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I am pleased to submit the 2003 Pennsylvania State Police Firearms Annual Report. Since its inception in 1998, the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) is responsible for the apprehension of 607 wanted persons who attempted to acquire firearms illegally. In addition to the apprehension of wanted persons, there have been 896 arrests and 515 convictions on individuals who have attempted to purchase a firearm knowing that they were prohibited. The Pennsylvania State Police will continue to take every precaution to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and discourage prohibited individuals from trying to obtain firearms illegally.

A significant change to Section 6105 of the Uniform Firearms Act that went into effect at the end of 2002 had an impact on PICS in 2003. Act No. 172 was signed into law on December 9, 2002, amending Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes §6105.1. This amendment provides in part for the restoration of firearm rights for offenses under prior laws of this Commonwealth. Individuals convicted of certain offenses that would not result in a federal firearms disability under current law may now make application to the Court of Common Pleas in the county where the applicant's principal residence is located for restoration of their firearm rights.

An example of an offense that might fall into this category would be an old conviction for Driving Under the Influence. Under the old Vehicle Code a first offense would result in a firearms disability under federal law as it was a misdemeanor crime with a maximum penalty of up to three years incarceration. In 1976, Driving Under the Influence was reduced to a misdemeanor offense not exceeding two years. Therefore, a single conviction under the current Vehicle Code would not result in any firearm disabilities.

Individuals who apply under §6105.1 must provide notice of application for restoration of firearms rights to the Pennsylvania State Police. The PICS Challenge Unit reviews all applications for compliance with the act and prepares correspondence. Individuals who are granted restoration by the Court of Common Pleas under §6105.1 and have no other prohibiting offenses become eligible to purchase firearms.

The Firearms Division continues to strive to maintain a positive working relationship with Pennsylvania firearm dealers. At the request of several new high volume firearm dealers, staff from the Firearm Accounts Unit conducted on-site training for the dealer's employees. We will continue to do all that we can to keep Pennsylvania firearm dealers informed and our communities safe. On behalf of the Pennsylvania State Police, I present the 2003 Pennsylvania Firearms Annual Report.

Sincerely,

Col. Jeffrey B. Miller

Colonel Jeffrey B. Miller
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 (NICS) operated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) 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 works together with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (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 498 files referred to PSP Troops, ATF, and local police departments for investigation. As a result of these referrals, there were 280 arrests reported, 225 convictions, and prosecution was declined on 138 cases (these numbers include investigations initiated in prior years).

The firearm background check process consists of comprehensive searches of many databases, including: 2.1 million Pennsylvania criminal history and juvenile records, 312,452 mental health records, approximately 49,900 wanted persons, and federal files containing over 43 million criminal history records, and 6 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 2003, PICS conducted 542,441 transactions for sheriffs and firearm dealers throughout the Commonwealth. Of these calls, 55% were approved within minutes by the system, while an additional 35% 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 71% of the calls received were for gun checks, 24% were for a license to carry a concealed firearm, and the remaining 5% were requests for information on pending checks.

Of the 542,441 transactions this year, 10,406 were initially denied through prohibitions indicated on the individual's record. There were 4,184 individuals who challenged their denials. Based on continued research, information that was provided by the subject of the background check, and/or subsequent receipt of official court records, there were 1,882 challenges that were granted a reversal. The overall approval rate for firearm background check transactions in 2003 was 98%.

A total of 392,132 firearms were reported purchased or privately transferred in Pennsylvania for 2003. Licensed firearm dealers reported 147,719 handgun transactions and 244,413 long gun transactions for the year.

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* for 2003 reported 12,811 violent crimes committed involving the use of a firearm.

There were 95 fugitives identified and apprehended as a result of PICS in 2003. Law enforcement authorities are notified immediately when a fugitive is attempting to purchase a firearm, and is identified through a PICS check.

