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I thank you for taking the time to read the 2010 Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Firearms Annual Report. This was another high call volume year for the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS), which processed over 645,000 background checks for applicants obtaining a firearm or a license to carry a concealed firearm. Though this marks a 2.6 percent decrease from 2009, it is the second highest volume year overall since PICS began in 1998.

The PICS Challenge Unit attended over 80 hearings in Pennsylvania Courts of Common Pleas in response to individuals petitioning to restore their firearm rights. This is a 33 percent increase in court appearances over the prior year, and is directly attributed to an increase in relief petitions due to a disqualifying mental health commitment or adjudication.

The PSP continues to coordinate investigative efforts and network 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 2010, 441 files were referred to PSP Troops and local police departments for investigation. Investigation referrals, including those initiated in previous years, resulted in 205 arrests and 129 reported convictions in 2010.

Act 66 of 2005 amended Title 18 Pa. C.S. §6109 by requiring the standardization and modernization of the license to carry issuance process. The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, in conjunction with the PSP and the Pennsylvania Sheriff's Association, was tasked with completing the license to carry project by May 2011. By the end of 2010, most of the 67 counties had implemented the new system and were issuing licenses.

This web based license to carry system allows for electronic submission of newly issued or revoked permits to a central data center, thereby eliminating the cost and man hours of sending each permit update by mail to PSP for manual data entry.

The activities outlined in this report underscore the PSP Firearms Division's firm commitment to public safety, and its unwavering focus on effectively administering the provisions of the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act. It is with these concepts in mind that we present the 2010 PSP Firearms Annual Report.

Sincerely,

Colonel Frank Noonan
Commissioner

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides statistics and information on the activities of the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Firearms Division for calendar year 2010, in compliance with 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 6111.1(i) of the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act (PUFA).

The PSP conducts the instantaneous records check, known as the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS), promulgated by the 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.

In 2010, PICS handled 645,475 transactions for sheriffs and licensed firearm dealers throughout the Commonwealth. Of these requests, 58 percent were approved within minutes by the system, while an additional 36 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, 7,875 files that were placed in a research status were subsequently approved. Therefore, the overall approval rate of background checks that were initiated in 2010 is 95 percent.

There were 10,596 background checks initially denied through prohibitions indicated on the individual's record. The PSP received 3,826 challenges to these denials. After further review of information provided by the individual or through official court documentation, 1,382 or 36 percent of the challenges were reversed.

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 1,365 fugitives since PICS was established in July 1998.

The PICS Unit continues to see an increase in requests from law enforcement agencies for the return of confiscated and stolen firearms. In 2010, there were 4,250 background checks conducted for this purpose. In addition, 306 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 an eight percent increase from last year.

The Firearm Compliance Unit completed 46 on-site audits of dealer businesses in 2010. The purpose of these audits is to ensure compliance with statutorily mandated record keeping requirements, and to provide guidance on state and federal firearm laws and regulations as needed. In general, the unit ensures that PUFA required surcharges and fees are submitted by each of the 2,022 state licensed firearm dealers within statutory timeframes.

A total of 496,720 firearms were reported purchased or privately transferred in Pennsylvania for 2010. Licensed firearm dealers reported 238,136 handgun transactions and 258,584 long gun transactions for the year.

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* for 2010 reported 12,294 violent crimes committed involving the use of a firearm.

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, to collect a \$2 fee from firearm dealers for each background check processed, and to collect 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 the 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.
- Pennsylvania Wanted/Missing 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.
- 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: 2,468,438 Pennsylvania criminal history and juvenile records; 574,062 mental health records; 82,515 wanted persons; and federal files containing over 58 million criminal history records and 11.2 million records on other prohibited persons. The vast majority of applicants instantly clears this initial database search and is 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 645,475 background checks initiated in 2010.

- There were 371,183 calls automatically approved through the IVR computer. The remaining 274,292 were forwarded to a PICS operator for assistance.
- Of the calls forwarded to PICS operators, 234,355 were subsequently approved during the initial call.
- A total of 605,538 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 2010. The figures below do not include calls that were placed into research status for more than one day.

- Calls handled through the automated system averaged 6.5 minutes.*

*IVR issued approvals typically take 2 to 3 minutes to process once the dealer/sheriff enters and confirms the subject's data. However, there are occasions on which a system issue may cause the call duration to increase.

