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I am pleased to present the 2009 Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Firearms Annual Report. This was another extremely busy year for the Firearms Division. The Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) logged over 660,000 calls, a record high number which is a seven percent increase from 2008. Likewise, reported firearm sales and transfers peaked at nearly 500,000, which is the highest total ever recorded by the Division.

The instantaneous background check process yielded warrant information that led to the arrest of 114 individuals while they were attempting to purchase a firearm last year. The coordinated efforts of PICS staff and law enforcement agencies, who respond to these notifications, have resulted in the arrest of 1,251 fugitives since PICS was established in July 1998.

PSP continues to work with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association to develop a modernized license to carry system. The Uniform Firearms Act mandates it be fully operational by May 2011. The system will standardize the license to carry application, issuance and revocation processes, as well as provide one format for the permit itself. Permit data will be electronically sent by the issuing authorities to the data center on a real-time basis. This allows for more immediate access by law enforcement to this vital information.

The Firearm Compliance Unit completed 50 on-site audits of licensed dealers in 2009; a 56 percent increase over 2008. These audits serve a dual purpose - to ensure that statutorily mandated surcharge forms and fees are submitted accurately, and to provide an opportunity for our staff to work with firearm dealers to address questions and issues pursuant to firearm sales and transfers.

The PSP Firearms Division maintains its commitment to provide the training, knowledge, and technology necessary to ensure quality service to Pennsylvania licensed firearm dealers, law enforcement and the public. On behalf of all those dedicated to the safety and wellbeing of this Commonwealth, I thank you for taking the time to review the 2009 PSP Firearms Annual Report.


Colonel Frank E. Pawlowski
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) conducts the instantaneous records check, known as the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS), promulgated by the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act (PUFA). PICS utilizes an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) component designed to handle 1.2 million calls a year and, when applicable, issues approvals without operator intervention.

Since July 1, 1998, Pennsylvania has served as a Point-of-Contact State for the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), operated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The PSP is required to comply with both state and federal laws in determining an individual's eligibility to acquire, transfer and/or carry firearms.

The PSP coordinates investigative efforts and networks information with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to investigate and prosecute individuals who attempt to obtain firearms illegally. In 2009, 328 files were referred to PSP Troops, ATF and local police departments for investigation. Investigation referrals, including those initiated in previous years, resulted in 215 arrests, 151 reported convictions and 74 cases in which prosecution was declined.

In 2009, PICS handled 663,003 transactions for sheriffs and licensed firearm dealers throughout the Commonwealth. Of these requests, 60 percent were approved within minutes by the system, while an additional 35 percent were approved during the initial call with operator assistance. Calls transferred for operator assistance generally include checks for out-of-state residents, database hits or time outs, alien requests and calls made from a rotary phone. In addition, 7,250 files that were placed in a research status were subsequently approved. Therefore, the overall approval rate of background checks that were initiated in 2009 is 95 percent.

The PICS Unit continues to see an increase in requests from law enforcement agencies for the return of confiscated firearms. In 2009, there were 3,911 background checks conducted for this purpose. In addition, 326 requests were processed for Protection from Abuse related third-party safekeeping checks. These transactions, which are processed in addition to the PICS IVR checks, represent a 12 percent increase from last year.

There were 9,449 background checks initially denied through prohibitions indicated on the individual's record. The PSP received 3,721 challenges to these denials. After further review of information provided by the individual or through official court documentation, 1,448 or 39 percent of the challenges were reversed.

A total of 496,277 firearms were reported purchased or privately transferred in Pennsylvania for 2009. Licensed firearm dealers reported 233,884 handgun transactions and 262,393 long gun transactions for the year.

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* for 2009 reported 12,593 violent crimes committed involving the use of a firearm.

This report provides statistics and information on the activities of the PSP Firearms Division for calendar year 2009, in compliance with 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 6111.1(i) of the PUFA.

BACKGROUND

On June 13, 1995, Act 17 was signed into law. Act 17 amended Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, the PUFA. The law included provisions for the PSP to conduct firearm background checks and to collect a \$2 fee from firearm dealers for each background check processed and a \$3 fee for the sale or transfer of each taxable firearm. These fees augment the general State Police budget, covering approximately 35 percent of the cost to operate and maintain PICS.

PUFA, and its subsequent amendments, afford PSP the opportunity and ability to take an aggressive and technologically advanced approach to the firearm background check responsibility through 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, chiefs of police of cities of the first class and licensed firearm dealers to ascertain an individual's eligibility to acquire a License to Carry Firearms or obtain a firearm through a purchase or transfer.

