

# ATF

# Buffalo Region

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, 2009 – December 31st, 2009





# ***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 March of 2010 from a data set that was created as of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and includes crime gun recovery information with a recovery date between January 1, 2009 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. The statistics from this report are taken from firearm data submitted to be traced 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:

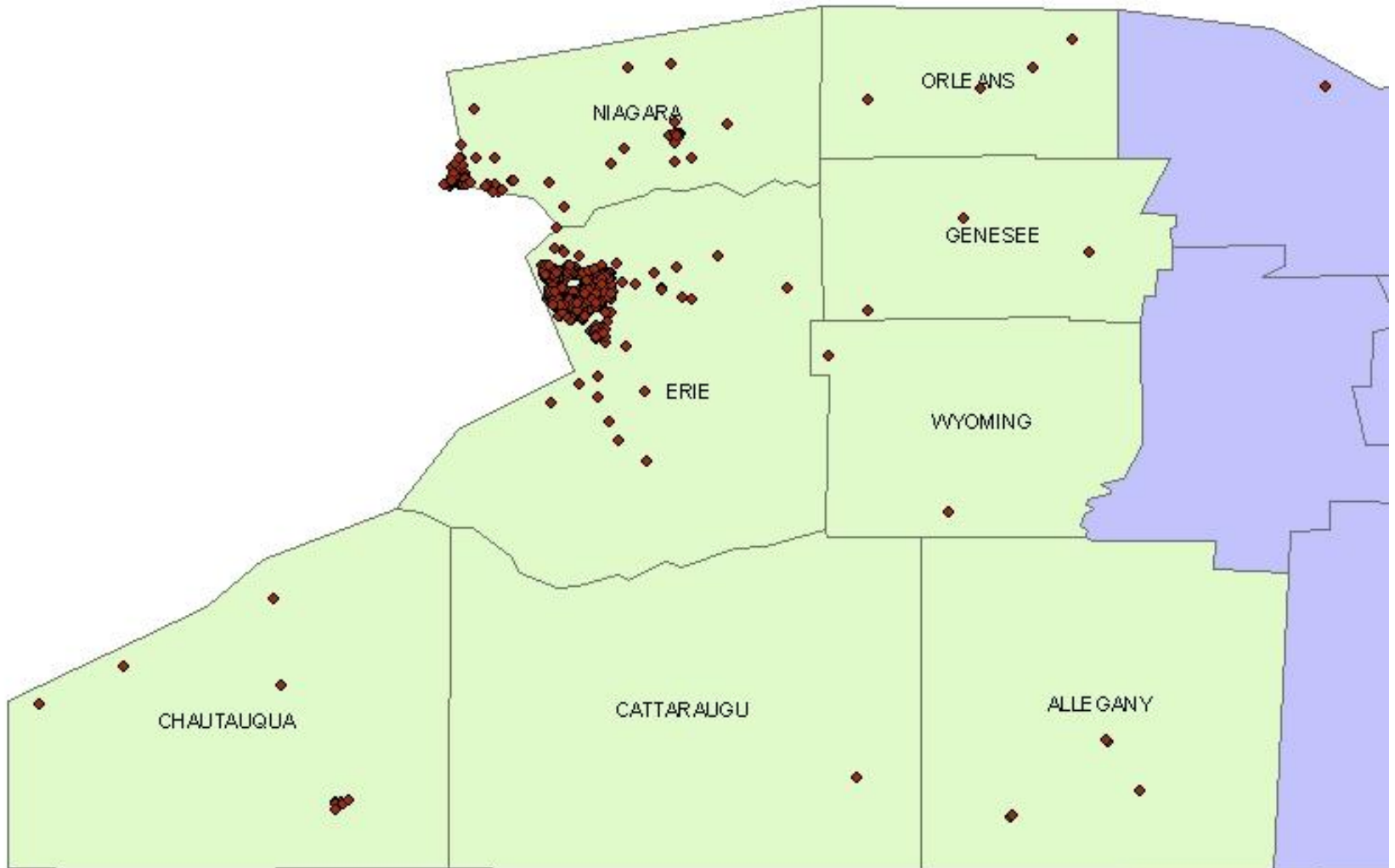
Recovery State = NY, if the Recovery State is blank, then Requestor OA\_State = NY, if blank, then SA\_State = NY  
Recovery County = \_\_\_\_\_, based upon the counties for each geographic.

