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## Firearms Annual Report



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I am pleased to submit to you the Pennsylvania State Police Firearms Annual Report for calendar year 2001.

The Pennsylvania Instant Check System was created in accordance with the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act. The State Police operate the Pennsylvania Instant Check System, which provides for instantaneous background checks by licensed firearms dealers, and county sheriffs. The Pennsylvania Instant Check System enables firearm dealers and sheriffs to ascertain an individual's eligibility to acquire firearms or obtain a license to carry firearms.

The Pennsylvania Instant Check System is one of the most comprehensive and technologically advanced background check programs in the country. The system has enhanced the ability to locate and apprehend fugitives from justice. During 2001, the Pennsylvania Instant Check System identified, and facilitated the apprehension of 128 fugitives, bringing the total fugitives apprehended through PICS to 412, since its inception. The system has become an important tool for law enforcement and aids in the goal to keep firearms out of the wrong hands while accommodating the lawful sale of firearms in an expeditious manner.

The Pennsylvania State Police, Firearms Division web site can be found at "psp.state.pa.us". The web site provides detailed information on the operation of the Firearms Division including statistical reports, form formats for firearm dealers and sheriffs to access conveniently, an information section, and firearm safety tips. The web site is periodically updated with firearm issues of interest, and information regarding new firearm related legislation.

The Firearms Division strives to maintain a positive working relationship and open communication with firearm dealers, county sheriffs, law enforcement, and provide service to the public on firearm related issues.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Pennsylvania firearm dealers whose continuing support has played a critical role in the success of the Pennsylvania Instant Check System. Working together, we help to create a safer community for all citizens of this great Commonwealth. On behalf of all Pennsylvanians dedicated to this purpose, I respectfully present the 2001 Pennsylvania Firearms Annual Report.

Sincerely,

Colonel Paul J. Evanko  
Commissioner

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act, the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) conduct a firearm background check program, the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS). PICS utilizes a toll-free number and Interactive Voice Response component which was designed to handle 1.2 million calls a year, and when applicable, issue approvals without operator intervention.

Pennsylvania has served as a Point-of-Contact State for the National Instant Check System operated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation since July 1, 1998. The PSP is required to comply with both state and federal law in determining an individual's eligibility to acquire and possess firearms.

The PSP work together with the United States Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) in the investigation and prosecution of individuals attempting to acquire firearms illegally, by networking information and coordinating investigative efforts. During this year, there were 598 files referred to PSP Troops, ATF, and local police departments for investigation. As a result of these referrals, there were 222 arrests reported and 102 convictions.

The firearm background check process consists of comprehensive searches of many databases, including: 1.8 million Pennsylvania criminal history and juvenile records, 207,470\* mental health records, approximately 69,850 wanted persons, and federal files containing over 39 million criminal history records, and 3 million records on other prohibited persons. Due to the large volume of records in each of the many databases searched to run a single background check, the process may take up to fifteen days to complete when a potentially prohibited offense or condition is identified.

In 2001, PICS conducted 530,489 transactions for sheriffs and firearms dealers throughout the Commonwealth. Of these calls, 59% were approved within minutes by the system, while an additional 31% were approved during the initial call with the assistance of an operator. Therefore, 90% of transactions were approved on the initial call. Calls transferred to an operator either identified a record that required review or were placed from a rotary phone, which requires operator assistance. Approximately 72% of the calls received were for gun checks, 22% were for a license to carry a concealed firearm, and the remaining 6% were requests for information on pending checks.

Of the 530,489 transactions this year, 10,589 were initially denied through prohibitions indicated on the individual's record. There were 4,332 individuals who challenged their denials. Based on continued research, information that was provided by the subject of the background check, and/or receipt of official court records, there were 1,891 challenges that were granted a reversal. The overall approval rate for firearm background check transactions in 2001 was 98%.

A total of 398,228 firearms were reported purchased or privately transferred in Pennsylvania for 2001. Licensed firearm dealers reported 155,120 handgun transactions and 243,108 long gun transactions for the year.

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* for 2001 reported 12,597 violent crimes committed involving the use of a firearm.

There were 128 fugitives identified and apprehended as a result of PICS in 2001. Law enforcement authorities are notified immediately, when a fugitive is attempting to purchase a firearm, and is identified through a PICS check.

This report provides statistics and information on the activities of the Pennsylvania State Police, Firearms Division, for calendar year 2001 in compliance with 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 6111.1(i) of the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act.

