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I am honored to submit the 2004 Pennsylvania State Police Firearms Annual Report.

A significant change took place in 2004 regarding Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance (DUI), Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes § 3802, that impacts the eligibility for purchasing a firearm. Depending on the circumstances of the DUI arrest, a person could receive a misdemeanor 1 level conviction after the 2nd offense. A misdemeanor 1 carries a maximum penalty of up to five years in prison. A person convicted of a misdemeanor crime for which they could receive more than two years would be prohibited from possessing a firearm under federal law.

In an effort to keep its staff informed regarding the continuing changes in the law, the Firearms Division conducts annual mandatory training classes for all employees of the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS). In addition to reviewing changes in state law, policies, and procedures, representatives of the National Instant Check System (NICS) are invited to participate in this training to review changes or questions concerning federal law.

We will continue to do our best to keep Pennsylvania firearm dealers informed by mailing a Firearm Dealer's Newsletter twice each year to address changes in the firearm laws, subject matters regarding frequently asked questions by firearm dealers, and any other firearm-related issues of concern. In addition to the semi-annual newsletter, all firearm dealers are provided with a manual for PICS that details everything from how to place a call through PICS, to how to fill out forms.

The number of wanted persons apprehended while attempting to acquire firearms illegally through PICS reached a total of 691 by the end of 2004. As part of our core purpose to seek justice, preserve peace, and improve the quality of life for all, every precaution is taken by the Pennsylvania State Police to ensure that firearms are kept out of the hands of prohibited individuals.

I can assure you that we will continue to strive for a means to provide the training, knowledge, and technology necessary to continue to provide and improve this service that plays an integral part in keeping prohibited individuals from purchasing firearms. It is my privilege to present the 2004 Pennsylvania State Police Firearms Annual Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "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) conducts a firearm background check program, the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS). PICS utilizes a toll-free number and Interactive Voice Response (IVR) component which is 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 401 files referred to PSP Troops, ATF, and local police departments for investigation. As a result of these referrals, there were 259 arrests reported, 112 convictions, and prosecution was declined on 108 cases (these numbers include investigations initiated in prior years).

The firearm background check process consists of comprehensive searches of many databases, including: 2,146,699 Pennsylvania criminal history and juvenile records, 355,447 mental health records, approximately 100,275 wanted persons, and federal files containing almost 46 million criminal history records, and 6.5 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 15 days to complete when a potentially prohibited offense or condition is identified.

In 2004, PICS conducted 529,133 transactions for sheriffs and firearm dealers throughout the Commonwealth. Of these calls, 57% were approved within minutes by the system, while an additional 34% were approved during the initial call with the assistance of an operator. Therefore, 91% 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 74% of the calls received were for gun checks, 20% were for a license to carry a concealed firearm, and the remaining 6% were requests for information on pending checks.

Of the 529,133 transactions this year, 9,943 were initially denied through prohibitions indicated on the individual's record. There were 3,783 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 1,573 challenges that were granted a reversal. The overall approval rate for firearm background check transactions in 2004 was 98%.

A total of 392,809 firearms were reported purchased or privately transferred in Pennsylvania for 2004. Licensed firearm dealers reported 146,126 handgun transactions and 246,683 long gun transactions for the year.

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* for 2004 reported 13,681 violent crimes committed involving the use of a firearm.

There were 84 fugitives identified and apprehended as a result of PICS in 2004. 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 2004 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 PICS. PICS provides instantaneous records access through a toll free telephone number and an IVR system. 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 NICS 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 (PFA) 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 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 (NICS).

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 529,133 background checks initiated in 2004.

- 304,121 were automatically approved through the IVR computer. The remaining 225,012 were forwarded to a PICS operator for assistance.
- 177,658 of the calls forwarded to PICS operators were subsequently approved during the initial call.
- A total of 481,779 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 2004. These figures do not include calls that are placed into research for more than one day.

- Calls handled through the automated system averaged 1.48 minutes.
- Operator assisted approvals averaged 5.52 minutes.
- Operator assisted denials averaged 14.85 minutes.
- Combined operator assisted calls averaged 10.18 minutes.