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.



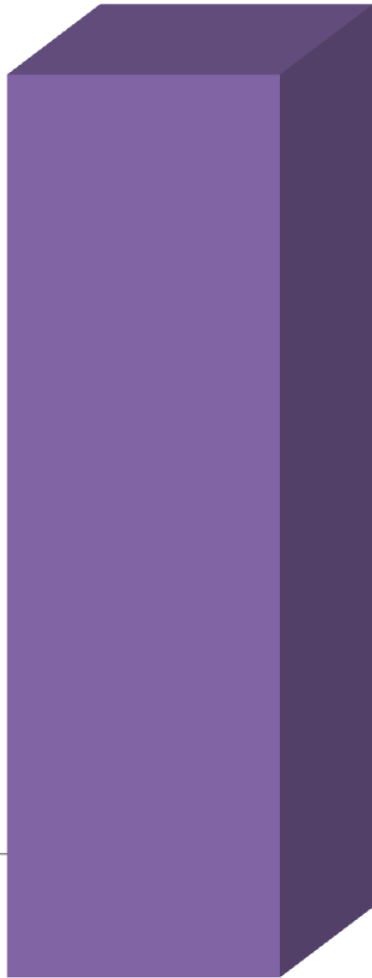
# Firearm Recoveries in the Buffalo Region