*\*Correction notation - An error was made in the year 2000 report regarding the number of mental health records reported to PICS. The correct total for mental health records reported to PICS in year 2000, was 164,659.*

## **BACKGROUND**

On June 13, 1995, Governor Tom Ridge signed Act 17 into law. Act 17 amended Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act (PUFA). The law included provisions for the PSP to conduct firearm background checks and to collect a \$2.00 fee from firearm dealers for each background check processed and a \$3.00 fee for the sale/transfer of each taxable firearm.

Based on the requirements of Act 17 of 1995, the PUFA, and its subsequent amendments, the PSP has taken an aggressive and technologically advanced approach to the firearm background check responsibility with the creation of the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS). PICS provides instantaneous records access through a toll-free telephone number and an Interactive Voice Response system (IVR). The system is designed for use by county sheriffs and firearm dealers to ascertain an individual's eligibility to acquire a license to carry a firearm, or obtain a firearm through a purchase or transfer.

The development of PICS required coordination with the FBI, and the National Instant Check System program. Pennsylvania was established as a Point-of-Contact state, in that, PICS has the responsibility to conduct background checks for all federal firearms licensees within the Commonwealth.

PICS is a database and communications network dependent system which was designed to handle 1.2 million calls a year. It relies on access to a number of databases at both the state and federal level to complete background checks. Communication problems, or the inability to access any of these databases, will not allow the background check to be completed. Downtime at the federal level is beyond the control of the PSP.

## **BACKGROUND CHECK DATABASES**

The PICS background check process involves accessing both state and federal databases to determine an individual's eligibility to acquire a firearm or license to carry a firearm for the purpose of carrying a firearm concealed on or about one's person or in a vehicle throughout the Commonwealth.

State databases searched:

- Pennsylvania Criminal History Records
- Juvenile Records (contained within the criminal history record file)
- Mental Health File (containing 302, 303, and 304 involuntary commitment information and adjudication of incompetence)
- Pennsylvania Protection From Abuse File (not all Pennsylvania PFA's fit the criteria for entry into the National Protection Order File)
- Pennsylvania Wanted/Missing Persons File (wanted persons for which the entering agency will not extradite, are contained in this file only, not the National Crime Information Center [NCIC] Wanted Persons File)

As a Point-of-Contact State, PICS conducts the check of the Federal databases through the National Instant Check System.

Federal databases searched:

- Interstate Identification Index - Contains criminal history records submitted by states throughout the country, and Federal records
- Military Records - Dishonorable discharges from the Armed Services
- Illegal Alien Records
- Renounced Citizenship
- Mental Defectives
- Federal Protection Order File (does not contain Pennsylvania temporary PFA records)
- NCIC Wanted Persons

## **PICS STATISTICS**

There were 530,489 background checks initiated in 2001.

- 59% were automatically approved through the IVR computer. The remaining 41% were forwarded to a PICS operator for assistance.
- 31% of the calls forwarded to PICS operators were subsequently approved during the initial call.
- A total of 90% of incoming calls were approved on the initial call. The remaining calls are placed into research and determinations are provided within 15 days. (See Appendix A for additional information).

## **AVERAGE PICS BACKGROUND CHECK CALL TIME**

PICS computer system statistical summaries were used to determine the average length of time taken to complete a background check call for 2001. These figures do not include calls that are put into research for more than one day.

- Calls handled through the automated system averaged 2.6 minutes.
- Operator assisted approvals averaged 5.33 minutes.
- Operator assisted denials averaged 12.65 minutes.
- Combined operator assisted calls averaged 8.99 minutes.

## **CHALLENGES TO DENIALS**

Upon receipt of a challenge to a denial, the transaction file is pulled and reviewed by the PICS Legal Unit. The initial response to a challenge is mailed within five business days to the individual and includes the name and phone number of the legal assistant assigned to the file. The assigned legal assistant works with the individual to obtain information that may lead to a final decision to reverse the denial, or provide the challenger with specific information explaining the reason for denial.

- 10,589 denials were issued by PICS operators in 2001.
- 4,332 individuals challenged their denials.
- 2,408 individuals were issued final denials.
- 1,891 denials were reversed.
- 33 cases are pending final disposition.



A total of 73 individuals who were issued final denials appealed their case to the Office of Attorney General. Additional documentation was received that enabled 3 of these cases to be reversed prior to the scheduled hearing date. The following chart reflects the outcome of the remaining cases. All 5 reversals were appealed by the State Police.