## **CHALLENGES TO DENIALS**

Upon receipt of a challenge to a denial, the transaction file is pulled and reviewed by the PICS Challenge 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.

- 9,943 denials were issued by PICS operators in 2004.
- 3,783 individuals challenged their denials.
- 2,176 individuals were issued final denials.
- 1,573 denials were reversed.
- 34 cases are pending final disposition.

## **APPEAL STATUS**

A total of 52 individuals who were issued final denials appealed their case to the Office of Attorney General in 2004. Additional documentation was received that enabled 10 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                   | 12 |
| CASES REVERSED                 | 0  |
| CASES WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED      | 2  |
| CASES PENDING HEARING/DECISION | 28 |

The first appeals to reach the Commonwealth Court level were in the year 2000. A total of three appeals were submitted to the Commonwealth Court in 2004. Listed below is disposition information as reported in 2004.

### **COMMONWEALTH COURT**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| CASES UPHELD                      | 2 |
| CASES REVERSED                    | 1 |
| CASES REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED | 0 |
| CASES PENDING HEARING/DECISION    | 0 |

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 2004, there were no appeals pending acceptance by the Supreme Court.

### **PA SUPREME COURT**

|                                          |   |
|------------------------------------------|---|
| CASES UPHELD                             | 3 |
| CASES REVERSED                           | 0 |
| CASES REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED        | 8 |
| CASES ACCEPTED, PENDING HEARING/DECISION | 1 |
| CASES REMANDED                           | 1 |

## **FIREARM SALES AND TRANSFERS FOR 2004**

There were 2,615 Pennsylvania licensed firearm dealers in 2004. 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.

- 392,809 firearms were reported purchased/transferred in Pennsylvania in 2004.
- 146,126 handguns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 246,683 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 2004**

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* is prepared each year under separate cover by the Pennsylvania State Police. Excerpts of summary data from the 2004 report regarding crimes involving firearms are as follows:

| <b>TYPE OF CRIME</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>FIREARMS</b> | <b>PERCENT</b> |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Homicide             | 623          | 448             | 71.9%          |
| Robbery              | 17,899       | 7,638           | 42.7%          |
| Aggravated Assault   | 26,467       | 5,595           | 21.1%          |

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

There were a total of 107,285 Licenses to Carry Firearms reported issued by county sheriffs' offices in 2004. Background checks are conducted through PICS to determine an individual's eligibility to obtain a License to Carry Firearms.

Under PUFA, 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 eight states that have formal agreements with Pennsylvania. They are: Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Texas, and Wyoming.

There are six 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 website at [www.attorneygeneral.gov](http://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 2004, there were a total of 6,410 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 2004, 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.

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED</b> | <b>401</b> |
| Total Referred to PSP Troops          | 262        |
| Total Referred to Local PDs           | 136        |
| Total Referred to ATF                 | 3          |

Listed below are the investigation results reported in 2004. As of December 31, 2004, there were 468 investigations with no reported disposition. The breakdown is as follows: 1999-7, 2000-15, 2001-18, 2002-19, 2003-135, and 2004-274.

| <b>INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES</b>         |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Arrests Reported                      | 259 |
| Convictions Reported                  | 112 |
| Prosecutions Declined                 | 108 |
| Total Dispositions Unreported to Date | 468 |

## **WANTED PERSONS ARRESTS**

A total of 84 individuals with active warrants were apprehended in 2004. Since its inception on July 1, 1998, PICS is responsible for the apprehension of 691 individuals.

## **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. Due to 2004 being a leap year, there were 5,124 total operational hours. PICS experienced 93.6 hours or 1.83% of the total operational hours out of service due to technical problems. (See Appendix F for additional information.)

- 74% of downtime was due to technical difficulties with federal databases.
- 25% of downtime was due to Pennsylvania State Police system problems.
- .9% of downtime was due to a combination of technical problems in both the state and federal systems.
- .1% 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 PICS is working as intended.

