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I am pleased to present the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) 2011 Firearms Annual Report. The Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) received a record high 739,682 background check requests in 2011. This figure represents a 14 percent increase over 2010, and an 11 percent increase over the previous high year, which occurred in 2009.

We are pleased to announce that technological upgrades are being made to the PICS telephone system. These upgrades will include the replacement of the 14-year-old interactive voice response system. The expected upgrades will be implemented seamlessly with no planned interruptions to Pennsylvania sheriffs and firearm dealers when they call the PICS toll free phone number to request a background check.

In addition, a complete re-design of the PICS system is underway. Improvement options being explored include: offering web access to initiate background checks, providing the option to submit required forms and fees electronically, and providing dealers a means to check a firearm against the stolen gun database.

In 2011, the PSP completed one of the mandates of Act 66 of 2005; specifically, the creation of a standardized and modernized license to carry system. In accordance with the Act, all 67 counties now issue a uniform license to carry a concealed firearm. Updates to the license status, including revocations and reinstatements, are entered into the system by each issuing authority as they occur.

This report details the effort and commitment of the PSP Firearms Division to effectively fulfill its statutory mandates of ensuring prohibited individuals are unable to acquire firearms through purchase or transfer, while taking pro-active steps to investigate those who attempt to purchase firearms illegally. The Division continues to embody the spirit of PSP core values: to seek justice, preserve peace, and improve the quality of life for all.

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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 2011, 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 2011, PICS handled 739,682 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, 7,782 files that were placed in a research status were subsequently approved. Therefore, the overall approval rate of background checks that were initiated in 2011 is 95 percent.

There were 11,088 background checks initially denied through prohibitions indicated on the individual's record. The PSP received 4,134 challenges to these denials. After further review of information provided by the individual or through official court documentation, 1,488 or 36 percent of the challenges were reversed.

The instantaneous background check process yielded warrant information that led to the arrest of 110 individuals while 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 1,475 fugitives since PICS was established in July 1998.

The PICS Challenge Unit attended over 100 hearings in Pennsylvania Courts of Common Pleas, testifying in response to individuals petitioning to restore their firearm rights. This is a 25 percent increase in court appearances over the prior year, and is directly attributed to an increase in relief petitions for disqualifying mental health commitments or adjudications.

The PSP continues to coordinate investigative efforts and network information with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATF) to investigate and prosecute individuals who attempt to obtain firearms illegally. In 2011, 343 files were referred to PSP Troops and municipal police departments for investigation. Investigation referrals, including those initiated in previous years, resulted in 185 arrests, 128 reported convictions, and 85 cases in which prosecution was declined.

The PICS Unit continues to see an increase in requests from law enforcement agencies for the return of confiscated and stolen firearms. In 2011, there were 4,759 background checks conducted for this purpose. In addition, 246 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 nearly 10 percent increase from last year.

The Firearm Compliance Unit completed 22 on-site audits of dealer businesses in 2011. The unit also conducted six regional training seminars for firearm dealers and two auctioneer training seminars. The purpose of the audits and seminars 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 2,297 state licensed firearm dealers within statutory timeframes.

A total of 606,924 firearms were reported purchased or privately transferred in Pennsylvania for 2011. Licensed firearm dealers reported 302,457 handgun transactions and 304,467 long gun transactions for the year.

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* for 2011 reported 12,510 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 40 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. The 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.

The 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: 2,535,965 Pennsylvania criminal history and juvenile records; 615,443 mental health records; 103,560 wanted persons; and federal files containing over 61 million criminal history records and 12.3 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 739,682 background checks initiated in 2011.

- There were 430,304 calls automatically approved through the IVR computer. The remaining 309,378 were forwarded to a PICS operator for assistance.
- Of the calls forwarded to PICS operators, 263,373 were subsequently approved during the initial call.
- A total of 693,677 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 2011. 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 5.6 minutes.*

*IVR issued approvals averaged between 2 and 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 6.3 minutes.
- Operator assisted denials averaged 13.5 minutes.

CHALLENGES TO DENIALS

Upon receipt of a challenge to a denial, the transaction file is 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 case. 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.

- 11,088 denials were issued by PICS operators in 2011.
- 4,134 challenges to these denials were received.
- 2,362 final denials were issued.

- 1,488 denials were reversed.

