



MURIEL BOWSER MAYOR

March 21, 2024

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 am hereby submitting 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 12 of the Prioritizing Public Safety Second Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2023, effective December 21, 2023 (D.C. Act 25-339; D.C. Official Code § 7-2561.01).

The report addresses 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 in the report was provided by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and reflects primarily MPD firearm recoveries.

I am available to discuss any questions you may have regarding this report. In order to facilitate a response to your questions, please contact Pamela A. Smith, Chief of Police, MPD, at pamela.smith1@dc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel Bowser".

Muriel Bowser



METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT FIREARMS TRACING DATA

Pursuant to section 12 of the Prioritizing Public Safety Second Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2023, effective December 21, 2023 (D.C. Act 25-339; D.C. Official Code § 7-2561.01), the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) reports data related to firearm recoveries in the District of Columbia. The data presented below is provided by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and reflects primarily MPD firearm recoveries. However, it may include some recoveries by other law enforcement agencies.

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

Between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023, 3,135 firearms were recovered.

(2) The location where each firearm was recovered, disaggregated by police district:

District	#	%
First District	323	10%
Second District	361	12%
Third District	355	11%
Fourth District	226	7%
Fifth District	401	13%
Sixth District	711	23%
Seventh District	692	22%
Unknown ¹	66	2%
Total	3,135	100%

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

In 2023, 407 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:

This information is tracked by ATF but is not available for public dissemination.

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

The ATF works to identify the source states of firearms. Of the guns successfully traced, more than twice as many came from Virginia (701) as Maryland (298). The other source states from which more than 50 guns came into the District are Georgia (257), South Carolina (150), and North Carolina (127).

¹Some addresses were incomplete or otherwise could not be matched to the District's Master Address Repository. As a result, they are not captured in any particular district and are, instead, categorized as "unknown."