#### **2001 APPEALS TO THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| CASES UPHELD              | 7         |
| CASES REVERSED            | 5         |
| CASES WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED | 25        |
| CASES PENDING             | 33        |
| <b>TOTAL APPEALS</b>      | <b>70</b> |

A total of 8 cases were appealed to Commonwealth Court. All 4 reversals in Commonwealth Court were appealed by the State Police.

#### **2001 APPEALS TO COMMONWEALTH COURT**

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| CASES UPHELD              | 4        |
| CASES REVERSED            | 4        |
| CASES WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED | 0        |
| CASES PENDING             | 0        |
| <b>TOTAL APPEALS</b>      | <b>8</b> |

A total of 5 cases were appealed to the Supreme Court in 2001. One was accepted, 2 denied, and 2 are pending acceptance.

### **FIREARM SALES AND TRANSFERS FOR 2001**

There were 3,178 Pennsylvania Licensed Firearm Dealers in 2001. Refer to Appendix E for a breakdown by county. Under the PUFA, licensed firearm dealers are required to conduct background checks on individuals attempting to acquire either a handgun or a long gun. The dealers are also required to complete and submit the *Application/Record of Sale* form promulgated by the PSP. The form is not required for the sale of long guns, although a background check is still necessary unless the long gun transfer is between 2 private individuals who are both Pennsylvania residents.

Private transfers of long guns between 2 Pennsylvania residents do not have to be conducted through a licensed firearm dealer. Therefore, no background check is conducted.

Copies of all *Application/Record of Sale* forms are submitted with the *Surcharge Remittance* form to the PSP within 14 days of the transaction. Copies of the forms must be retained at the dealership for a period of 20 years.

- 398,228 firearms were reported purchased/transferred in Pennsylvania in 2001.
- 155,120 handguns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 243,108 long guns were reported purchased/transferred.

Refer to Appendix B for more information on reported sales by county and Appendix C for reported sales by month.

### **CRIMES COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS IN 2001**

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* is prepared each year under separate cover by the Pennsylvania State Police. Excerpts of summary data from the 2001 report regarding crimes involving firearms are as follows:

| <b>TYPE OF CRIME</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>FIREARMS</b> | <b>PERCENT</b> |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Homicide             | 646          | 478             | 74.0%          |
| Robbery              | 16,515       | 6,804           | 41.2%          |
| Aggravated Assault   | 25,337       | 5,315           | 21.0%          |

### **LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS/SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS**

There were a total of 101,206 License to Carry Firearms reported issued by county sheriffs' offices in 2001. Background checks are conducted through PICS to determine an individual's eligibility to obtain a License to Carry Firearms.

Sportsman's Firearm Permits are issued by the County Treasurer's office and do not require a background check. In 2001, there were a total of 6,306 permits issued.

(See Appendix D for individual county totals regarding License to Carry Firearms and Sportsman's Firearm Permits)

### **PENNSYLVANIA UNIFORM FIREARMS ACT - ENFORCEMENT**

Under 18 Pa. C.S. § 6111(g)(4) of the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act, *...any person, purchaser or transferee who, in connection with the purchase, delivery or transfer of a firearm under this chapter, knowingly and intentionally makes any materially false, oral or written statement, or willfully furnishes or exhibits any false identification intended, or likely to deceive the seller, licensed dealer, or licensed manufacturer, commits a felony of the third degree.*

Before initiating investigations under this section, the following information is taken into consideration:

- Initial PICS denial determinations are not always final denials, and the denial determination, exclusively, is not the determining factor for criminal intent.
- Initial denials may be a result of research that could not be completed or fingerprints may be required to distinguish between individuals with similar names and numeric identifiers.
- Individuals denied through PICS have the ability to challenge a denial determination, if they believe they have been denied in error.

In 2001, the following investigations were initiated by the PSP Firearms Division and referred to State Police Troops, local police departments, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED</b> | <b>598</b> |
| Total Referred to PSP Troops          | 468        |
| Total Referred to Local PD's          | 122        |
| Total Referred to ATF                 | 8          |

|                                      |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| <b>INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES</b>        |     |
| Arrests Reported                     | 222 |
| Convictions Reported                 | 102 |
| Prosecutions Declined                | 125 |
| Total Disposition Unreported to Date | 351 |

## **SYSTEM DOWNTIME**

PICS is operational 365 days a year from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. for a total of 5,110 hours. PICS experienced 151.4 hours or 2.96% of the total operational hours out of service due to technical problems. (See Appendix F for additional information.)