# Firearms Submitted to be Traced in the Buffalo Region



1380



1078

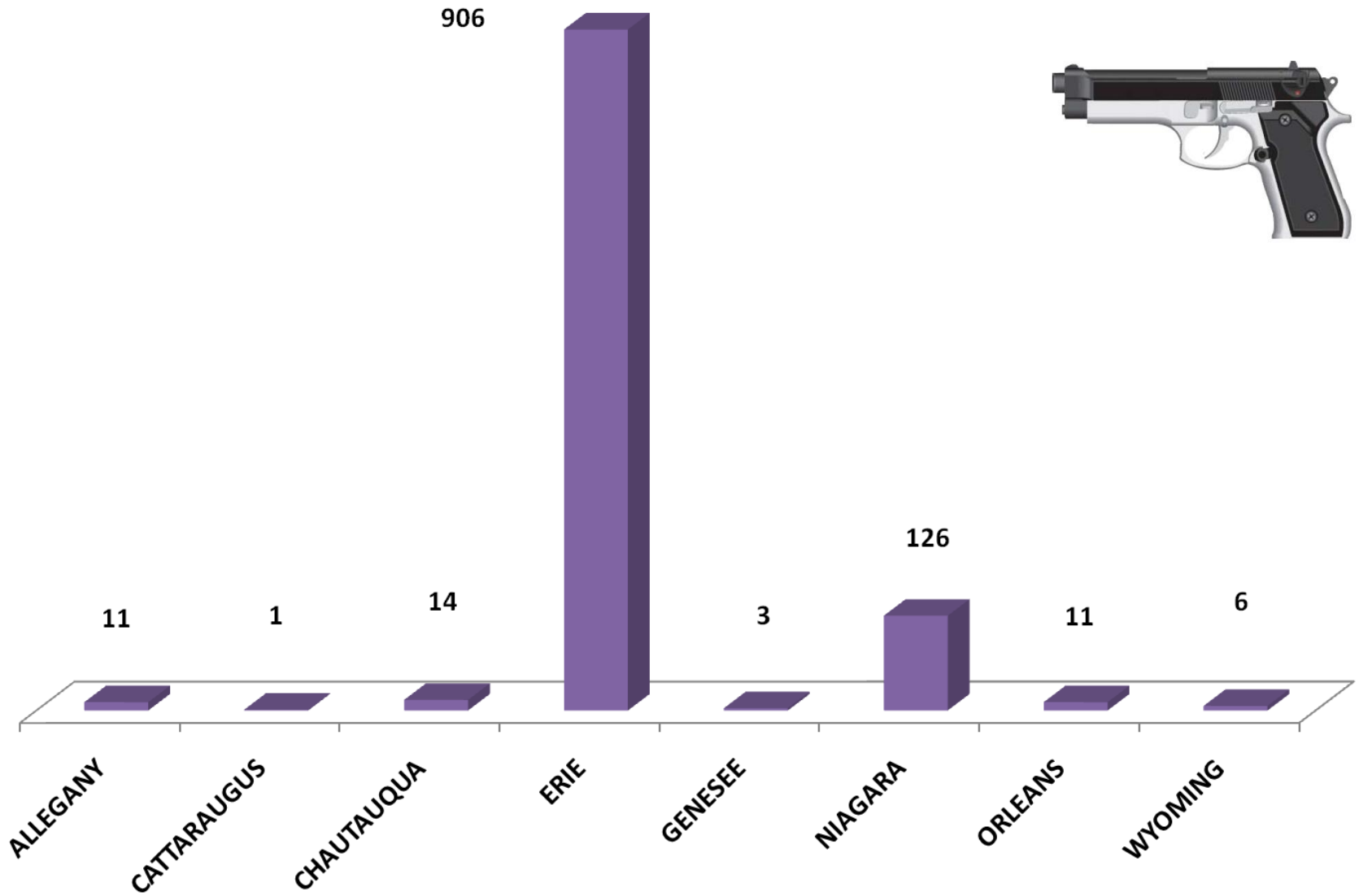