## ***PICS 2004 STATISTICS FROM THE I.V.R. COMPUTERS***

| YEAR 2004                     | JAN    | FEB    | MAR    | APR    | MAY    | JUN    | JUL    | AUG    | SEP    | OCT    | NOV    | DEC    | TOTALS  |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Total PICS Calls              | 40,156 | 42,545 | 53,432 | 43,801 | 33,893 | 34,056 | 36,092 | 39,268 | 44,281 | 52,536 | 56,299 | 52,774 | 529,133 |
| System-Immediate Approvals    | 22,552 | 22,825 | 28,979 | 23,651 | 18,253 | 18,970 | 19,424 | 23,693 | 26,653 | 32,116 | 34,117 | 32,888 | 304,121 |
| Database Hit-Call to Operator | 12,928 | 14,036 | 16,880 | 14,151 | 10,443 | 10,565 | 11,330 | 10,347 | 11,754 | 13,449 | 15,943 | 14,092 | 155,918 |
| Rotary Phone-File Timed Out   | 4,676  | 5,684  | 7,573  | 5,999  | 5,197  | 4,521  | 5,338  | 5,228  | 5,874  | 6,971  | 6,239  | 5,794  | 69,094  |
| Average %-System Approvals    | 56.16% | 53.65% | 54.24% | 54.00% | 53.85% | 55.70% | 53.82% | 60.34% | 60.19% | 61.13% | 60.60% | 62.32% | 57.48%  |

**TOTAL TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED THROUGH PICS IN 2004: 529,133**

\* Due to technical modification conducted on October 30 and October 31, 2004, stats for calls transferred to database operators were not available for those two days. All other statistics are accurate.

(Reported as of 4/14/05)

| <b>2004 FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED BY COUNTY</b> |                |                 |                |                |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>COUNTY</b>                                          | <b>HANDGUN</b> | <b>LONG GUN</b> | <b>COUNTY</b>  | <b>HANDGUN</b> | <b>LONG GUN</b> |
| ADAMS                                                  | 1,337          | 3,377           | LACKAWANNA     | 3,199          | 4,696           |
| ALLEGHENY                                              | 12,171         | 12,590          | LANCASTER      | 5,894          | 9,839           |
| ARMSTRONG                                              | 676            | 1,482           | LAWRENCE       | 1,704          | 2,617           |
| BEAVER                                                 | 2,442          | 2,909           | LEBANON        | 1,811          | 3,814           |
| BEDFORD                                                | 838            | 4,037           | LEHIGH         | 6,510          | 7,552           |
| BERKS                                                  | 6,494          | 14,596          | LUZERNE        | 5,392          | 7,709           |
| BLAIR                                                  | 2,248          | 3,625           | LYCOMING       | 2,819          | 6,695           |
| BRADFORD                                               | 834            | 2,670           | MCKEAN         | 492            | 1,194           |
| BUCKS                                                  | 7,856          | 7,630           | MERCER         | 951            | 2,150           |
| BUTLER                                                 | 3,581          | 6,238           | MIFFLIN        | 409            | 976             |
| CAMBRIA                                                | 2,378          | 4,583           | MONROE         | 3,148          | 3,234           |
| CAMERON                                                | 41             | 62              | MONTGOMERY     | 5,078          | 5,799           |
| CARBON                                                 | 487            | 914             | MONTOUR        | 21             | 196             |
| CENTRE                                                 | 623            | 2,593           | NORTHAMPTON    | 2,384          | 3,331           |
| CHESTER                                                | 2,815          | 3,484           | NORTHUMBERLAND | 692            | 1,634           |
| CLARION                                                | 741            | 2,345           | PERRY          | 778            | 1,442           |
| CLEARFIELD                                             | 2,556          | 8,030           | PHILADELPHIA   | 7,038          | 1,898           |
| CLINTON                                                | 536            | 1,782           | PIKE           | 225            | 808             |
| COLUMBIA                                               | 1,172          | 2,407           | POTTER         | 224            | 680             |
| CRAWFORD                                               | 706            | 1,847           | SCHUYLKILL     | 2,270          | 4,415           |
| CUMBERLAND                                             | 1,844          | 4,834           | SNYDER         | 362            | 1,608           |
| DAUPHIN                                                | 2,770          | 5,844           | SOMERSET       | 1,208          | 3,620           |
| DELAWARE                                               | 4,668          | 2,054           | SULLIVAN       | 63             | 309             |
| ELK                                                    | 483            | 1,308           | SUSQUEHANNA    | 681            | 2,109           |
| ERIE                                                   | 3,309          | 8,087           | TIOGA          | 841            | 2,898           |
| FAYETTE                                                | 3,493          | 5,220           | UNION          | 363            | 1,166           |
| FOREST                                                 | 14             | 23              | VENANGO        | 1,126          | 2,321           |
| FRANKLIN                                               | 2,144          | 7,216           | WARREN         | 574            | 2,075           |
| FULTON                                                 | 75             | 221             | WASHINGTON     | 4,421          | 6,798           |
| GREENE                                                 | 478            | 1,277           | WAYNE          | 2,052          | 3,591           |
| HUNTINGDON                                             | 405            | 1,855           | WESTMORELAND   | 6,112          | 10,640          |
| INDIANA                                                | 944            | 2,188           | WYOMING        | 224            | 799             |
| JEFFERSON                                              | 767            | 1,817           | YORK           | 4,988          | 8,305           |
| JUNIATA                                                | 146            | 620             |                |                |                 |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL FOR HANDGUNS FOR 2004</b>               |                |                 |                | <b>146,126</b> |                 |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL FOR LONG GUNS FOR 2004</b>              |                |                 |                | <b>246,683</b> |                 |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED</b>    |                |                 |                | <b>392,809</b> |                 |