The first of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court decisions was rendered this year. On November 20, 2003 a decision was issued on Paulshock and Reed, confirming that a Common Pleas Court could not remove a federal firearms disability in a proceeding filed pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. 6105 (d). The court opined that Courts of Common Pleas were limited to removing the disability under 6105 (b) or (c) only and lacked authority to remove federal firearms disabilities. Unlike those provisions as set forth under 6105.1, Paulshock and Reed applied to the Court of Common Pleas to have their federal firearms disability restored for offenses that were and still are prohibiting under federal law.

Under 6105.1 of the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act, individuals may apply for restoration of firearm rights to the Court of Common Pleas for offenses under prior laws of this Commonwealth that would not result in a federal firearms disability under current law.

This report provides statistics and information on the activities of the Pennsylvania State Police, Firearms Division, for calendar year 2003 in compliance with 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 6111.1(i) of the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act.

BACKGROUND

On June 13, 1995, Act 17 was signed 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 firearm 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 an agency organizational segment within 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 542,441 background checks initiated in 2003.

- 55% were automatically approved through the IVR computer. The remaining 45% were forwarded to a PICS operator for assistance.
- 35% 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 2003. These figures do not include calls that are put into research for more than one day.

- Calls handled through the automated system averaged 1.38 minutes.
- Operator assisted approvals averaged 4.96 minutes.
- Operator assisted denials averaged 12.75 minutes.
- Combined operator assisted calls averaged 8.85 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.

- 10,406 denials were issued by PICS operators in 2003.
- 4,184 individuals challenged their denials.
- 2,259 individuals were issued final denials.
- 1,882 denials were reversed.
- 43 cases are pending final disposition.

APPEAL STATUS

A total of 61 individuals who were issued final denials appealed their case to the Office of Attorney General in 2003. Additional documentation was received that enabled 20 of these cases to be reversed prior to the scheduled hearing date. The following chart reflects the outcome of the remaining cases.

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

CASES UPHELD	8
CASES REVERSED	4
CASES WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	20
CASES PENDING HEARING/DECISION	9

The first appeals to reach the Commonwealth Court level were in the year 2000. A total of 8 appeals were submitted to the Commonwealth Court in 2003. Listed below is disposition information as reported in 2003.

COMMONWEALTH COURT

CASES UPHELD	2
CASES REVERSED	2
CASES REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	0
CASES PENDING HEARING/DECISION	4

The first appeals to reach the Supreme Court were in the year 2001. Statistics listed for Supreme Court cases reflect cumulative totals. At the end of 2003, there were 4 appeals pending acceptance by the Supreme Court.

PA SUPREME COURT

CASES UPHELD	3
CASES REVERSED	0
CASES REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	2
CASES ACCEPTED, PENDING HEARING/DECISION	1

FIREARM SALES AND TRANSFERS FOR 2003

There were 2,589 Pennsylvania licensed firearm dealers in 2003. 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 two private individuals who are both Pennsylvania residents.

Private transfers of long guns between two 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.

- 392,132 firearms were reported purchased/transferred in Pennsylvania in 2003.
- 147,719 handguns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 244,413 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 2003

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* is prepared each year under separate cover by the Pennsylvania State Police. Excerpts of summary data from the 2003 report regarding crimes involving firearms are as follows:

TYPE OF CRIME	TOTAL	FIREARMS	PERCENT
Homicide	629	437	69.5%
Robbery	17,327	7,140	41.2%
Aggravated Assault	24,853	5,234	21.1%

LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS/SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS

There were a total of 118,070 Licenses to Carry Firearms reported issued by county sheriffs' offices in 2003. Background checks are conducted through PICS to determine an individual's eligibility to obtain a License to Carry Firearms.

Under the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act, the Attorney General has the authority to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states to mutually recognize their License to Carry a Firearm. Currently there are 6 states that have formal agreements with Pennsylvania, they are: Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Michigan, and Wyoming.