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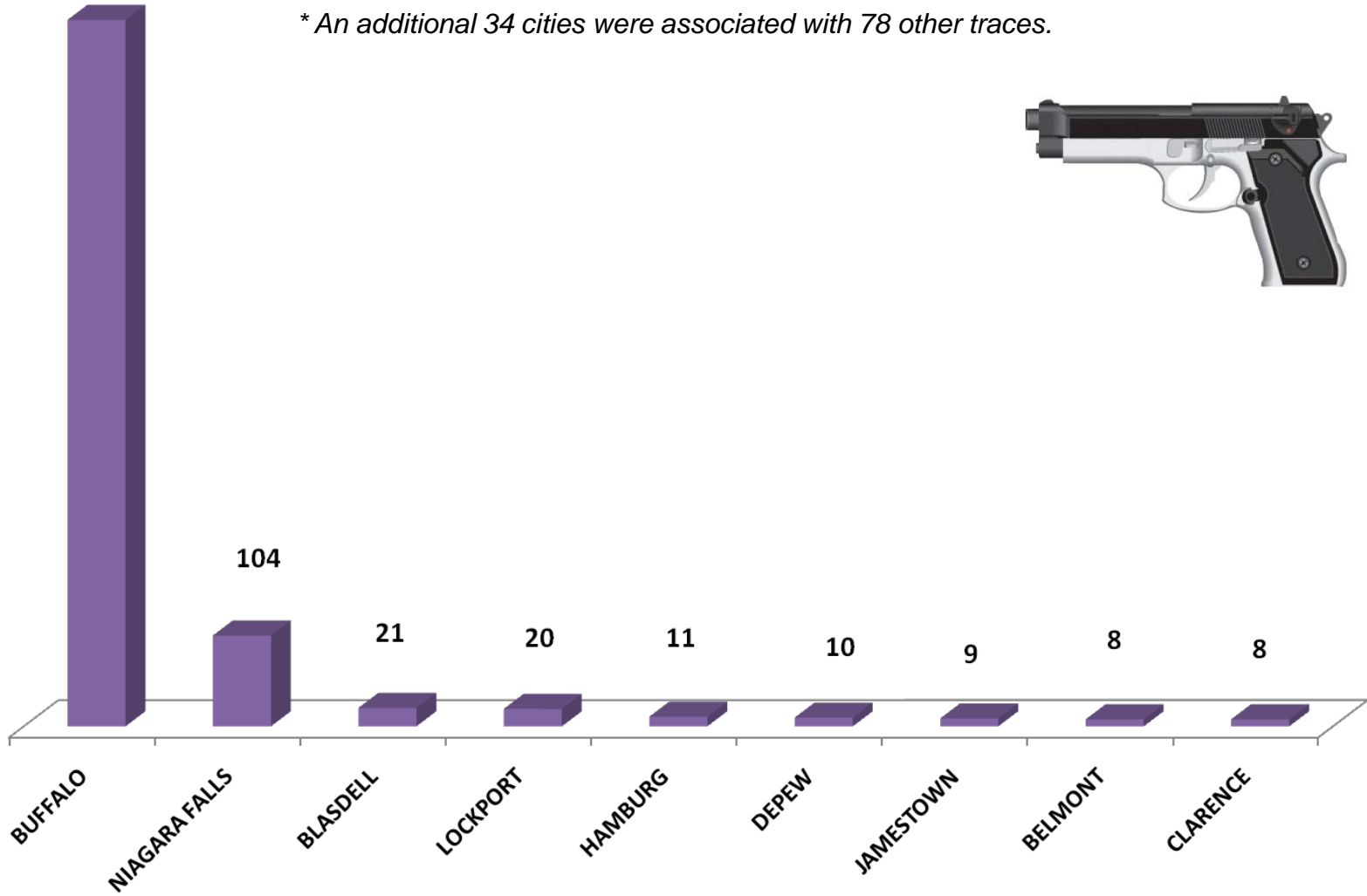
# Firearm Recoveries by County in the Buffalo Region