The remaining 284 challenges primarily included those which were returned to the challenger unprocessed for a variety of reasons, such as untimely filing, incompleteness, or because the file being appealed was not a PICS denial.

APPEAL STATUS

A total of 55 appeals were filed with the Office of Attorney General in 2011. 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 (2011)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	15
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	24
APPEALS PENDING	13

The first appeals to reach the Commonwealth Court were in the year 2000. Statistics listed below reflect cumulative totals. There was one appeal filed in Commonwealth Court in 2011.

COMMONWEALTH COURT (2000-2011)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	19
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED*	16
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	3
APPEALS PENDING	0

*Seven of these cases resulted from a single court decision stemming from the same issue.

The first appeals to reach the Supreme Court were in the year 2001. Statistics listed below reflect cumulative totals. One appeal was filed with the Supreme Court in 2011.

PA SUPREME COURT (2001-2011)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD*	5
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED/REMANDED	11
APPEALS PENDING	0

*All five cases resulted from a single court decision stemming from the same issue.

FIREARM SALES AND TRANSFERS FOR 2011

There were 2,297 active Pennsylvania licensed firearm dealers in 2011. 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.

- 606,924 firearms were reported purchased/transferred in Pennsylvania in 2011.
- 302,457 handguns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 304,467 long guns were reported purchased/transferred.

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

CRIMES COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS IN 2011

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* is prepared each year under separate cover by the PSP. Excerpts of current summary data from the 2011 report, regarding crimes involving firearms, are provided in the table below.

(Reported as of 04/04/2012)

TYPE OF CRIME	TOTAL	FIREARMS	PERCENT
Homicide	668	595	89.1%
Robbery	16,245	6,855	42.2%
Aggravated Assault	25,919	5,060	19.5%

LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS/SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS

There were a total of 167,656 licenses to carry firearms issued as reported by county sheriffs' offices and chiefs of police of cities of the first class in 2011. 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, Maine, 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, Iowa, Louisiana, Montana, North Dakota, Utah, and Wisconsin.

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 2011, there were a total of 3,578 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 2011, the following investigations were initiated by the PSP Firearms Division and referred to PSP Troops and municipal police departments. There were no investigations referred to the ATF in 2011.

TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED IN 2011	343
Total Referred to PSP Troops	249
Total Referred to Municipal PDs	94
Total Referred to ATF	0

Listed below are the investigation results that were reported in 2011. They include referrals that were initiated in previous years.

TOTAL INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES IN 2011	398
Arrests Reported	185
Convictions Reported	128
Prosecutions Declined	85

The following table lists the cumulative totals for investigation referrals and the various outcomes. As of December 31, 2011, there were 629 investigations pending with no action reported by the investigating agency. In addition, there were 545 investigations which were reported disposed for various reasons. These miscellaneous disposed cases mainly include investigations which were closed without an arrest.

INVESTIGATION GRAND TOTALS (1999-2011)	
Total Referred	4,511
Arrests Reported	2,327
Convictions Reported	1,300
Prosecutions Declined	1,010
Pending Investigations	629
Miscellaneous Disposed Cases	545

WANTED PERSONS ARRESTS

A total of 110 individuals with active warrants were apprehended in 2011. Since its inception on July 1, 1998, PICS is responsible for the apprehension of 1,475 individuals.

SYSTEM OUTAGES

In 2011, PICS was operational 365 days, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. for a total of 5,110 hours. PICS experienced 67.36 hours, or 1.32 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.

- 60 percent of outages were caused by PSP system problems.
- 19 percent of outages were caused by technical difficulties with federal databases.
- 21 percent of outages were caused by other problems such as power outages, problems with phone lines or other non-system related issues.

CONCLUSION

The PICS was developed in accordance with the provisions of the PUFA, to provide a means by which law-abiding citizens may acquire firearms without undue or unnecessary restrictions. The PICS identifies individuals who are precluded by state or federal law from purchasing a firearm, and thus 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 functioning as intended.