The development of PICS required coordination with the FBI through its NICS. Pennsylvania was established as a Point-of-Contact State, giving the PICS Operations Section the responsibility to conduct background checks for all federal firearm licensees within the Commonwealth.

In addition to checks for firearms, the PUFA mandates that sheriffs or chiefs of police of cities of the first class conduct a PICS check before issuing a license to carry a firearm. A license to carry is for the purpose of carrying a firearm concealed on or about one's person or in a vehicle throughout 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 levels to complete background checks. Problems completing the background check may be encountered when databases fail to communicate, or outages occur. Federal level database issues or problems are outside the control of 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.

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 meet 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 and are not in 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 NICS.

Federal databases searched:

- Interstate Identification Index (III), which contains criminal history records submitted by states throughout the country, federal and military records.
- National Crime Information Center (NCIC), which includes information on persons subject to civil protection orders and arrest warrants (does not contain Pennsylvania temporary PFA records).
- NICS Index, which includes the following:
 - Illegal/Unlawful Alien Records.
 - Renounced Citizenship.
 - Mental Defectives/Involuntary Commitments.
 - Dishonorable Discharges from the U.S. Armed Services.
 - Unlawful Users of Controlled Substances.
 - Denied Persons File, which contains federally disqualifying records not already included in III or NCIC.

COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICS

Each PICS background check involves the comprehensive search of many databases, including the following: 2,402,013 Pennsylvania criminal history and juvenile records; 542,725 mental health records; 121,112 wanted persons; and federal files containing over 56 million criminal history records and 10.2 million records on other prohibited persons. The vast majority of applicants instantly clear this initial database search and are approved within minutes. When a matching record is identified during the initial background check process, PICS allows up to 15 days to conduct further research as needed to determine prohibited status.

PICS STATISTICS

There were 663,003 background checks initiated in 2009.

- There were 394,529 calls automatically approved through the IVR computer. The remaining 268,474 were forwarded to a PICS operator for assistance.
- Of the calls forwarded to PICS operators, 230,667 were subsequently approved during the initial call.

- A total of 625,196 of incoming calls were approved on the initial call. The remaining calls were placed into research and determinations were provided within 15 days. Please 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 2009. These figures do not include calls that are placed into research for more than one day.

- Calls handled through the automated system averaged 6.03 minutes.
- Operator assisted approvals averaged 5.4 minutes.
- Operator assisted denials averaged 12.5 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 to obtain information that may lead to a final decision to reverse the denial, or provides the challenger with specific information explaining the reason for denial.

- 9,449 denials were issued by PICS operators in 2009.
- 3,721 challenges to these denials were received.
- 2,023 final denials were issued.
- 1,448 denials were reversed.

The remaining 250 challenges include those which were returned to the challenger unprocessed for a variety of reasons, such as incompleteness, untimely filing, or because the file being appealed was not a PICS denial.

APPEAL STATUS

A total of 63 appeals were filed with the Office of Attorney General in 2009. Additional documentation was received that enabled PSP to approve seven of these cases prior to the scheduled hearing date. The following chart reflects the outcome of the remaining cases:

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (2009)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	4
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	22
APPEALS PENDING	30

The first appeals to reach the Commonwealth Court were in the year 2000. Statistics listed below reflect cumulative totals. There were two appeals filed in Commonwealth Court in 2009.

COMMONWEALTH COURT (2000-2009)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	14
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED*	16
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	3
APPEALS PENDING	2

*Seven of these cases were a result of a single court case decision since all cases involved the same issues.

The first appeals to reach the Supreme Court were in the year 2001. Statistics listed below reflect cumulative totals. No appeals were filed with the Supreme Court in 2009.

PA SUPREME COURT (2001-2009)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD*	5
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED/REMANDED	10
APPEALS PENDING	0

*All five cases were a result of a single court case decision since all cases involved the same issues.

FIREARM SALES AND TRANSFERS FOR 2009

There were 2,285 active Pennsylvania licensed firearm dealers in 2009. Please refer to Appendix B 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. For sales and transfers of handguns, dealers are also required to complete and submit the *Application/Record of Sale* form promulgated by the PSP. Although the form is not required for the sale of long guns, a background check is still necessary, unless the long gun transfer is between two private individuals who are both Pennsylvania residents.

The *Application/Record of Sale* forms are submitted by the dealers with the *Surcharge Remittance* form to the PSP within 14 days of the transaction, as mandated by the PUFA.