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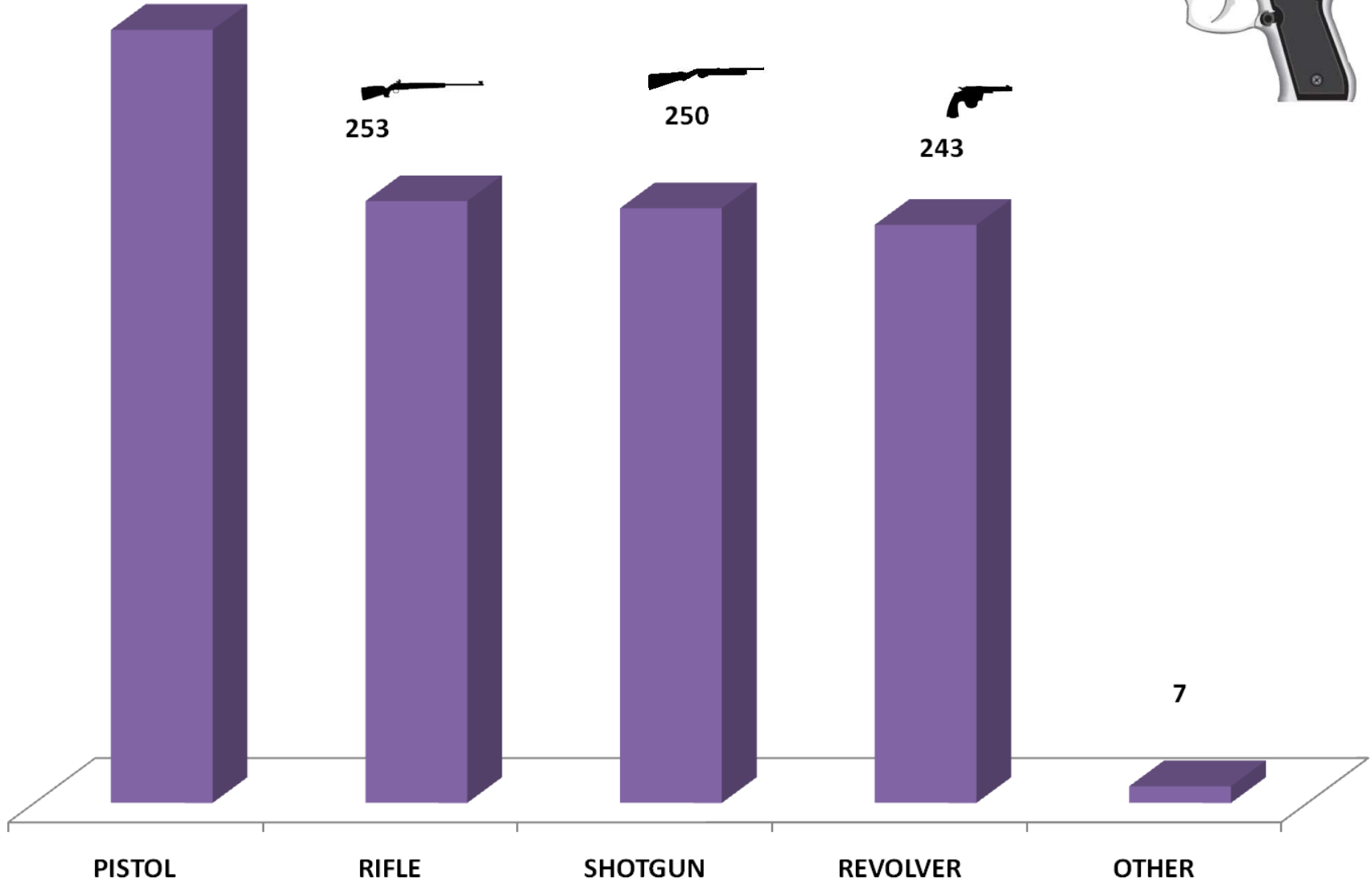
## Firearm Recoveries by City/Town for the Buffalo Region