There are 6 other states that recognize Pennsylvania's License to Carry Firearms, however there is no formal agreement with those states, thus Pennsylvania does not recognize their license. Those states are: Alaska, Idaho, Indiana, Montana, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. The individual must have the actual permit and a photo ID on their person while carrying a weapon. Since Pennsylvania does not have a reciprocity agreement with these states at this time, licenses issued from those states are not recognized in Pennsylvania. This information can be found on the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General's web site at www.attorneygeneral.gov under Criminal Law.

Sportsman's Firearm Permits are issued by the County Treasurer's office and do not require a background check. In 2003, there were a total of 5,140 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 2003, 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, Firearms and Explosives.

TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED	498
Total Referred to PSP Troops	375
Total Referred to Local PD's	118
Total Referred to ATF	5

Listed below are the investigation results reported in 2003. As of December 31, 2003 there were 300 investigations with no reported disposition. The breakdown is as follows: 1999-8, 2000-18, 2001-48, 2002-111, and 2003-115.

INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES	
Arrests Reported	280
Convictions Reported	225
Prosecutions Declined	138
Total Dispositions Unreported to Date	300

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 83.5 hours or 1.63% of the total operational hours out of service due to technical problems. (See Appendix F for additional information.)

- 59% of downtime was due to technical difficulties with federal databases.
- 35% of downtime was due to Pennsylvania State Police system problems.
- .5% of downtime was due to a combination of technical problems in both the state and federal systems.
- 5.5% of downtime was due to other technical difficulties

CONCLUSION

PICS was developed in accordance with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act. PICS provides a means by 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. 2003 STATISTICS FROM THE I.V.R.COMPUTERS

YEAR 2003	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
Total PICS Calls	41,373	42,354	55,518	44,465	38,988	34,409	34,152	40,128	46,077	54,074	58,595	52,308	542,441
System-Immediate Approvals	23,423	23,875	31,216	24,294	21,660	18,430	18,419	21,821	25,799	29,828	31,244	28,641	298,650
Database Hit-Call to Operator	12,167	13,297	17,362	13,543	12,268	11,712	11,414	12,752	14,492	17,211	19,148	16,271	171,637
Rotary Phone-File Timed Out	5,783	5,182	6,940	6,628	5,060	4,267	4,319	5,555	5,786	7,035	8,203	7,396	72,154
Average %-System Approvals	56.61%	56.37%	56.23%	54.64%	55.56%	53.56%	53.93%	54.38%	55.99%	55.16%	53.32%	54.75%	55.06%

TOTAL TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED THROUGH PICS IN 2003: 542,441

(Reported as of 4/27/04)

2003 FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED BY COUNTY					
COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN	COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN
ADAMS	1,179	3,218	LACKAWANNA	3,189	4,777
ALLEGHENY	12,814	13,267	LANCASTER	6,536	10,261
ARMSTRONG	805	1,670	LAWRENCE	1,474	2,425
BEAVER	2,758	3,096	LEBANON	2,660	4,723
BEDFORD	830	4,175	LEHIGH	5,748	6,558
BERKS	4,876	8,897	LUZERNE	5,313	7,561
BLAIR	2,621	3,592	LYCOMING	2,838	6,740
BRADFORD	821	3,015	MCKEAN	416	1,229
BUCKS	7,749	7,463	MERCER	876	1,824
BUTLER	3,498	6,434	MIFFLIN	485	1,133
CAMBRIA	2,192	4,560	MONROE	3,063	2,854
CAMERON	46	91	MONTGOMERY	5,420	5,809
CARBON	526	943	MONTOUR	27	73
CENTRE	612	2,589	NORTHAMPTON	2,648	3,381
CHESTER	3,228	3,589	NORTHUMBERLAND	847	1,807
CLARION	808	2,570	PERRY	887	1,610
CLEARFIELD	2,843	8,310	PHILADELPHIA	7,141	2,170
CLINTON	576	1,771	PIKE	307	840
COLUMBIA	1,628	2,672	POTTER	135	426
CRAWFORD	775	1,980	SCHUYLKILL	2,141	4,927
CUMBERLAND	1,943	4,664	SNYDER	436	1,605
DAUPHIN	2,064	4,536	SOMERSET	1,373	3,906
DELAWARE	4,588	2,155	SULLIVAN	68	298
ELK	564	1,368	SUSQUEHANNA	703	2,295
ERIE	3,621	8,563	TIOGA	826	2,896
FAYETTE	3,635	5,579	UNION	279	877
FOREST	0	16	VENANGO	1,191	2,628
FRANKLIN	1,846	7,059	WARREN	638	2,082
FULTON	100	390	WASHINGTON	4,393	6,835
GREENE	559	1,716	WAYNE	1,840	3,186
HUNTINGDON	393	1,841	WESTMORELAND	6,339	11,132
INDIANA	1,016	2,208	WYOMING	208	675
JEFFERSON	714	2,021	YORK	4,917	8,228
JUNIATA	129	624			
GRAND TOTAL FOR HANDGUNS FOR 2003				147,719	
GRAND TOTAL FOR LONG GUNS FOR 2003				244,413	
GRAND TOTAL FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED				392,132	