PICS 2011 STATISTICS FROM THE IVR COMPUTERS

YEAR 2011	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
Total PICS Calls	50,498	62,182	74,380	63,956	49,861	47,593	47,103	56,516	60,304	64,752	75,707	86,830	739,682
System-Immediate Approvals	28,530	34,558	41,772	36,043	29,087	28,121	28,525	33,256	35,839	38,660	44,731	51,182	430,304
Database Hit-Call to Operator	15,510	20,615	24,647	20,806	16,350	15,053	14,783	17,571	19,083	20,879	24,563	27,030	236,890
Rotary Phone-File Timed Out	6,458	7,009	7,961	7,107	4,424	4,419	3,795	5,689	5,382	5,213	6,413	8,618	72,488
Average %-System Approvals	56.50%	55.58%	56.16%	56.36%	58.34%	59.09%	60.56%	58.84%	59.43%	59.70%	59.08%	58.95%	58.22%

(Reported as of 4/6/2012)

NUMBER OF LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS BY COUNTY FOR 2011			
COUNTY	NO. DEALERS	COUNTY	NO. DEALERS
ADAMS	37	LACKAWANNA	47
ALLEGHENY	118	LANCASTER	58
ARMSTRONG	28	LAWRENCE	24
BEAVER	49	LEBANON	25
BEDFORD	27	LEHIGH	44
BERKS	59	LUZERNE	51
BLAIR	39	LYCOMING	47
BRADFORD	37	MCKEAN	20
BUCKS	74	MERCER	34
BUTLER	47	MIFFLIN	17
CAMBRIA	36	MONROE	41
CAMERON	5	MONTGOMERY	65
CARBON	9	MONTOUR	4
CENTRE	27	NORTHAMPTON	42
CHESTER	54	NORTHUMBERLAND	28
CLARION	16	PERRY	29
CLEARFIELD	23	PHILADELPHIA	11
CLINTON	10	PIKE	26
COLUMBIA	30	POTTER	18
CRAWFORD	28	SCHUYLKILL	34
CUMBERLAND	48	SNYDER	16
DAUPHIN	39	SOMERSET	30
DELAWARE	39	SULLIVAN	4
ELK	19	SUSQUEHANNA	29
ERIE	42	TIOGA	26
FAYETTE	44	UNION	8
FOREST	4	VENANGO	16
FRANKLIN	47	WARREN	22
FULTON	11	WASHINGTON	42
GREENE	11	WAYNE	32
HUNTINGDON	30	WESTMORELAND	124
INDIANA	51	WYOMING	11
JEFFERSON	25	YORK	94
JUNIATA	15		
TOTAL LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS FOR 2011:			2,297

(Reported as of 4/2/2012)

2011 FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED BY COUNTY

COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN	COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN
ADAMS	2,983	5,260	LACKAWANNA	6,150	5,496
ALLEGHENY	20,007	15,516	LANCASTER	13,346	13,154
ARMSTRONG	1,381	1,263	LAWRENCE	3,896	2,728
BEAVER	4,897	4,219	LEBANON	5,926	5,443
BEDFORD	2,386	4,379	LEHIGH	8,312	6,725
BERKS	20,123	24,478	LUZERNE	9,396	8,296
BLAIR	4,818	5,491	LYCOMING	6,593	8,091
BRADFORD	2,321	3,746	MCKEAN	822	1,139
BUCKS	17,192	11,247	MERCER	3,044	2,613
BUTLER	7,907	7,695	MIFFLIN	818	1,140
CAMBRIA	5,238	5,649	MONROE	5,077	3,632
CAMERON	89	42	MONTGOMERY	9,607	7,865
CARBON	734	685	MONTOUR	60	117
CENTRE	2,567	3,296	NORTHAMPTON	3,907	4,606
CHESTER	5,736	4,891	NORTHUMBERLAND	2,208	2,814
CLARION	1,648	2,566	PERRY	1,165	1,498
CLEARFIELD	7,347	10,631	PHILADELPHIA	8,257	2,247
CLINTON	750	1,481	PIKE	815	683
COLUMBIA	2,210	3,139	POTTER	617	1,077
CRAWFORD	1,159	2,041	SCHUYLKILL	5,920	6,047
CUMBERLAND	3,177	4,185	SNYDER	979	1,767
DAUPHIN	5,693	5,729	SOMERSET	1,662	2,528
DELAWARE	9,134	4,019	SULLIVAN	43	40
ELK	1,315	1,997	SUSQUEHANNA	1,043	2,004
ERIE	8,046	9,782	TIOGA	1,625	3,572
FAYETTE	5,511	5,740	UNION	538	689
FOREST	17	24	VENANGO	2,072	2,659
FRANKLIN	4,425	6,863	WARREN	1,635	2,800
FULTON	248	356	WASHINGTON	12,757	8,674
GREENE	1,242	1,393	WAYNE	3,230	3,675
HUNTINGDON	429	1,304	WESTMORELAND	13,453	12,496
INDIANA	2,044	2,677	WYOMING	720	1,331
JEFFERSON	2,016	2,879	YORK	11,587	11,219
JUNIATA	387	939			
GRAND TOTAL FOR HANDGUNS FOR 2011				302,457	
GRAND TOTAL FOR LONG GUNS FOR 2011				304,467	
GRAND TOTAL FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED				606,924	