*\* An additional 34 cities were associated with 78 other traces.*



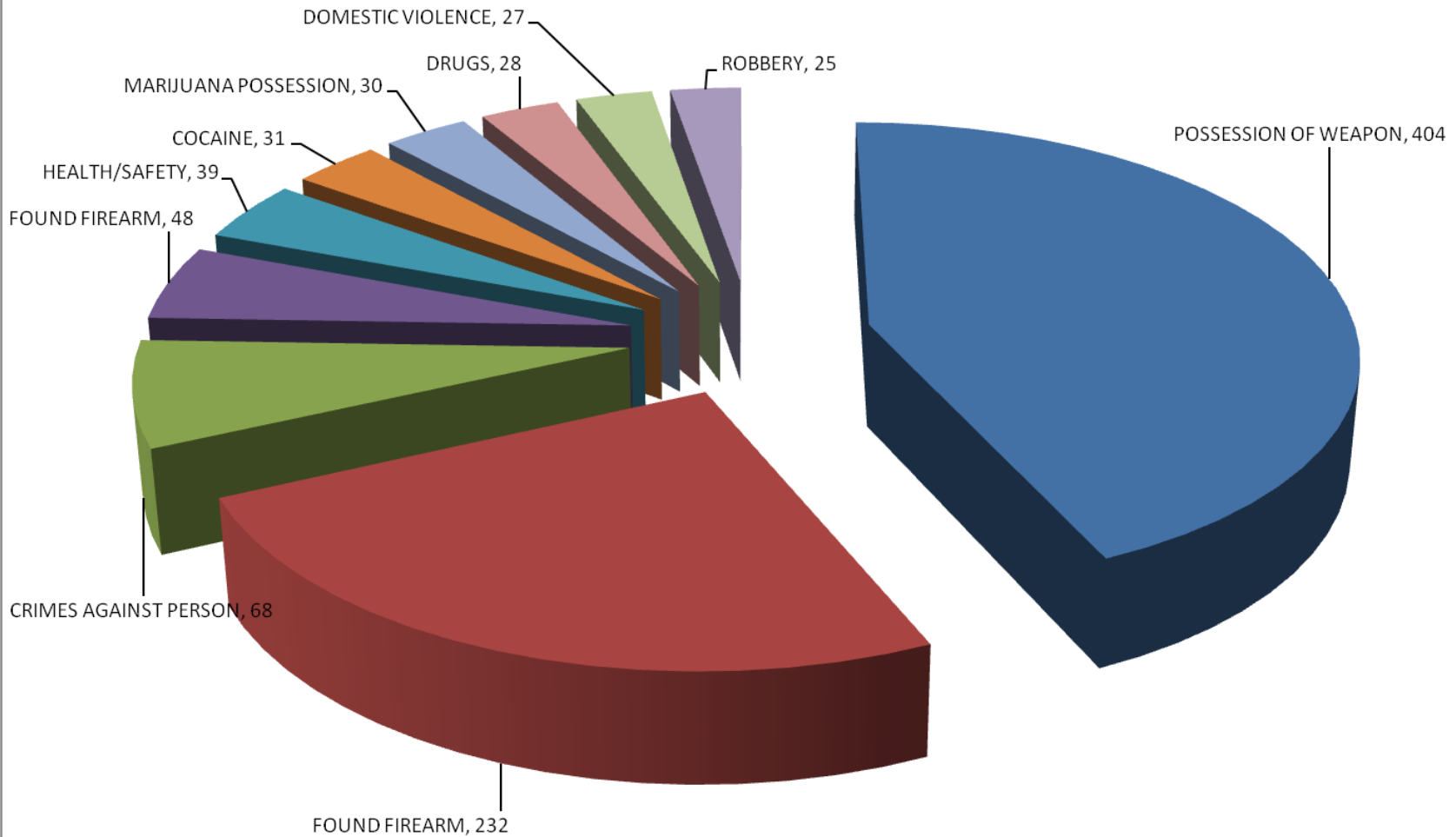


# Firearm Types Recovered in the Buffalo Region





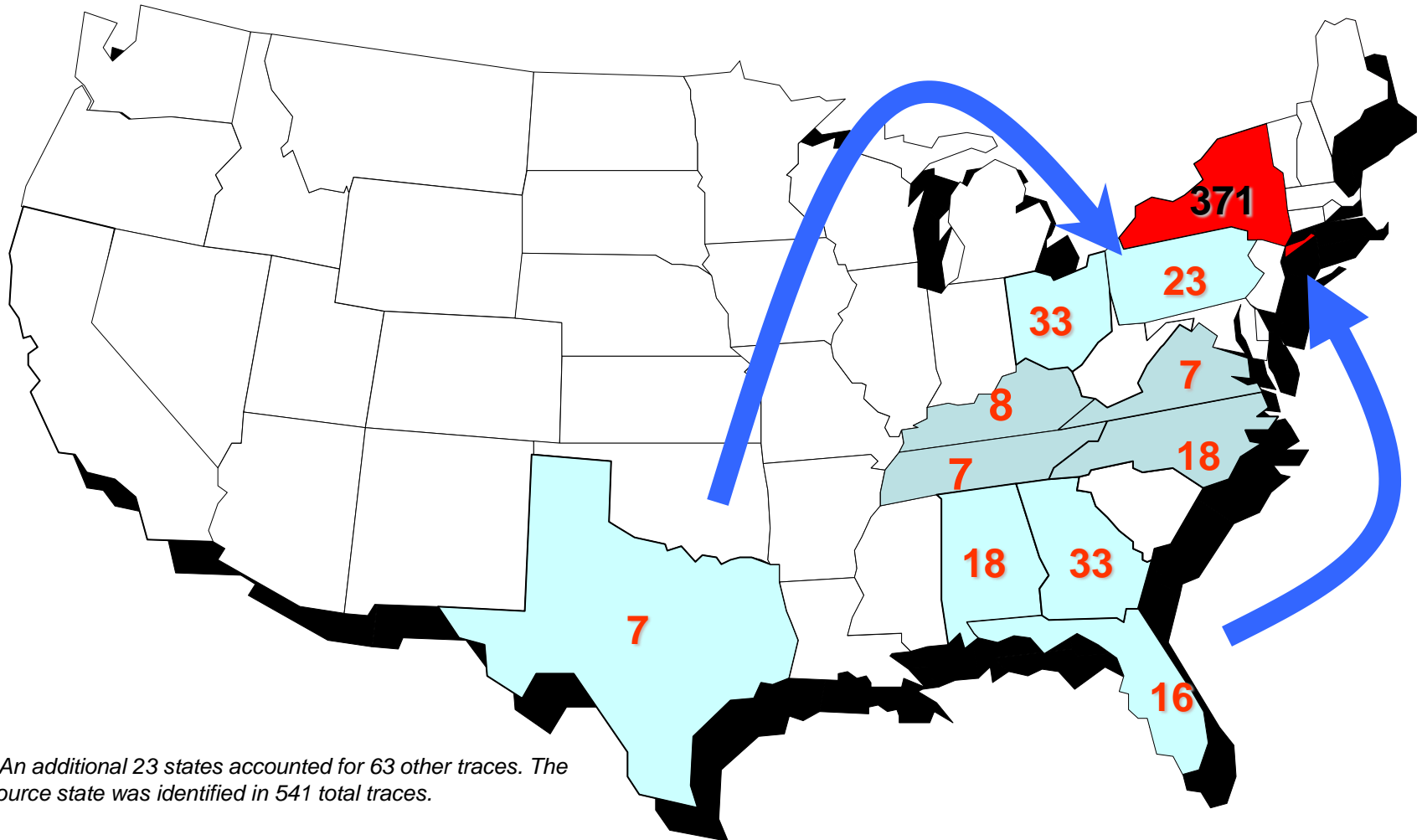
# Crime Classifications for Firearms Recovered in the Buffalo Region



