

Pennsylvania State Police

2014 Firearms Annual Report



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I am pleased to present the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) 2014 Firearms Annual Report. It was a very active year for the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS), which processed nearly 900,000 background check requests. Additionally, the system underwent a complete redesign in February 2014. This vastly more efficient system offers web access for Pennsylvania licensed firearm dealers, sheriffs, and law enforcement agencies to initiate the PICS background check requests.

Currently, nearly 300 licensed firearm dealers and county sheriffs are utilizing the website. There are also 30 county mental health agencies that have access to electronically submit mental health notifications. The more immediate availability of this critical data enhances the background check process and helps ensure firearms do not get into the hands of prohibited persons.

Notable legislation impacting the PICS was passed in 2014. Act 192 was signed into law on November 6, 2014, and became effective January 5, 2015. The law requires the PSP to submit mental health and unlawful drug user data to the federal firearm prohibition index within 72 hours of receipt. Prior to this, notification to the federal index was optional, although Pennsylvania had been submitting its mental health records since 2013.

The Firearms Division continues to provide yearly training to the employees of the PICS Operations Section to ensure familiarity with current federal and state firearm laws and regulations. Last year, two staff members participated in a Train the Trainer program offered by the FBI-NICS Section. This working relationship with our federal counterparts provides not only knowledge sharing but also an open forum in which to discuss issues that impact both agencies.

The activities outlined in this report underscore the firm commitment of the PSP to fully administer its responsibilities under the Uniform Firearms Act by providing the technology, training, and services necessary to enhance public safety. I thank you for taking the time to read the Pennsylvania State Police 2014 Firearms Annual Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Col. M L Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Colonel Marcus L. Brown
Acting 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 2014, 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. The PICS utilizes an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) component and a web-based application designed to handle 1.2 million queries per year. It allows users to initiate firearm and license to carry background check requests 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 2014, the PICS handled 893,054 IVR and web-based background checks for sheriffs and licensed firearm dealers throughout the Commonwealth. Of these requests, 64 percent were approved within minutes by the system, while an additional 34 percent were approved during the initial check with operator assistance. Background checks transferred for operator assistance generally include those for out-of-state residents, database hits or time outs, alien requests, and calls made from a rotary phone. In addition, 8,905 files that were placed in a research status were subsequently approved. Therefore, the overall approval rate of background checks that were initiated in 2014 is 99 percent.

There were 13,178 background checks initially denied through prohibitions indicated on the individual's record. The PSP received 4,345 challenges to these denials. After further review of information provided by the individual or through official court documentation, 1,439 or 33 percent of the challenges were reversed.

Last year the instantaneous background check process yielded warrant information that led to the arrest of 95 individuals while they were attempting to purchase a firearm. Since the PICS was established in July 1998, the coordinated efforts of the PICS staff and law enforcement agencies who respond to these notifications have resulted in the arrest of 1,818 fugitives.

In 2014, the PSP escalated its efforts to investigate and prosecute individuals who attempt to illegally obtain a firearm. In 2014, 4,154 files were referred to PSP Troops and municipal police departments for investigation, a nearly 600 percent increase over 2013. These investigation referrals resulted in 782 arrests, 367 reported convictions, and 569 cases in which prosecution was declined. The PSP continues to network with local law enforcement agencies and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) in these investigative efforts.

The PICS Operations Section continues to receive requests from law enforcement agencies for the return of confiscated and stolen firearms and Protection from Abuse related third-party safekeeping checks. In 2014, there were 5,929 background checks conducted for these transactions which are processed in addition to the PICS purchase/transfer and license to carry checks.

A total of 676,099 firearms were reported purchased or privately transferred in Pennsylvania in 2014. This represents nearly a 16 percent decrease from 2013. Licensed firearm dealers reported 354,603 handgun transactions and 321,496 long gun transactions for the year.

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* for 2014 reported 10,468 violent crimes committed involving the use of a firearm.

BACKGROUND

On June 13, 1995, Act 17 was signed into law which amended 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 50 percent of the cost to operate and maintain the PICS.

The 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 the PICS. Since its inception, the PICS has provided instantaneous records access through a toll-free telephone number and an IVR System. In February 2014, a website was established which offers an additional means by which to initiate a PICS check.

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. Additionally, local law enforcement agencies may utilize the secure website to request background checks before returning confiscated firearms to the rightful owner, and to conduct Protection from Abuse related third-party safekeeping checks.

The development of the 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 over one million calls per 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 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.

State databases searched:

- Pennsylvania Criminal History Records.
- Juvenile Records (contained within the criminal history record file).

- Mental Health File (containing 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, the PICS conducts the check of the federal databases through the 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, arrest warrants, and immigration violations.
- 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.
 - State Prohibition Index.
 - Federally disqualifying information that is not otherwise in III or NCIC.

COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICS

Each PICS background check involves the comprehensive search of many databases, including the following: 2,733,332 Pennsylvania criminal history and juvenile records; 718,704 mental health records; 122,489 wanted persons; and federal files containing 69,148,854 criminal history records and 18,623,119 records on other prohibited persons. The vast majority of applicants instantly clears this initial database search and are approved within minutes. When a matching record is identified during the initial background check process, the PICS is allowed up to 15 days to conduct further research as needed to determine prohibited status.

PICS STATISTICS

There were 893,054 PICS transactions initiated in 2014.

- 571,870 checks were automatically approved through the IVR or website.

