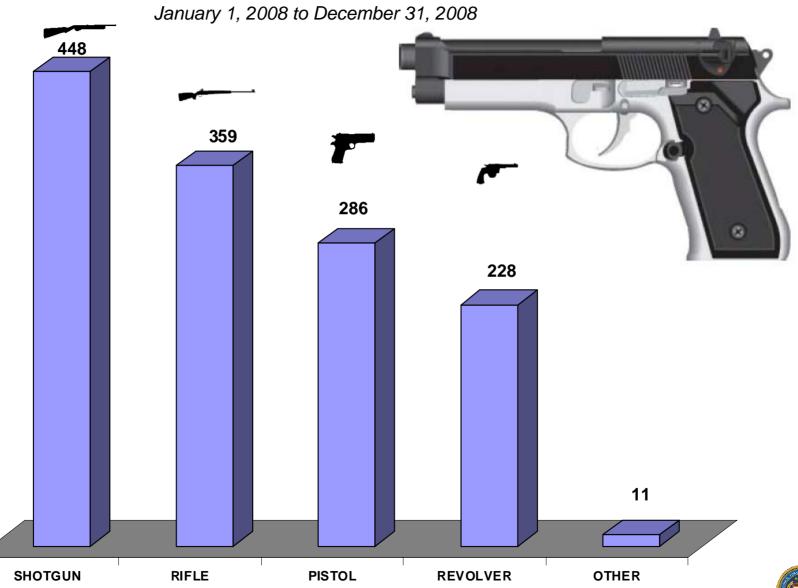


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* An additional 36 cities were associated with 62 other traces.





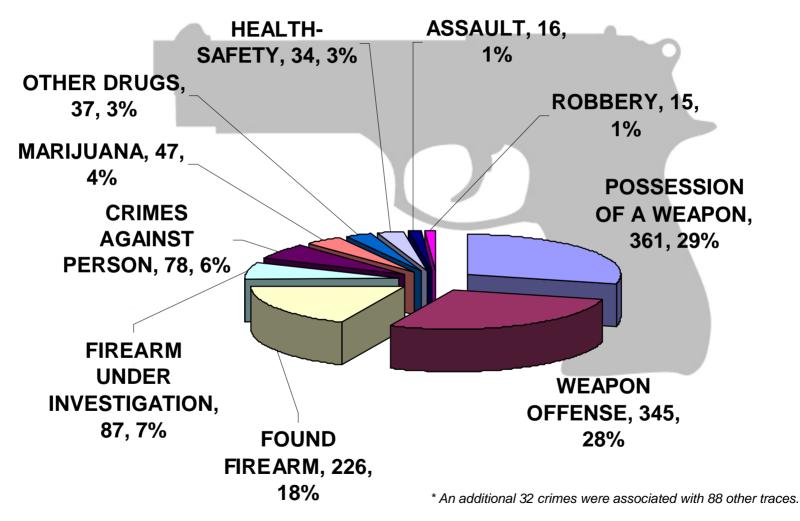
Top Firearm Types Recovered in the Buffalo Region

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Top Crimes for Firearms Recovered in the Buffalo Region

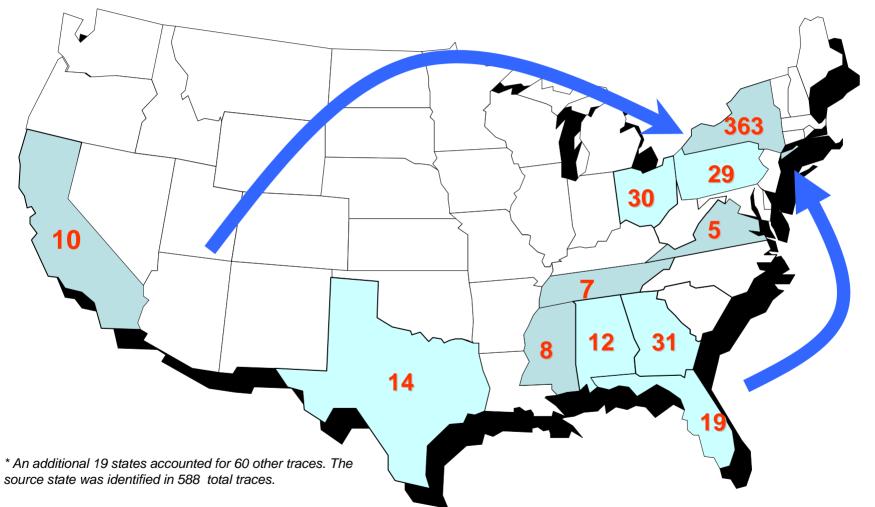
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Top Source States for Firearms Recovered in Buffalo Region