- 56% of downtime was due to technical difficulties with federal databases
- 35% was due to Pennsylvania State Police system problems
- 8.9% was due to a combination of technical problems in both the state and federal systems
- .1% was due to other technical difficulties

## **CONCLUSION**

The Pennsylvania Instant Check System was developed in accordance with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act. PICS provides a means with which law abiding citizens may acquire firearms without undue or unnecessary restrictions. PICS identifies individuals who are precluded by state or federal law from purchasing a firearm. PICS will not authorize the transfer of a firearm by a licensed dealer to a prohibited person. The data presented in this report indicates that the PICS program is working as intended.

## P.I.C.S. STATISTICS FROM THE I.V.R. COMPUTERS

|                                                            | JAN    | FEB    | MAR    | APR    | MAY    | JUN    | JUL    | AUG    | SEP    | OCT    | NOV    | DEC    | TOTALS  |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Total PICS Calls                                           | 35,465 | 37,661 | 46,690 | 37,694 | 31,657 | 30,402 | 28,967 | 36,777 | 51,620 | 67,072 | 67,572 | 58,912 | 530,489 |
| System-Immediate Approvals                                 | 21,281 | 22,390 | 28,363 | 23,156 | 19,238 | 18,075 | 17,207 | 21,707 | 29,930 | 39,449 | 38,921 | 35,232 | 314,949 |
| Database Hit-Call to Operator                              | 9,378  | 10,276 | 12,691 | 10,152 | 8,550  | 8,826  | 8,027  | 10,016 | 14,872 | 19,200 | 19,570 | 15,942 | 147,500 |
| Rotary Phone-File Timed Out                                | 4,806  | 4,995  | 5,636  | 4,386  | 3,869  | 3,501  | 3,733  | 5,054  | 6,818  | 8,423  | 9,081  | 7,738  | 68,040  |
| Average %-System Approvals                                 | 60.01% | 59.45% | 60.74% | 61.43% | 60.77% | 59.45% | 59.40% | 59.02% | 57.98% | 58.74% | 57.60% | 59.80% | 59.37%  |
| TOTAL TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED THROUGH PICS IN 2001: 530,489 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |         |



## 2001 FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED BY COUNTY

| COUNTY                                              | HANDGUN | LONG GUN | COUNTY         | HANDGUN        | LONG GUN |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| ADAMS                                               | 1,359   | 3,562    | LACKAWANNA     | 3,312          | 4,713    |
| ALLEGHENY                                           | 12,214  | 12,540   | LANCASTER      | 6,691          | 10,725   |
| ARMSTRONG                                           | 896     | 1,963    | LAWRENCE       | 1,415          | 2,494    |
| BEAVER                                              | 3,180   | 3,421    | LEBANON        | 3,509          | 5,849    |
| BEDFORD                                             | 1,013   | 4,660    | LEHIGH         | 6,170          | 5,632    |
| BERKS                                               | 4,172   | 5,770    | LUZERNE        | 5,209          | 7,955    |
| BLAIR                                               | 2,914   | 3,886    | LYCOMING       | 2,775          | 6,306    |
| BRADFORD                                            | 1,035   | 3,443    | MCKEAN         | 594            | 1,399    |
| BUCKS                                               | 8,097   | 7,117    | MERCER         | 950            | 2,091    |
| BUTLER                                              | 4,470   | 7,238    | MIFFLIN        | 421            | 1,137    |
| CAMBRIA                                             | 2,116   | 4,408    | MONROE         | 2,803          | 2,834    |
| CAMERON                                             | 105     | 154      | MONTGOMERY     | 6,586          | 6,157    |
| CARBON                                              | 496     | 973      | MONTOUR        | 23             | 56       |
| CENTRE                                              | 966     | 2,488    | NORTHAMPTON    | 2,479          | 3,141    |
| CHESTER                                             | 3,208   | 3,175    | NORTHUMBERLAND | 1,001          | 1,808    |
| CLARION                                             | 756     | 2,681    | PERRY          | 675            | 1,476    |
| CLEARFIELD                                          | 2,903   | 8,370    | PHILADELPHIA   | 8,113          | 2,179    |
| CLINTON                                             | 567     | 1,606    | PIKE           | 410            | 888      |
| COLUMBIA                                            | 1,384   | 2,563    | POTTER         | 162            | 492      |
| CRAWFORD                                            | 818     | 2,020    | SCHUYLKILL     | 2,373          | 4,897    |
| CUMBERLAND                                          | 1,936   | 5,091    | SNYDER         | 503            | 1,956    |
| DAUPHIN                                             | 2,306   | 3,559    | SOMERSET       | 1,631          | 4,370    |
| DELAWARE                                            | 5,608   | 2,481    | SULLIVAN       | 59             | 356      |
| ELK                                                 | 482     | 1,409    | SUSQUEHANNA    | 785            | 2,219    |
| ERIE                                                | 3,460   | 8,283    | TIOGA          | 834            | 3,196    |
| FAYETTE                                             | 3,130   | 5,092    | UNION          | 349            | 1,065    |
| FOREST*                                             | 0       | 0        | VENANGO        | 1,257          | 2,925    |
| FRANKLIN                                            | 1,940   | 5,948    | WARREN         | 767            | 2,225    |
| FULTON                                              | 204     | 553      | WASHINGTON     | 4,533          | 6,364    |
| GREENE                                              | 750     | 2,069    | WAYNE          | 2,084          | 2,944    |
| HUNTINGDON                                          | 454     | 1,597    | WESTMORELAND   | 6,528          | 10,690   |
| INDIANA                                             | 1,378   | 3,031    | WYOMING        | 253            | 729      |
| JEFFERSON                                           | 711     | 1,676    | YORK           | 4,668          | 8,281    |
| JUNIATA                                             | 170     | 732      |                |                |          |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL FOR HANDGUNS FOR 2001</b>            |         |          |                | <b>155,120</b> |          |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL FOR LONG GUNS FOR 2001</b>           |         |          |                | <b>243,108</b> |          |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED</b> |         |          |                | <b>398,228</b> |          |