Totals include any taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers reported for the year 2003.

(Reported as of 4/27/04)

FIREARM SALES REPORTED BY MONTH FOR 2003			
2003	HANDGUNS	LONG GUNS	MONTHLY TOTALS
JANUARY	14,969	19,581	34,550
FEBRUARY	12,958	16,828	29,786
MARCH	16,629	21,293	37,922
APRIL	12,299	17,340	29,639
MAY	11,415	14,418	25,833
JUNE	10,848	14,143	24,991
JULY	10,178	14,260	24,438
AUGUST	10,872	18,996	29,868
SEPTEMBER	11,881	23,105	34,986
OCTOBER	12,582	27,539	40,121
NOVEMBER	12,046	32,631	44,677
DECEMBER	11,042	24,279	35,321
GRAND TOTALS	147,719	244,413	392,132

Totals include any taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers reported for year 2003.

(Reported as of 4/27/04)

2003 COUNTY STATISTICS FOR LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS AND SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS					
COUNTY	LTC	SFP	COUNTY	LTC	SFP
ADAMS	1,052	35	LACKAWANNA	1,630	56
ALLEGHENY	11,326	175	LANCASTER	2,692	179
ARMSTRONG	1,967	52	LAWRENCE	1,248	99
BEAVER	2,589	187	LEBANON	1,229	37
BEDFORD	694	63	LEHIGH	1,754	68
BERKS	3,857	82	LUZERNE	2,414	123
BLAIR	2,220	20	LYCOMING	1,774	12
BRADFORD	886	80	MCKEAN	1,023	35
BUCKS	4,433	214	MERCER	1,148	165
BUTLER	3,211	63	MIFFLIN	673	37
CAMBRIA	2,171	95	MONROE	1,144	125
CAMERON	162	7	MONTGOMERY	3,826	120
CARBON	817	49	MONTOUR	209	30
CENTRE	2,856	49	NORTHAMPTON	1,852	126
CHESTER	2,210	92	NORTHUMBERLAND	1,307	18
CLARION	680	95	PERRY	666	50
CLEARFIELD	1,493	62	PHILADELPHIA	6,289	7
CLINTON	694	27	PIKE	1,047	154
COLUMBIA	846	62	POTTER	403	57
CRAWFORD	885	122	SCHUYLKILL	2,270	18
CUMBERLAND	1,682	63	SNYDER	525	19
DAUPHIN	2,586	43	SOMERSET	910	91
DELAWARE	2,750	83	SULLIVAN	135	18
ELK	781	37	SUSQUEHANNA	783	75
ERIE	2,030	242	TIOGA	913	58
FAYETTE	2,134	90	UNION	627	10
FOREST	156	57	VENANGO	728	129
FRANKLIN	1,214	89	WARREN	727	35
FULTON	304	19	WASHINGTON	2,856	106
GREENE	438	80	WAYNE	805	86
HUNTINGDON	569	88	WESTMORELAND	7,118	243
INDIANA	1,455	92	WYOMING	491	14
JEFFERSON	1,080	47	YORK	4,325	64
JUNIATA	301	15			
GRAND TOTAL LTC FOR 2003				118,070	
GRAND TOTAL SFP FOR 2003				5,140	