Totals include any taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers reported for year 2004.

(Reported as of 4/14/05)

| <b>FIREARM SALES REPORTED BY MONTH FOR 2004</b> |                 |                  |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>2004</b>                                     | <b>HANDGUNS</b> | <b>LONG GUNS</b> | <b>MONTHLY TOTALS</b> |
| <b>JANUARY</b>                                  | 14,655          | 19,494           | 34,149                |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>                                 | 13,598          | 18,245           | 31,843                |
| <b>MARCH</b>                                    | 16,434          | 22,115           | 38,549                |
| <b>APRIL</b>                                    | 12,370          | 17,430           | 29,800                |
| <b>MAY</b>                                      | 10,808          | 13,449           | 24,257                |
| <b>JUNE</b>                                     | 10,295          | 13,587           | 23,882                |
| <b>JULY</b>                                     | 10,571          | 15,213           | 25,784                |
| <b>AUGUST</b>                                   | 10,399          | 18,442           | 28,841                |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>                                | 11,232          | 23,222           | 34,454                |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>                                  | 12,212          | 28,234           | 40,446                |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>                                 | 11,943          | 32,515           | 44,458                |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>                                 | 11,609          | 24,737           | 36,346                |
| <b>GRAND TOTALS</b>                             | <b>146,126</b>  | <b>246,683</b>   | <b>392,809</b>        |

Totals include any taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers reported for year 2004.

(Reported as of 4/14/05)