- 496,277 firearms were reported purchased/transferred in Pennsylvania in 2009.
- 233,884 handguns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 262,393 long guns were reported purchased/transferred.

Please refer to Appendix C for more information on reported sales by county.

CRIMES COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS IN 2009

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* is prepared each year under separate cover by the PSP. Excerpts of summary data from the 2009 report, regarding crimes involving firearms, are as follows:

(Reported as of 02/22/2010)

TYPE OF CRIME	TOTAL	FIREARMS	PERCENT
Homicide	635	456	72%
Robbery	17,185	7,223	42%
Aggravated Assault	25,741	4,914	19%

LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS/SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS

There were a total of 165,857 License to Carry Firearms issued as reported by county sheriffs' offices and chiefs of police of cities of the first class in 2009. Background checks are conducted through PICS to determine an individual's eligibility to obtain a License to Carry Firearms.

Section 6109(k) of the PUFA gives the Attorney General the authority to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states. These agreements provide for mutual recognition of a license or permit to carry a firearm issued by both states. The following states have entered into formal written reciprocity agreements with Pennsylvania: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming. Recognition in Pennsylvania is based on the individual's issuance of a valid license or permit by the reciprocal contracting state and not on the license holder's place of residence.

Additionally, the following states have been granted statutory reciprocity without a formal written agreement under 6106(b)(15), based on the determination of the Attorney General that the other state has granted reciprocity to Pennsylvania license holders, and that the other state's laws governing firearms are similar: Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, Montana, North Dakota and Utah.

Pennsylvania residents may apply for a license/permit from the following states: Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts and Washington. Currently, Vermont and Alaska allow possession or carrying of a concealed firearm without a license/permit.

The remaining states do not grant or recognize licenses/permits to individuals from another state, currently do not extend reciprocal privileges to Pennsylvania license holders, or have not indicated current status.

Regular updates of state firearm carry laws and reciprocity agreements can be found on the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General's website at: www.attorneygeneral.gov under Crime; Firearms Reciprocity.

Sportsman's Firearm Permits are issued by the County Treasurer's Office and do not require a background check. In 2009, there were a total of 5,023 permits issued.

Please 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 additional information, e.g., fingerprints, that is required to distinguish between individuals with similar names and numeric identifiers.
- Individuals denied through PICS may challenge a denial response if they believe they have been denied in error.

In 2009, the following investigations were initiated by the PSP Firearms Division and referred to PSP Troops, local police departments, and the ATF:

TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED IN 2009	328
Total Referred to PSP Troops	222
Total Referred to Local PDs	96
Total Referred ATF	10

Listed below are the investigation results that were reported in 2009. They include referrals that were initiated in previous years.

TOTAL INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES IN 2009	440
Arrests Reported	215
Convictions Reported	151
Prosecutions Declined	74

The table below lists the cumulative totals for investigation referrals and the various outcomes. As of December 31, 2009, there were 582 investigations pending with no action reported by the investigating agency. In addition, there were 322 investigations which were reported disposed for various reasons. These miscellaneous disposed cases mainly include investigations which were closed without an arrest.

INVESTIGATION GRAND TOTALS (1999-2009)	
Total Referred	3,727
Arrests Reported	1,963
Convictions Reported	1,046
Prosecutions Declined	860
Pending Investigations	582
Miscellaneous Disposed Cases	322

WANTED PERSONS ARRESTS

A total of 114 individuals with active warrants were apprehended in 2009. Since its inception on July 1, 1998, PICS is responsible for the apprehension of 1,251 individuals.

SYSTEM DOWNTIME

In 2009, PICS was operational 365 days, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. for a total of 5,110 hours. PICS experienced 37.87 hours or 0.74 percent of the total operational hours out of service due to technical problems. This includes periods for which PICS was partially out of service, but still accepting background check calls, and those for which it was completely out of service. Please see Appendix E for additional information.

- 76 percent of downtime was caused by PSP system problems.
- 17 percent of downtime was caused by technical difficulties with federal databases.
- 7 percent of downtime is attributed to other technical difficulties.

