(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.
Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced in New Jersey

April 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020

*There were 6 traces with the ‘Firearm Not Recovered’ indicator and 11 traces with the ‘Firearm Turned In’ indicator. These traces were excluded from the statistics.
All Source States for Firearms with a New Jersey Recovery
April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020

NOTE: Hawaii accounted for one trace. The source state was identified in 360 total traces.
Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

All of the Preceding Statistics had the Following Selection Criteria in Common:

• Traces with a recovery state of New Jersey were included. If the recovery state was not provided, the recovery agency state was used if the agency had jurisdiction only within New Jersey.
• Traces with a recovery date between April 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 were selected. However, if the recovery date was blank, traces with an entered date between April 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 were also selected.
• Duplicate, Gun Buyback, Firearm Not Recovered and Firearm Turned In traces were not included when present.
• Statistics are based on a query of the Firearms Tracing System (FTS) ran on July 6, 2020.
• All traces may not have been submitted or completed at the time of this study.

Additional Selection Criteria was Applied to the Following Statistics:

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• Traces must identify a purchaser and the dealer where the firearm was purchased.