(\*There were no active dealers in Forest County reporting firearm transactions for the year 2001.)

Totals include any taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers reported for the year 2001.

(Reported as of 09/25/2002)

| <b>FIREARM SALES REPORTED BY MONTH FOR 2001</b> |                 |                  |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>2001</b>                                     | <b>HANDGUNS</b> | <b>LONG GUNS</b> | <b>MONTHLY TOTALS</b> |
| <b>JANUARY</b>                                  | 10,466          | 11,641           | 22,107                |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>                                 | 12,279          | 14,206           | 26,485                |
| <b>MARCH</b>                                    | 15,138          | 18,406           | 33,544                |
| <b>APRIL</b>                                    | 12,537          | 16,963           | 29,500                |
| <b>MAY</b>                                      | 10,688          | 13,801           | 24,489                |
| <b>JUNE</b>                                     | 10,002          | 12,756           | 22,758                |
| <b>JULY</b>                                     | 9,564           | 12,706           | 22,270                |
| <b>AUGUST</b>                                   | 10,303          | 15,879           | 26,182                |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>                                | 13,949          | 23,340           | 37,289                |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>                                  | 17,203          | 30,275           | 47,478                |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>                                 | 15,324          | 34,888           | 50,212                |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>                                 | 17,667          | 38,247           | 55,914                |
| <b>GRAND TOTALS</b>                             | <b>155,120</b>  | <b>243,108</b>   | <b>398,228</b>        |

Totals include any taxed and non taxed sales/transfers reported for year 2001.

(Reported as of 8/28/2002)