Totals include taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers reported for the year 2011.

(Reported as of 3/30/2012)

COUNTY STATISTICS FOR LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS AND SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS ISSUED IN 2011					
COUNTY	LTC	SFP	COUNTY	LTC	SFP
ADAMS	1358	21	LACKAWANNA	2607	31
ALLEGHENY	11499	147	LANCASTER	6150	138
ARMSTRONG	2570	36	LAWRENCE	1677	61
BEAVER	2776	121	LEBANON	1907	25
BEDFORD	1198	46	LEHIGH	3641	3
BERKS	6495	42	LUZERNE	5148	53
BLAIR	2493	20	LYCOMING	2398	20
BRADFORD	1353	53	MCKEAN	1355	19
BUCKS	6891	160	MERCER	2451	85
BUTLER	3620	79	MIFFLIN	825	20
CAMBRIA	3561	39	MONROE	1707	93
CAMERON	169	9	MONTGOMERY	5674	79
CARBON	1540	28	MONTOUR	293	6
CENTRE	7055	27	NORTHAMPTON	2639	105
CHESTER	3672	55	NORTHUMBERLAND	1613	16
CLARION	928	56	PERRY	1226	37
CLEARFIELD	1841	60	PHILADELPHIA	5235	0
CLINTON	892	15	PIKE	1458	86
COLUMBIA	1152	48	POTTER	646	20
CRAWFORD	1500	142	SCHUYLKILL	2641	14
CUMBERLAND	2884	51	SNYDER	685	13
DAUPHIN	3382	34	SOMERSET	1531	66
DELAWARE	4164	75	SULLIVAN	180	14
ELK	1138	38	SUSQUEHANNA	1242	58
ERIE	3625	190	TIOGA	922	33
FAYETTE	3251	53	UNION	695	5
FOREST	209	33	VENANGO	1214	80
FRANKLIN	2237	61	WARREN	1363	37
FULTON	417	6	WASHINGTON	3557	99
GREENE	520	78	WAYNE	1103	88
HUNTINGDON	683	64	WESTMORELAND	8087	149
INDIANA	1973	62	WYOMING	741	6
JEFFERSON	1359	19	YORK	6238	42
JUNIATA	402	9			
			GRAND TOTAL LTC FOR 2011	167,656	
			GRAND TOTAL SFP FOR 2011	3,578	

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

PENNSYLVANIA INSTANT CHECK SYSTEM OUTAGES - 2011

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	7.60	0.50		6.73	0.37					7	22	22	1.67%	0.09%
February	4.67	1.00	1.58	0.92	1.17					6	70	95	0.49%	0.70%
March	4.83	2.17		1.63	1.03					7	6	26	0.88%	0.24%
April	3.66	1.21		0.17	2.28					4	10	127	0.33%	0.54%
May	8.47	0.20		0.67	2.65			4.95		7	9	180	0.20%	1.75%
June	6.85	0.37	2.93	2.53	1.02					8	15	65	0.69%	0.94%
July	0.70							0.70		2	8	34	0%	1.61%
August	9.79	3.12			4.52			2.15		11	2	150	0.72%	1.54%
September	1.66			0.13	1.53					2	92	92	0.03%	0.36%
October	0									0			0%	0%
November	1.2			0.80	0.15			0.25		3	24	24	0.19%	0.10%
December	17.93			12.05	0.26			4.95	0.67				3.92%	0.21%
TOTALS	67.36	8.57	4.51	25.63	14.98	0	0	4.95	8.72	57	234	815	0.77%	0.55%

OUTAGE TIME AS PERCENT OF OPERATIONAL HOURS: 1.32%

Other: Problems with phone lines, power outages, or any non-system related issue.

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.