CONCLUSION

PICS was developed in accordance with the provisions of the PUFA. 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 2009 STATISTICS FROM THE IVR COMPUTERS

YEAR 2009	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
Total PICS Calls	56,396	59,271	72,044	61,790	47,271	44,896	44,469	46,321	52,142	58,006	62,086	58,311	663,003
System-Immediate Approvals	34,529	35,524	43,565	37,601	28,239	26,527	25,866	27,496	30,642	34,129	36,042	34,369	394,529
Database Hit-Call to Operator	16,909	18,326	21,628	18,543	14,387	13,455	13,377	14,024	16,228	18,148	19,676	18,308	203,009
Rotary Phone-File Timed Out	4,958	5,421	6,851	5,646	4,645	4,914	5,226	4,801	5,272	5,729	6,368	5,634	65,465
Average %-System Approvals	61.23%	59.93%	60.47%	60.85%	59.74%	59.09%	58.17%	59.36%	58.77%	58.84%	58.05%	58.94%	59.51%

TOTAL TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED THROUGH PICS IN 2009: 663,003

(Reported as of 3/17/2010)

NUMBER OF LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS BY COUNTY FOR 2009			
COUNTY	NO. DEALERS	COUNTY	NO. DEALERS
ADAMS	37	LACKAWANNA	45
ALLEGHENY	122	LANCASTER	58
ARMSTRONG	23	LAWRENCE	22
BEAVER	41	LEBANON	28
BEDFORD	23	LEHIGH	40
BERKS	58	LUZERNE	57
BLAIR	41	LYCOMING	45
BRADFORD	34	MCKEAN	19
BUCKS	73	MERCER	35
BUTLER	48	MIFFLIN	15
CAMBRIA	39	MONROE	42
CAMERON	4	MONTGOMERY	59
CARBON	10	MONTOUR	5
CENTRE	33	NORTHAMPTON	38
CHESTER	57	NORTHUMBERLAND	29
CLARION	23	PERRY	25
CLEARFIELD	23	PHILADELPHIA	11
CLINTON	8	PIKE	26
COLUMBIA	32	POTTER	18
CRAWFORD	30	SCHUYLKILL	41
CUMBERLAND	46	SNYDER	14
DAUPHIN	36	SOMERSET	36
DELAWARE	40	SULLIVAN	6
ELK	20	SUSQUEHANNA	34
ERIE	43	TIOGA	30
FAYETTE	42	UNION	8
FOREST	4	VENANGO	16
FRANKLIN	41	WARREN	25
FULTON	10	WASHINGTON	40
GREENE	12	WAYNE	27
HUNTINGDON	28	WESTMORELAND	122
INDIANA	48	WYOMING	10
JEFFERSON	24	YORK	90
JUNIATA	16		
TOTAL LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS FOR 2009:			2,285

(Reported as of 3/17/2010)

2009 FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED BY COUNTY

COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN	COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN
ADAMS	2,809	4,270	LACKAWANNA	4,906	5,178
ALLEGHENY	16,024	13,656	LANCASTER	9,885	9,846
ARMSTRONG	890	857	LAWRENCE	2,143	1,857
BEAVER	3,810	2,989	LEBANON	5,407	5,457
BEDFORD	1,874	3,919	LEHIGH	7,270	6,347
BERKS	14,621	22,049	LUZERNE	7,301	7,070
BLAIR	4,612	5,225	LYCOMING	5,313	7,566
BRADFORD	1,530	2,952	MCKEAN	490	778
BUCKS	12,977	10,377	MERCER	1,523	1,675
BUTLER	6,212	6,580	MIFFLIN	570	827
CAMBRIA	3,978	4,737	MONROE	5,316	3,318
CAMERON	55	57	MONTGOMERY	7,874	7,570
CARBON	806	500	MONTOUR	59	113
CENTRE	1,751	2,405	NORTHAMPTON	2,580	3,394
CHESTER	4,145	3,909	NORTHUMBERLAND	1,749	2,075
CLARION	1,322	2,129	PERRY	1,148	1,386
CLEARFIELD	5,273	9,552	PHILADELPHIA	7,282	2,062
CLINTON	600	1,522	PIKE	395	606
COLUMBIA	1,527	2,337	POTTER	618	974
CRAWFORD	917	1,470	SCHUYLKILL	4,469	5,418
CUMBERLAND	2,516	4,334	SNYDER	599	1,562
DAUPHIN	4,652	5,175	SOMERSET	1,569	2,287
DELAWARE	6,145	3,116	SULLIVAN	48	45
ELK	957	1,333	SUSQUEHANNA	1,277	2,284
ERIE	5,542	8,279	TIOGA	994	2,750
FAYETTE	4,571	5,394	UNION	620	550
FOREST	13	28	VENANGO	1,552	2,338
FRANKLIN	3,474	6,145	WARREN	1,160	2,227
FULTON	150	358	WASHINGTON	9,155	7,203
GREENE	710	764	WAYNE	3,289	3,737
HUNTINGDON	370	1,105	WESTMORELAND	9,221	9,917
INDIANA	1,673	2,156	WYOMING	593	938
JEFFERSON	1,642	2,280	YORK	9,055	10,276
JUNIATA	306	803			
GRAND TOTAL FOR HANDGUNS FOR 2009				233,884	
GRAND TOTAL FOR LONG GUNS FOR 2009				262,393	
GRAND TOTAL FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED				496,277	

Totals include taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers reported for the year 2009.