**2001 County Statistics for  
License to Carry Firearms  
and  
Sportsman's Firearm Permits**

| COUNTY                                 | LTC   | SFP | COUNTY         | LTC                   | SFP                 |
|----------------------------------------|-------|-----|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| ADAMS                                  | 892   | 25  | LACKAWANNA     | 2,002                 | 66                  |
| ALLEGHENY                              | 7,466 | 338 | LANCASTER      | 3,308                 | 231                 |
| ARMSTRONG                              | 1,781 | 55  | LAWRENCE       | 1,084                 | 95                  |
| BEAVER                                 | 1,579 | 191 | LEBANON        | 1,659                 | 45                  |
| BEDFORD                                | 640   | 57  | LEHIGH         | 2,119                 | 100                 |
| BERKS                                  | 2,630 | 60  | LUZERNE        | 2,779                 | 149                 |
| BLAIR                                  | 1,787 | 18  | LYCOMING       | 1,422                 | 14                  |
| BRADFORD                               | 1,022 | 111 | MCKEAN         | 792                   | 32                  |
| BUCKS                                  | 5,186 | 205 | MERCER         | 1,136                 | 189                 |
| BUTLER                                 | 1,944 | 66  | MIFFLIN        | 538                   | 39                  |
| CAMBRIA                                | 2,139 | 169 | MONROE         | 1,029                 | 113                 |
| CAMERON                                | 147   | 13  | MONTGOMERY     | 3,936                 | 235                 |
| CARBON                                 | 947   | 67  | MONTOUR        | 163                   | 24                  |
| CENTRE                                 | 1,385 | 61  | NORTHAMPTON    | 1,388                 | 107                 |
| CHESTER                                | 2,105 | 115 | NORTHUMBERLAND | 1,139                 | 30                  |
| CLARION                                | 609   | 66  | PERRY          | 786                   | 68                  |
| CLEARFIELD                             | 1,136 | 78  | PHILADELPHIA   | 5,347                 | 7                   |
| CLINTON                                | 583   | 24  | PIKE           | 785                   | 185                 |
| COLUMBIA                               | 771   | 79  | POTTER         | 239                   | 54                  |
| CRAWFORD                               | 947   | 220 | SCHUYLKILL     | 2,067                 | 19                  |
| CUMBERLAND                             | 1,678 | 85  | SNYDER         | 552                   | 21                  |
| DAUPHIN                                | 2,379 | 41  | SOMERSET       | 750                   | 108                 |
| DELAWARE                               | 2,463 | 114 | SULLIVAN       | 122                   | 33                  |
| ELK                                    | 662   | 76  | SUSQUEHANNA    | 820                   | 66                  |
| ERIE                                   | 1,626 | 258 | TIOGA          | 663                   | 67                  |
| FAYETTE                                | 1,858 | 112 | UNION          | 536                   | 7                   |
| FOREST                                 | 155   | 57  | VENANGO        | 674                   | 130                 |
| FRANKLIN                               | 1,264 | 99  | WARREN         | 863                   | 76                  |
| FULTON                                 | 240   | 9   | WASHINGTON     | 1,710                 | 177                 |
| GREENE                                 | 383   | 101 | WAYNE          | 614                   | 118                 |
| HUNTINGDON                             | 558   | 98  | WESTMORELAND   | 4,613                 | 342                 |
| INDIANA                                | 1,014 | 113 | WYOMING        | 539                   | 26                  |
| JEFFERSON                              | 923   | 48  | YORK           | 3,836                 | 86                  |
| JUNIATA                                | 297   | 18  |                |                       |                     |
| <b><u>GRAND TOTAL LTC FOR 2001</u></b> |       |     |                | <b><u>101,206</u></b> |                     |
| <b><u>GRAND TOTAL SFP FOR 2001</u></b> |       |     |                |                       | <b><u>6,306</u></b> |

LTC - License to Carry  
SFP - Sportsman's Firearm Permit

## NUMBER OF LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS BY COUNTY

| COUNTY                                          | NO. DEALERS | COUNTY         | NO. DEALERS  |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| ADAMS                                           | 37          | LACKAWANNA     | 69           |
| ALLEGHENY                                       | 167         | LANCASTER      | 75           |
| ARMSTRONG                                       | 37          | LAWRENCE       | 23           |
| BEAVER                                          | 58          | LEBANON        | 35           |
| BEDFORD                                         | 30          | LEHIGH         | 60           |
| BERKS                                           | 106         | LUZERNE        | 102          |
| BLAIR                                           | 49          | LYCOMING       | 59           |
| BRADFORD                                        | 56          | MCKEAN         | 26           |
| BUCKS                                           | 106         | MERCER         | 51           |
| BUTLER                                          | 63          | MIFFLIN        | 22           |
| CAMBRIA                                         | 55          | MONROE         | 54           |
| CAMERON                                         | 8           | MONTGOMERY     | 87           |
| CARBON                                          | 18          | MONTOUR        | 6            |
| CENTRE                                          | 45          | NORTHAMPTON    | 54           |
| CHESTER                                         | 95          | NORTHUMBERLAND | 38           |
| CLARION                                         | 32          | PERRY          | 27           |
| CLEARFIELD                                      | 32          | PHILADELPHIA   | 30           |
| CLINTON                                         | 15          | PIKE           | 27           |
| COLUMBIA                                        | 40          | POTTER         | 20           |
| CRAWFORD                                        | 39          | SCHUYLKILL     | 66           |
| CUMBERLAND                                      | 68          | SNYDER         | 21           |
| DAUPHIN                                         | 59          | SOMERSET       | 46           |
| DELAWARE                                        | 54          | SULLIVAN       | 9            |
| ELK                                             | 34          | SUSQUEHANNA    | 43           |
| ERIE                                            | 55          | TIOGA          | 40           |
| FAYETTE                                         | 56          | UNION          | 17           |
| FOREST                                          | 6           | VENANGO        | 28           |
| FRANKLIN                                        | 50          | WARREN         | 35           |
| FULTON                                          | 14          | WASHINGTON     | 49           |
| GREENE                                          | 18          | WAYNE          | 32           |
| HUNTINGDON                                      | 29          | WESTMORELAND   | 158          |
| INDIANA                                         | 69          | WYOMING        | 17           |
| JEFFERSON                                       | 28          | YORK           | 113          |
| JUNIATA                                         | 11          |                |              |
| <b>TOTAL LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS FOR 2001:</b> |             |                | <b>3,178</b> |