*An additional 26 crimes were associated with 146 other traces*



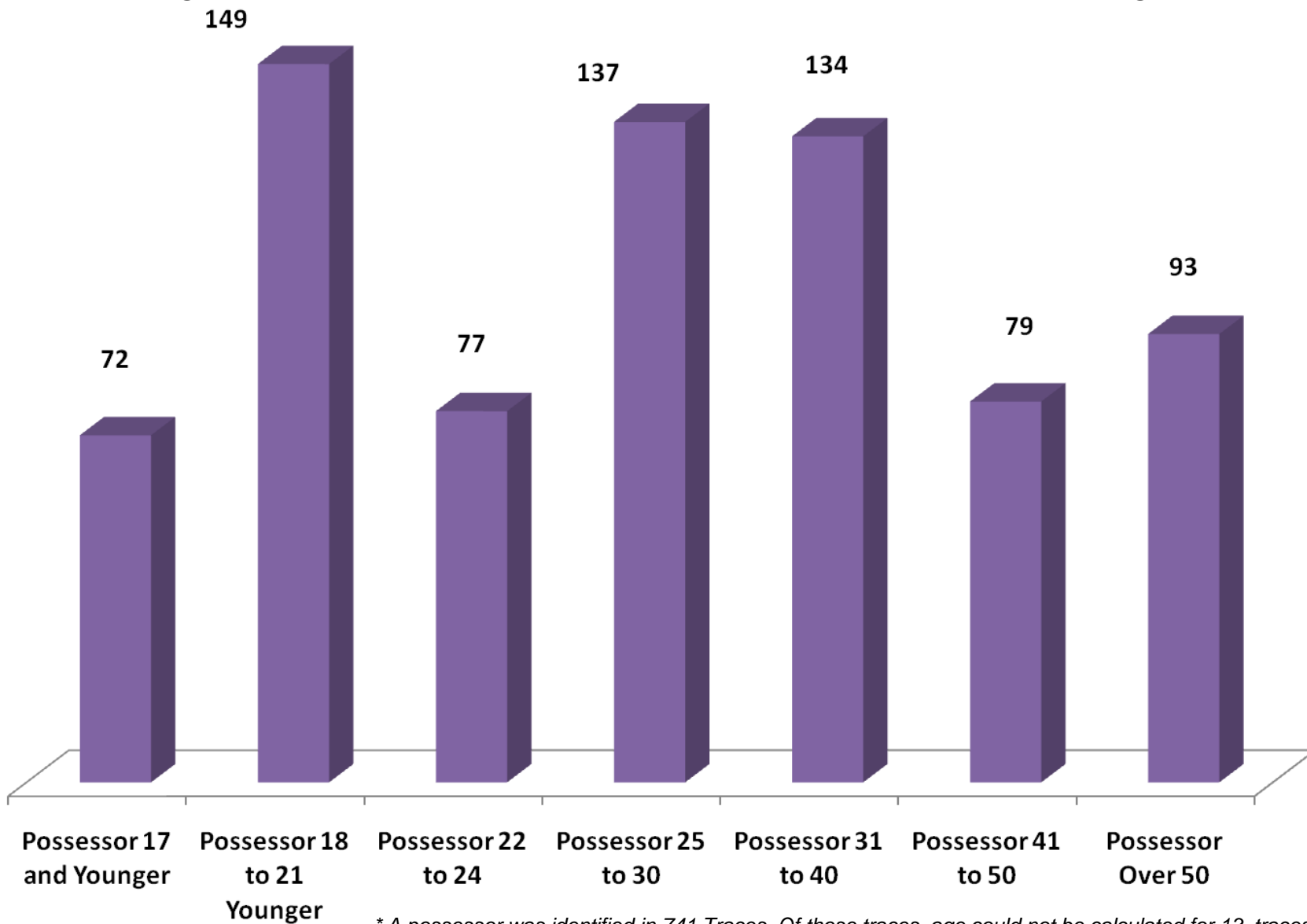
## Top Source States for Firearms Recovered in Buffalo Region



\* An additional 23 states accounted for 63 other traces. The source state was identified in 541 total traces.