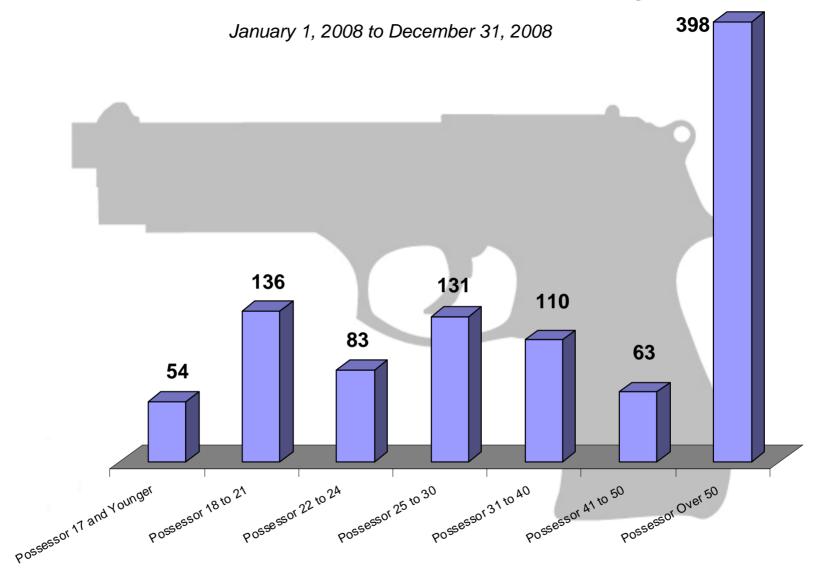
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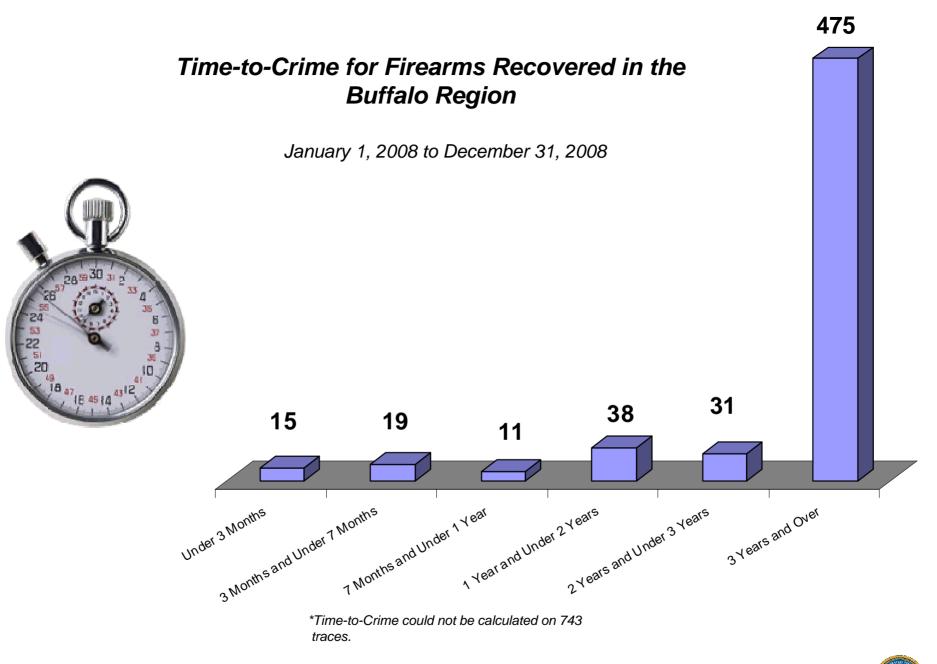
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Age of Possessor for Firearms Recovered in the Buffalo Region



* A possessor was identified in 975 Traces. Of those traces, age could not be calculated for 357 traces.







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