## PENNSYLVANIA INSTANT CHECK SYSTEM DOWNTIME - 2001

| Month         | Total<br>Hours<br>Down | NICS Hours  |             | PSP Hours  |             | Both Hours |             | Other Hours |            | No.Days<br>Affected | Minimum<br>Minutes<br>Down | Maximum<br>Minutes<br>Down | Partial<br>System<br>Out of<br>Service | System<br>Out of<br>Service |
|---------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|               |                        | Partial     | Down        | Partial    | Down        | Partial    | Down        | Partial     | Down       |                     |                            |                            |                                        |                             |
| January       | 37.0                   | 1.8         | 4.8         |            | 17.6        |            | 12.6        |             |            | 9                   | 10                         | 765                        | 0.41%                                  | 8.11%                       |
| February      | 11.0                   | 1.3         |             | 0.2        | 8.9         |            | 0.6         |             |            | 11                  | 8                          | 255                        | 0.38%                                  | 2.42%                       |
| March         | 7.2                    | 0.7         | 0.9         | 0.3        | 5.3         |            |             |             |            | 6                   | 8                          | 245                        | 0.23%                                  | 1.43%                       |
| April         | 4.6                    | 1.4         |             |            | 3.2         |            |             |             |            | 5                   | 4                          | 79                         | 0.33%                                  | 0.76%                       |
| May           |                        |             |             |            |             |            |             |             |            | 0                   | 0                          | 0                          | 0.00%                                  | 0.00%                       |
| June          | 9.7                    | 3.2         | 3.0         | 0.5        | 3.0         |            |             |             |            | 6                   | 10                         | 191                        | 0.88%                                  | 1.43%                       |
| July          | 5.4                    | 5.2         |             | 0.2        |             |            |             |             |            | 3                   | 5                          | 305                        | 1.24%                                  | 0.00%                       |
| August        | 13.1                   | 3.9         | 0.7         | 3.6        | 4.9         |            |             |             |            | 5                   | 3                          | 261                        | 1.73%                                  | 1.29%                       |
| September     | 8.7                    | 1.7         | 5.8         | 0.4        | 0.8         |            |             |             |            | 7                   | 4                          | 350                        | 0.50%                                  | 1.57%                       |
| October       | 7.9                    | 1.3         | 2.6         |            | 4.0         |            |             |             |            | 6                   | 10                         | 155                        | 0.30%                                  | 1.52%                       |
| November      | 6.0                    | 0.8         | 4.9         |            |             |            |             |             | *0.3       | 5                   | 20                         | 145                        | 0.20%                                  | 1.24%                       |
| December      | 40.8                   | 16.9        | 23.6        |            | 0.1         |            |             |             | **0.2      | 11                  | 3                          | 840                        | 3.92%                                  | 5.48%                       |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>151.4</b>           | <b>38.2</b> | <b>46.3</b> | <b>5.2</b> | <b>47.8</b> |            | <b>13.4</b> |             | <b>0.5</b> | <b>74</b>           | <b>85</b>                  | <b>3,591</b>               |                                        |                             |

**AVERAGE SYSTEM DOWNTIME FOR 2001: 2.96%**

Other: \*PSP Fire Drill, \*\*Penn DOT Time Out