



**MURIEL BOWSER**  
**MAYOR**

October 26, 2026

The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

I hereby submit to the Council of the District of Columbia the enclosed report titled *Metropolitan Police Department Firearms Tracing Data*, which was prepared by the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) pursuant to section 1016 of the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975, effective June 8, 2024 (D.C. Law 25-175; D.C. Official Code § 7-2510.16).

This report includes the following information:

- The total number of firearms recovered in the District;
- The location where each firearm was recovered, disaggregated by police district;
- The total number of ghost guns recovered in the District;
- The number of firearms recovered, disaggregated by, if available, manufacturer, firearm model, state or country of origin, and the last known point of sale, transfer, theft, or loss of such firearm; and
- To the extent possible, an analysis of purchase patterns with the available information from the firearms recovered.

The data presented below is provided, in part, by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and reflects primarily MPD firearm recoveries.

My administration is available to discuss any questions you may have regarding this report. In order to facilitate a response to any questions you may have, please contact Jeffery W. Carroll, Interim Chief of Police, MPD, at [jeffery.carroll@dc.gov](mailto:jeffery.carroll@dc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser".

Muriel Bowser  
Mayor



## METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT FIREARMS TRACING DATA

Pursuant to section 1016 of the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975, effective June 8, 2024 (D.C. Law 25-175; D.C. Official Code § 7-2510.16), the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) reports data related to firearm recoveries in the District of Columbia.

### **(1) The total number of firearms recovered in the District**

In 2024, 2,895 firearms were recovered.

### **(2) The location where each firearm was recovered, disaggregated by police district<sup>1</sup>**

| District         | 2024  | %    |
|------------------|-------|------|
| First District   | 273   | 9%   |
| Second District  | 258   | 9%   |
| Third District   | 416   | 14%  |
| Fourth District  | 222   | 8%   |
| Fifth District   | 371   | 13%  |
| Sixth District   | 590   | 20%  |
| Seventh District | 765   | 26%  |
| Total            | 2,895 | 100% |

### **(3) The total number of ghost guns recovered in the District**

This information is tracked by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). According to ATF, in 2024, 276 privately manufactured guns, also known as ghost guns, were recovered in the District of Columbia.

### **(4) The number of firearms recovered, disaggregated by, if available, manufacturer, firearm model, state or country of origin, and the last known point of sale, transfer, theft, or loss of such firearm**

Information on firearm manufacturers is provided by ATF. The data does not reflect all guns recovered.

| Firearm Manufacturers                    | #     |
|------------------------------------------|-------|
| Glock                                    | 1,024 |
| Privately Manufactured (i.e. ghost guns) | 276   |
| Smith & Wesson                           | 270   |
| Taurus                                   | 245   |
| Ruger                                    | 110   |

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<sup>1</sup> Effective January 1, 2024, MPD changed how it tracked firearms collected in the District of Columbia by using Evidence Management System FileOnQ. Prior to this, recovery data was provided by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). All firearms collected in the District of Columbia are included in these counts. These totals do not include firearms which are seized in response to an emergency protection order or for safekeeping. These counts may not be comparable to other reports due to time of entry into the evidence management system and differing data sources.

| Firearm Manufacturers         | #   |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Springfield Armory/HS Produkt | 106 |
| Sig Sauer                     | 70  |

The ATF also works to identify the source states of recovered firearms. Of the guns successfully traced, most come from Virginia (626) and Maryland (366). Firearms purchased in the District of Columbia accounted for 195 of all successful traces in 2024. Other top source states from which more than 100 guns came into the District are Georgia (235), North Carolina (144), and South Carolina (119).

**(5) To the extent possible, an analysis of purchase patterns with the available information from the firearms recovered.**

Please see the response to question 4 for the source states.