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

(5/6/04)

NUMBER OF LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS BY COUNTY FOR 2003			
COUNTY	NO. DEALERS	COUNTY	NO. DEALERS
ADAMS	29	LACKAWANNA	51
ALLEGHENY	150	LANCASTER	64
ARMSTRONG	27	LAWRENCE	21
BEAVER	46	LEBANON	29
BEDFORD	22	LEHIGH	47
BERKS	72	LUZERNE	76
BLAIR	44	LYCOMING	47
BRADFORD	43	MCKEAN	21
BUCKS	88	MERCER	48
BUTLER	53	MIFFLIN	19
CAMBRIA	52	MONROE	50
CAMERON	6	MONTGOMERY	68
CARBON	14	MONTOUR	4
CENTRE	37	NORTHAMPTON	45
CHESTER	83	NORTHUMBERLAND	27
CLARION	27	PERRY	23
CLEARFIELD	27	PHILADELPHIA	20
CLINTON	12	PIKE	22
COLUMBIA	28	POTTER	21
CRAWFORD	31	SCHUYLKILL	42
CUMBERLAND	56	SNYDER	14
DAUPHIN	48	SOMERSET	39
DELAWARE	41	SULLIVAN	7
ELK	24	SUSQUEHANNA	31
ERIE	47	TIOGA	26
FAYETTE	48	UNION	12
FOREST	4	VENANGO	22
FRANKLIN	44	WARREN	33
FULTON	11	WASHINGTON	39
GREENE	14	WAYNE	30
HUNTINGDON	22	WESTMORELAND	138
INDIANA	60	WYOMING	14
JEFFERSON	24	YORK	96
JUNIATA	9		
TOTAL LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS FOR 2003			2,589

PENNSYLVANIA INSTANT CHECK SYSTEM DOWNTIME - 2003

Month	Total Hours Down	NICS Hours		PSP Hours		Both Hours		Other Hours		No.Days Affected	Minimum Minutes Down	Maximum Minutes Down	Partial System Out of Service	System Out of Service
		Partial	Down	Partial	Down	Partial	Down	Partial	Down					
January	9.1	4.1	3.7		1.3					8	5	70	0.95%	1.15%
February	4.5	0.5		0.3	3.7					6	5	120	0.21%	0.94%
March	6.7	2.8	1.3		2.3		0.3			8	10	80	0.65%	0.90%
April	13.3			5.0	5.8				2.5	6	10	195	1.19%	1.98%
May	3.4	0.8	1.3		1.3					5	6	80	0.18%	0.60%
June	6.9		6.2		0.7					4	10	370	0.00%	1.64%
July	4.7	0.2	3.1		0.4				1.0	6	5	135	0.04%	1.04%
August	8.4		2.2		4.7		0.2		1.3	9	5	99	0.00%	1.94%
September	1.8				1.8					3	20	50	0.00%	0.43%
October	3.0	1.3	1.2		0.5					3	9	61	0.30%	0.40%
November	6.9	4.8	1.5		0.6					4	7	51	1.14%	0.50%
December	14.8	14.3			0.5					4	5	25	3.29%	0.12%
TOTALS	83.5	28.8	20.5	5.3	23.6		0.5		4.8	66	97	1,336		
AVERAGE SYSTEM DOWNTIME FOR 2003: 1.63 %														

Other: Power outage at Willow Oak, Commonwealth computer center.