| 2004 COUNTY STATISTICS FOR LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS<br>AND SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS |        |     |                |         |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----|----------------|---------|-----|
| COUNTY                                                                                  | LTC    | SFP | COUNTY         | LTC     | SFP |
| ADAMS                                                                                   | 793    | 39  | LACKAWANNA     | 1,504   | 53  |
| ALLEGHENY                                                                               | 10,081 | 248 | LANCASTER      | 3,405   | 340 |
| ARMSTRONG                                                                               | 1,461  | 34  | LAWRENCE       | 1,087   | 98  |
| BEAVER                                                                                  | 2,112  | 183 | LEBANON        | 1,341   | 99  |
| BEDFORD                                                                                 | 648    | 64  | LEHIGH         | 2,239   | 156 |
| BERKS                                                                                   | 3,178  | 76  | LUZERNE        | 2,414   | 181 |
| BLAIR                                                                                   | 1,873  | 18  | LYCOMING       | 1,575   | 26  |
| BRADFORD                                                                                | 1,006  | 82  | MCKEAN         | 960     | 33  |
| BUCKS                                                                                   | 3,859  | 276 | MERCER         | 1,221   | 202 |
| BUTLER                                                                                  | 2,352  | 70  | MIFFLIN        | 549     | 46  |
| CAMBRIA                                                                                 | 1,719  | 73  | MONROE         | 933     | 146 |
| CAMERON                                                                                 | 144    | 6   | MONTGOMERY     | 3,831   | 169 |
| CARBON                                                                                  | 843    | 101 | MONTOUR        | 157     | 28  |
| CENTRE                                                                                  | 3,748  | 43  | NORTHAMPTON    | 1,761   | 126 |
| CHESTER                                                                                 | 2,298  | 104 | NORTHUMBERLAND | 1,022   | 24  |
| CLARION                                                                                 | 651    | 82  | PERRY          | 715     | 65  |
| CLEARFIELD                                                                              | 1,045  | 88  | PHILADELPHIA   | 4,566   | 11  |
| CLINTON                                                                                 | 355    | 19  | PIKE           | 844     | 169 |
| COLUMBIA                                                                                | 639    | 77  | POTTER         | 376     | 49  |
| CRAWFORD                                                                                | 1,032  | 202 | SCHUYLKILL     | 1,862   | 23  |
| CUMBERLAND                                                                              | 1,686  | 104 | SNYDER         | 480     | 15  |
| DAUPHIN                                                                                 | 2,213  | 69  | SOMERSET       | 876     | 89  |
| DELAWARE                                                                                | 2,625  | 148 | SULLIVAN       | 114     | 28  |
| ELK                                                                                     | 673    | 68  | SUSQUEHANNA    | 772     | 92  |
| ERIE                                                                                    | 1,963  | 281 | TIOGA          | 739     | 52  |
| FAYETTE                                                                                 | 2,836  | 104 | UNION          | 433     | 5   |
| FOREST                                                                                  | 132    | 80  | VENANGO        | 779     | 104 |
| FRANKLIN                                                                                | 1,184  | 153 | WARREN         | 1,064   | 72  |
| FULTON                                                                                  | 237    | 21  | WASHINGTON     | 2,273   | 124 |
| GREENE                                                                                  | 428    | 71  | WAYNE          | 683     | 133 |
| HUNTINGDON                                                                              | 467    | 103 | WESTMORELAND   | 5,950   | 240 |
| INDIANA                                                                                 | 1,220  | 135 | WYOMING        | 468     | 22  |
| JEFFERSON                                                                               | 858    | 36  | YORK           | 3,635   | 101 |
| JUNIATA                                                                                 | 298    | 31  |                |         |     |
| GRAND TOTAL LTC FOR 2004                                                                |        |     |                | 107,285 |     |
| GRAND TOTAL SFP FOR 2004                                                                |        |     |                | 6,410   |     |

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

| NUMBER OF LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS BY COUNTY FOR 2004 |             |                |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| COUNTY                                                | NO. DEALERS | COUNTY         | NO. DEALERS |
| ADAMS                                                 | 28          | LACKAWANNA     | 51          |
| ALLEGHENY                                             | 153         | LANCASTER      | 60          |
| ARMSTRONG                                             | 29          | LAWRENCE       | 22          |
| BEAVER                                                | 45          | LEBANON        | 30          |
| BEDFORD                                               | 23          | LEHIGH         | 44          |
| BERKS                                                 | 79          | LUZERNE        | 73          |
| BLAIR                                                 | 43          | LYCOMING       | 46          |
| BRADFORD                                              | 45          | MCKEAN         | 17          |
| BUCKS                                                 | 89          | MERCER         | 44          |
| BUTLER                                                | 51          | MIFFLIN        | 19          |
| CAMBRIA                                               | 51          | MONROE         | 51          |
| CAMERON                                               | 6           | MONTGOMERY     | 70          |
| CARBON                                                | 14          | MONTOUR        | 5           |
| CENTRE                                                | 37          | NORTHAMPTON    | 49          |
| CHESTER                                               | 86          | NORTHUMBERLAND | 30          |
| CLARION                                               | 27          | PERRY          | 26          |
| CLEARFIELD                                            | 28          | PHILADELPHIA   | 20          |
| CLINTON                                               | 11          | PIKE           | 23          |
| COLUMBIA                                              | 29          | POTTER         | 20          |
| CRAWFORD                                              | 32          | SCHUYLKILL     | 49          |
| CUMBERLAND                                            | 54          | SNYDER         | 15          |
| DAUPHIN                                               | 45          | SOMERSET       | 43          |
| DELAWARE                                              | 43          | SULLIVAN       | 5           |
| ELK                                                   | 25          | SUSQUEHANNA    | 35          |
| ERIE                                                  | 47          | TIOGA          | 28          |
| FAYETTE                                               | 47          | UNION          | 12          |
| FOREST                                                | 5           | VENANGO        | 22          |
| FRANKLIN                                              | 41          | WARREN         | 32          |
| FULTON                                                | 10          | WASHINGTON     | 41          |
| GREENE                                                | 13          | WAYNE          | 34          |
| HUNTINGDON                                            | 25          | WESTMORELAND   | 139         |
| INDIANA                                               | 59          | WYOMING        | 12          |
| JEFFERSON                                             | 23          | YORK           | 95          |
| JUNIATA                                               | 10          |                |             |
| TOTAL LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS FOR 2004               |             |                | 2,615       |