- Operator assisted approvals averaged 5.8 minutes.
- Operator assisted denials averaged 13.2 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.

- 10,596 denials were issued by PICS operators in 2010.
- 3,826 challenges to these denials were received.
- 2,262 final denials were issued.
- 1,382 denials were reversed.

The remaining 182 challenges primarily included 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 2010. Additional documentation was received that enabled PSP to approve three of these cases prior to the scheduled hearing date. The following chart reflects the outcome of the remaining cases:

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (2010)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	5
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	16
APPEALS PENDING	39

The first appeals to reach the Commonwealth Court were in the year 2000. Statistics listed below reflect cumulative totals. There were three appeals filed in Commonwealth Court in 2010.

COMMONWEALTH COURT (2000-2010)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	15
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED*	16
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	3
APPEALS PENDING	3

*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 2010.

PA SUPREME COURT (2001-2010)	
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 2010

There were 2,022 active Pennsylvania licensed firearm dealers in 2010. 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.

- 496,720 firearms were reported purchased/transferred in Pennsylvania in 2010.
- 238,136 handguns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 258,584 long guns were reported purchased/transferred.

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

CRIMES COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS IN 2010

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* is prepared each year under separate cover by the PSP. Excerpts of summary data from the 2010 report, regarding crimes involving firearms, are as follows:

(Reported as of 03/09/2011)

TYPE OF CRIME	TOTAL	FIREARMS	PERCENT
Homicide	675	633	94%
Robbery	16,301	6,626	41%
Aggravated Assault	25,810	5,035	20%

LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS/SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS

There were a total of 142,477 licenses to carry firearms issued as reported by county sheriffs' offices and chiefs of police of cities of the first class in 2010. 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 state 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.

A complete list of states' firearm reciprocity statuses 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 2010, there were a total of 3,844 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

As provided in 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 2010, the following investigations were initiated by the PSP Firearms Division and referred to PSP Troops and local police departments. There were no investigations referred to the ATF in 2010.

TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED IN 2010	441
Total Referred to PSP Troops	382
Total Referred to Local PDs	59
Total Referred to ATF	0

Listed below are the investigation results that were reported in 2010. They include referrals that were initiated in previous years.

TOTAL INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES IN 2010	412
Arrests Reported	205
Convictions Reported	129
Prosecutions Declined	78

The following table lists the cumulative totals for investigation referrals and the various outcomes. As of December 31, 2010, there were 709 investigations pending with no action reported by the investigating agency. In addition, there were 392 investigations which were reported disposed for various reasons. These miscellaneous disposed cases mainly include investigations which were closed without an arrest.

INVESTIGATION GRAND TOTALS (1999-2010)	
Total Referred	4,168
Arrests Reported	2,142
Convictions Reported	1,172
Prosecutions Declined	925
Pending Investigations	709
Miscellaneous Disposed Cases	392

WANTED PERSONS ARRESTS

A total of 114 individuals with active warrants were apprehended in 2010. Since its inception on July 1, 1998, PICS is responsible for the apprehension of 1,365 individuals.

SYSTEM OUTAGES

In 2010, PICS was operational 365 days, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. for a total of 5,110 hours. PICS experienced 95.7 hours, or 1.87 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.

- 72 percent of outages were caused by PSP system problems.
- 27 percent of outages were caused by technical difficulties with federal databases.
- 1 percent of outages were caused by technical difficulties in both the state and federal systems.

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 known prohibited person. The data presented in this report indicates that PICS is working as intended.

PICS 2010 STATISTICS FROM THE IVR COMPUTERS

YEAR 2010	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
Total PICS Calls	48,823	48,893	68,042	51,881	43,206	44,536	44,653	48,766	53,801	57,636	69,718	65,520	645,475
System-Immediate Approvals	28,928	28,113	39,613	29,841	25,098	26,148	25,445	28,610	31,259	31,465	39,202	37,461	371,183
Database Hit-Call to Operator	15,305	15,924	21,488	16,216	13,407	13,600	13,612	15,216	16,675	17,524	23,133	20,786	202,886
Rotary Phone-File Timed Out	4,590	4,856	6,941	5,824	4,701	4,788	5,596	4,940	5,867	8,647	7,383	7,273	71,406
Average %-System Approvals	59.25%	57.50%	58.22%	57.52%	58.09%	58.71%	56.98%	58.67%	58.10%	54.59%	56.23%	57.17%	57.51%