# Age of Possessor of Firearms Recovered in the Buffalo Region

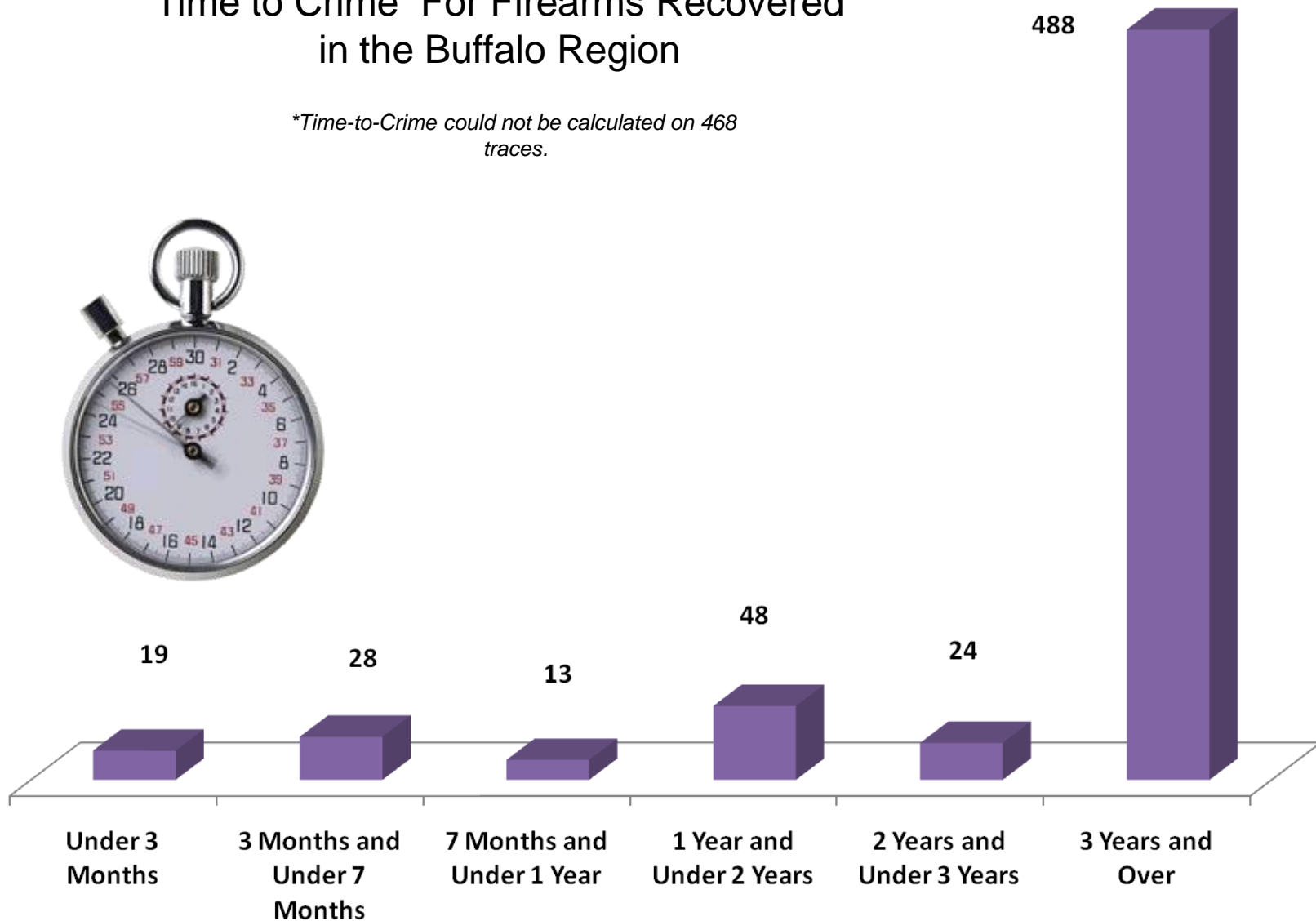


\* A possessor was identified in 741 Traces. Of those traces, age could not be calculated for 13 traces.



# Time to Crime For Firearms Recovered in the Buffalo Region

*\*Time-to-Crime could not be calculated on 468 traces.*



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