| PENNSYLVANIA INSTANT CHECK SYSTEM DOWNTIME - 2004 |                        |            |      |           |      |            |      |             |      |                      |                            |                            |                                        |                             |  |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|------|-----------|------|------------|------|-------------|------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 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                                           | 1.6                    | 0.3        | 0.2  | 1.1       |      |            |      |             |      | 3                    | 10                         | 65                         | 0.01%                                  | 0.25%                       |  |
| February                                          | 3.0                    | 1.2        | 1.4  | 0.4       |      |            |      |             |      | 5                    | 5                          | 65                         | 0.30%                                  | 0.44%                       |  |
| March                                             | 9.1                    | 0.9        | 6.8  | 1.4       |      |            |      |             |      | 6                    | 24                         | 150                        | 0.20%                                  | 1.89%                       |  |
| April                                             | 14.3                   | 4.7        | 8.4  | 1.2       |      |            |      |             |      | 7                    | 5                          | 300                        | 1.12%                                  | 2.29%                       |  |
| May                                               | 8.4                    | 3.6        | 2.0  | 2.8       |      |            |      |             |      | 7                    | 15                         | 150                        | 0.83%                                  | 1.11%                       |  |
| June                                              | 0.1                    |            | 0.1  |           |      |            |      |             |      | 1                    | 7                          | 7                          | 0.00%                                  | 0.03%                       |  |
| July                                              | 3.9                    |            | 2.4  | 0.5       | 0.9  |            |      | 0.1         |      | 5                    | 5                          | 100                        | 0.00%                                  | 0.90%                       |  |
| August                                            | 4.4                    | 0.2        | 0.3  | 2.9       |      |            |      |             |      | 5                    | 15                         | 115                        | 0.28%                                  | 0.74%                       |  |
| September                                         | 6.2                    |            | 2.0  | 4.2       |      |            |      |             |      | 4                    | 10                         | 140                        | 0.00%                                  | 1.48%                       |  |
| October                                           | 3.9                    |            | 1.8  | 2.1       |      |            |      |             |      | 4                    | 25                         | 85                         | 0.00%                                  | 0.90%                       |  |
| November                                          | 28.1                   |            | 26.0 | 2.1       |      |            |      |             |      | 10                   | 20                         | 540                        | 0.00%                                  | 6.70%                       |  |
| December                                          | 10.6                   |            | 6.8  | 3.7       |      |            |      | 0.1         |      | 10                   | 2                          | 200                        | 0.00%                                  | 2.44%                       |  |
|                                                   |                        |            |      |           |      |            |      |             |      |                      |                            |                            |                                        |                             |  |
| TOTALS                                            | 93.6                   | 10.9       | 58.0 | 22.4      | 0.9  |            | 0.2  | 67          | 143  | 1,917                | .23%                       | 1.60%                      |                                        |                             |  |
|                                                   |                        |            |      |           |      |            |      |             |      |                      |                            |                            |                                        |                             |  |
| AVERAGE SYSTEM DOWNTIME FOR 2004: 1.83%           |                        |            |      |           |      |            |      |             |      |                      |                            |                            |                                        |                             |  |

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