TOTAL TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED THROUGH PICS IN 2010: 645,475

(Reported as of 4/25/2011)

NUMBER OF LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS BY COUNTY FOR 2010			
COUNTY	NO. DEALERS	COUNTY	NO. DEALERS
ADAMS	35	LACKAWANNA	38
ALLEGHENY	103	LANCASTER	49
ARMSTRONG	27	LAWRENCE	22
BEAVER	42	LEBANON	23
BEDFORD	25	LEHIGH	37
BERKS	48	LUZERNE	51
BLAIR	39	LYCOMING	40
BRADFORD	30	MCKEAN	16
BUCKS	63	MERCER	28
BUTLER	44	MIFFLIN	17
CAMBRIA	34	MONROE	30
CAMERON	5	MONTGOMERY	53
CARBON	8	MONTOUR	6
CENTRE	28	NORTHAMPTON	33
CHESTER	56	NORTHUMBERLAND	23
CLARION	19	PERRY	21
CLEARFIELD	18	PHILADELPHIA	10
CLINTON	9	PIKE	25
COLUMBIA	29	POTTER	17
CRAWFORD	24	SCHUYLKILL	33
CUMBERLAND	45	SNYDER	14
DAUPHIN	35	SOMERSET	30
DELAWARE	36	SULLIVAN	3
ELK	20	SUSQUEHANNA	27
ERIE	36	TIOGA	27
FAYETTE	39	UNION	6
FOREST	4	VENANGO	16
FRANKLIN	39	WARREN	22
FULTON	10	WASHINGTON	36
GREENE	9	WAYNE	27
HUNTINGDON	21	WESTMORELAND	104
INDIANA	36	WYOMING	8
JEFFERSON	20	YORK	79
JUNIATA	15		
TOTAL LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS FOR 2010:			2,022

(Reported as of 4/19/2011)

2010 FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED BY COUNTY

COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN	COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN
ADAMS	2,518	4,363	LACKAWANNA	4,905	5,046
ALLEGHENY	16,352	13,206	LANCASTER	10,578	11,045
ARMSTRONG	996	796	LAWRENCE	2,940	2,217
BEAVER	3,892	3,118	LEBANON	5,146	4,851
BEDFORD	1,927	3,772	LEHIGH	6,761	6,002
BERKS	15,203	22,960	LUZERNE	7,314	6,983
BLAIR	4,298	5,110	LYCOMING	5,355	7,102
BRADFORD	1,767	3,199	MCKEAN	525	807
BUCKS	13,622	10,252	MERCER	1,765	1,826
BUTLER	6,262	6,496	MIFFLIN	633	845
CAMBRIA	3,897	4,723	MONROE	4,544	2,955
CAMERON	44	35	MONTGOMERY	7,569	6,682
CARBON	528	465	MONTOUR	58	79
CENTRE	2,034	2,877	NORTHAMPTON	2,995	3,645
CHESTER	4,198	3,638	NORTHUMBERLAND	1,899	2,469
CLARION	1,412	2,248	PERRY	1,062	1,262
CLEARFIELD	5,612	9,208	PHILADELPHIA	6,852	1,905
CLINTON	662	1,441	PIKE	659	626
COLUMBIA	1,661	2,231	POTTER	590	971
CRAWFORD	944	1,286	SCHUYLKILL	4,826	4,984
CUMBERLAND	2,476	3,850	SNYDER	679	1,610
DAUPHIN	4,284	4,668	SOMERSET	1,441	2,442
DELAWARE	6,528	2,707	SULLIVAN	30	25
ELK	1,129	1,531	SUSQUEHANNA	963	1,892
ERIE	6,051	8,319	TIOGA	1,128	3,154
FAYETTE	4,580	5,293	UNION	456	564
FOREST	7	5	VENANGO	1,655	2,261
FRANKLIN	3,627	6,000	WARREN	1,345	2,318
FULTON	150	301	WASHINGTON	9,491	6,815
GREENE	963	939	WAYNE	3,062	3,334
HUNTINGDON	321	1,056	WESTMORELAND	9,825	10,168
INDIANA	1,718	2,177	WYOMING	726	1,030
JEFFERSON	1,632	2,304	YORK	8,762	9,291
JUNIATA	302	804			
GRAND TOTAL FOR HANDGUNS FOR 2010				238,136	
GRAND TOTAL FOR LONG GUNS FOR 2010				258,584	
GRAND TOTAL FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED				496,720	

Totals include taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers reported for the year 2010.