(Reported as of 3/17/2010)

COUNTY STATISTICS FOR LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS AND SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS ISSUED IN 2009

COUNTY	LTC	SFP	COUNTY	LTC	SFP
ADAMS	1,509	28	LACKAWANNA	2,154	53
ALLEGHENY	14,415	212	LANCASTER	6,263	215
ARMSTRONG	2,091	27	LAWRENCE	1,501	64
BEAVER	3,130	156	LEBANON	1,822	64
BEDFORD	1,146	61	LEHIGH	3,434	135
BERKS	5,866	52	LUZERNE	3,388	117
BLAIR	2,533	22	LYCOMING	2,213	32
BRADFORD	1,374	74	MCKEAN	1,323	22
BUCKS	5,354	183	MERCER	1,985	134
BUTLER	3,392	67	MIFFLIN	727	48
CAMBRIA	2,609	57	MONROE	1,940	109
CAMERON	191	19	MONTGOMERY	5,525	115
CARBON	1,275	67	MONTOUR	386	22
CENTRE	9,377	36	NORTHAMPTON	3,083	115
CHESTER	4,151	75	NORTHUMBERLAND	1,711	18
CLARION	784	101	PERRY	996	38
CLEARFIELD	1,509	69	PHILADELPHIA	5,019	3
CLINTON	457	16	PIKE	1,649	107
COLUMBIA	948	79	POTTER	610	44
CRAWFORD	1,635	190	SCHUYLKILL	2,724	20
CUMBERLAND	2,967	61	SNYDER	723	21
DAUPHIN	3,520	42	SOMERSET	1,372	82
DELAWARE	3,565	111	SULLIVAN	192	22
ELK	876	44	SUSQUEHANNA	1,211	84
ERIE	3,221	258	TIOGA	927	35
FAYETTE	3,531	94	UNION	768	8
FOREST	228	42	VENANGO	1,231	84
FRANKLIN	1,817	98	WARREN	1,497	75
FULTON	359	14	WASHINGTON	3,770	120
GREENE	769	68	WAYNE	1,022	97
HUNTINGDON	656	73	WESTMORELAND	9,156	176
INDIANA	1,754	90	WYOMING	634	23
JEFFERSON	1,182	43	YORK	6,238	79
JUNIATA	472	13			
GRAND TOTAL LTC FOR 2009				165,857	
GRAND TOTAL SFP FOR 2009				5,023	

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

PENNSYLVANIA INSTANT CHECK SYSTEM DOWNTIME - 2009

Month	Total Hours Down	NICS Hours		PSP Hours		Both Hours		Other Hours		No. Days Affected	Minimum Minutes Down in a Day	Maximum Minutes Down in a Day	Partial System Out of Service	System Out of Service
		Partial	Down	Partial	Down	Partial	Down	Partial	Down					
January	2.02	0.17			1.43				0.42	5	11	30	0.04%	0.43%
February	2.02	1.12	0.65		0.25					4	15	39	0.29%	0.23%
March	2.73		1.40		1.33					3	35	84	0%	0.63%
April	1.62	0.70			0.92					5	10	30	0.17%	0.22%
May	2.15		0.90	1.25						5	25	29	0.29%	0.21%
June	0.22				0.22					1	13	13	0%	0.05%
July	7.14	0.47	0.20	6.00	0.47					4	10	18	1.49%	0.15%
August	1.30				0.30				1.00	2	18	60	0%	0.30%
September	3.02		0.83		1.17				1.02	6	2	111	0%	0.72%
October	4.50			4.50						3	0	0	1.04%	0%
November	7.08			0.40	6.68					10	8	149	0.10%	1.59%
December	4.07				3.85				0.22	2	13	231	0%	0.94%
TOTALS	37.87	2.46	3.98	12.15	16.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.66	50	160	794	0.29%	0.46%

AVERAGE SYSTEM DOWNTIME FOR 2009: 0.74%

Other: Problems with phone lines.