(Reported as of 4/15/2011)

COUNTY STATISTICS FOR LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS AND SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS ISSUED IN 2010					
COUNTY	LTC	SFP	COUNTY	LTC	SFP
ADAMS	1,082	46	LACKAWANNA	2,102	36
ALLEGHENY	10,650	170	LANCASTER	5,857	143
ARMSTRONG	1,663	25	LAWRENCE	1,371	59
BEAVER	2,318	89	LEBANON	1,806	47
BEDFORD	943	44	LEHIGH	3,533	68
BERKS	4,772	43	LUZERNE	3,139	92
BLAIR	1,883	12	LYCOMING	1,870	19
BRADFORD	975	58	MCKEAN	1,168	28
BUCKS	5,336	156	MERCER	1,628	110
BUTLER	2,672	48	MIFFLIN	691	42
CAMBRIA	2,298	53	MONROE	1,471	78
CAMERON	125	5	MONTGOMERY	4,613	86
CARBON	1,148	51	MONTOUR	235	13
CENTRE	12,074	33	NORTHAMPTON	2,310	87
CHESTER	2,905	62	NORTHUMBERLAND	1,583	11
CLARION	634	66	PERRY	925	46
CLEARFIELD	1,696	61	PHILADELPHIA	4,121	2
CLINTON	384	13	PIKE	1,291	79
COLUMBIA	841	46	POTTER	432	41
CRAWFORD	1,352	134	SCHUYLKILL	2,583	21
CUMBERLAND	2,243	51	SNYDER	537	26
DAUPHIN	2,878	49	SOMERSET	1,134	44
DELAWARE	3,126	90	SULLIVAN	143	25
ELK	816	35	SUSQUEHANNA	914	49
ERIE	2,780	183	TIOGA	837	45
FAYETTE	3,488	75	UNION	542	2
FOREST	200	33	VENANGO	835	66
FRANKLIN	1,580	48	WARREN	1,381	31
FULTON	321	6	WASHINGTON	3,128	109
GREENE	423	80	WAYNE	814	93
HUNTINGDON	602	83	WESTMORELAND	6,772	111
INDIANA	1,364	75	WYOMING	561	11
JEFFERSON	1,190	34	YORK	5,015	55
JUNIATA	373	12			
GRAND TOTAL LTC FOR 2010				142,477	
GRAND TOTAL SFP FOR 2010				3,844	

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

PENNSYLVANIA INSTANT CHECK SYSTEM OUTAGES - 2010

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	Full	Partial	Full	Partial	Full	Partial	Full					
January	0.6	0.6								2	0	0	0.14%	0%
February	2.1				2.1					1	127	127	0%	0.54%
March	1.2			1.2						2	0	0	0.28%	0%
April	11.6	8.9	2.3	0.4						3	140	140	2.21%	0.55%
May	1.6	1.2		0.4						2	0	0	0.37%	0%
June	0.8			0.8						2	0	0	0.19%	0%
July	16.1	4.4	3.5	7.9	0.3					4	10	210	2.83%	0.88%
August	0.7			0.7	0.03					1	2	2	0.16%	0.01%
September	14.8			5.5	9.3					2	152	408	1.31%	2.21%
October	32.9			26.7	6.2					8	31	131	6.15%	1.43%
November	6.0		1.7	4.3						4	112	112	1.02%	0.40%
December	7.3	2.8		0.9	2.1		1.5			7	90	124	0.85%	0.83%
TOTALS	95.7	17.9	7.5	48.8	20.0	0	1.5	0	0	38	664	1254	1.30%	0.57%

AVERAGE SYSTEM OUTAGES FOR 2010: 1.87%

Other: Problems with phone lines.

Partial – Indicates PICS was not taken out of service, but the background check could not be completed due to unavailable database information.

Full – Indicates PICS was taken out of service and not accepting background check calls.