- 328,252 checks were forwarded to a PICS operator for assistance.
- Of the checks forwarded to PICS operators, 305,769 were subsequently approved during the initial review.
- A total of 877,639 incoming checks were approved on the initial review by PICS. The remaining checks were denied or placed into research, and determinations were provided within 15 days. Please see Appendix A for additional information.

AVERAGE PICS BACKGROUND CHECK TIME

The PICS Flexcheck System statistical reporting tool was used to determine the average length of time taken to complete a background check in 2014. The figures below do not include calls that were placed into research status for more than one day.

- Calls approved by the automated IVR phone system averaged 1.17 minutes.
- Operator assisted IVR calls averaged 14.25 minutes.
- Automated approvals issued by the website averaged 1.52 minutes.
- Operator assisted website checks averaged 13.88 minutes.

CHALLENGES TO DENIALS

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

- 13,178 denials were issued by PICS operators in 2014.
- 4,345 challenges to these denials were received.
- 2,543 final denials were issued.
- 1,439 denials were reversed.

The remaining 363 challenges primarily include 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 100 appeals were filed with the Office of Attorney General in 2014. Additional documentation was received that enabled the PSP to approve five of these cases prior to the scheduled hearing date. The following chart reflects the outcome of the remaining cases:

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (2014)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	17
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	1
APPEALS WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	19
APPEALS PENDING	58

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 2014.

COMMONWEALTH COURT (2000-2014)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	20
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED*	16
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	4
APPEALS PENDING	2

*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. No appeals were filed with the Supreme Court in 2014.

PA SUPREME COURT (2001-2014)	
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 2014

There were 2,614 active Pennsylvania licensed firearm dealers in 2014. Please refer to Appendix B for a breakdown by county. Pursuant to 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. A total of 676,099 firearms were reported purchased/transferred in Pennsylvania in 2014.

- 354,603 handguns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 321,496 long guns were reported purchased/transferred.

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

CRIMES COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS IN 2014

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* is prepared each year by the PSP. Excerpts of current summary data from the 2014 report, regarding crimes involving firearms, are provided in the table below.

(Reported as of 03/13/2015)

TYPE OF CRIME	TOTAL	FIREARMS	PERCENT
Homicide	821	545	66.4%
Robbery	13,147	5,577	42.4%
Aggravated Assault	21,650	4,346	20.1%

LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS/SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS

There were a total of 219,782 licenses to carry firearms issued as reported by county sheriffs' offices and chiefs of police of cities of the first class in 2014. This is an 18 percent decrease from the number of permits issued in 2013. Background checks are conducted through the PICS to determine an individual's eligibility to obtain a license to carry firearms.

License to carry checks initiated through the web-based system accounted for 62 percent of the total license to carry check requests for the year.

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, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

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, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, North Dakota*, and Wisconsin.

A complete list of states' firearm reciprocity standings can be found on the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General's website at www.attorneygeneral.gov under Media and Resources; Firearm Reciprocity Agreements.

*Effective August 1, 2013, only North Dakota Class I permits are recognized in this category. Sportsman's Firearm Permits are issued by the County Treasurer's Office and do not require a background check. In 2014, there were a total of 2,885 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 commits a felony of the third degree if, in connection with the purchase, delivery or transfer of firearm under this chapter, he knowingly and intentionally: (i) makes any materially false oral statement; (ii) makes any materially false written statement, including a statement on any form promulgated by Federal or State agencies; or (iii) willfully furnishes or exhibits any false identification intended or likely to deceive the seller, licensed dealer or licensed manufacturer."

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 that is required to distinguish between individuals with similar names and numeric identifiers.
- Individuals denied through the PICS may challenge a denial response if they believe they have been denied in error.

In 2014, the following investigations were initiated by the PSP Firearms Division and referred to PSP Troops, municipal police departments, and the ATF.

TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED IN 2014	4,154
Total Referred to PSP Troops	2,925
Total Referred to Municipal PDs	1,225
Total Referred to ATF	4

Listed below are the investigation results that were reported in 2014. They do not include referrals that were initiated in previous years.

TOTAL INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES IN 2014	1,718
Arrests Reported	782
Convictions Reported	367
Prosecutions Declined	569

The table below lists the 1999-2014 cumulative totals for investigation referrals and the various outcomes. The miscellaneous disposed cases mainly include investigations which were closed without an arrest.

INVESTIGATION GRAND TOTALS (1999-2014)	
Total Referred	9,607
Arrests Reported	3,602
Convictions Reported	1,994
Prosecutions Declined	1,689
Pending Investigations	3,458
Miscellaneous Disposed Cases	858

WANTED PERSONS ARRESTS

In 2014, a total of 95 individuals with active warrants were identified by the PICS and apprehended while attempting to acquire a firearm. Since its inception on July 1, 1998, the PICS is responsible for the apprehension of 1,818 individuals.

SYSTEM OUTAGES

In 2014, the PICS was operational 365 days, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., for a total of 5,110 hours. The PICS experienced 22.24 hours, or 0.44 percent, of the total operational hours out of service due to technical problems. This includes periods for which the 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.

- 56 percent of outages were caused by PSP system problems.
- 42 percent of outages were caused by technical difficulties with federal databases.
- 2 percent of outages were caused by non-system related issues such as problems with phone lines, power outages, etc.

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 the PICS is functioning as intended.

PICS 2014 IVR AND WEB-BASED CHECKS STATISTICS

YEAR 2014	IVR	WEB-BASED	TOTALS
Purchase/Transfer Checks	476,177	179,280	655,457
License to Carry Checks	90,203	147,394	237,597
Automatic Approvals	357,310	214,560	571,870
Transfer to Operator	209,070	112,114	321,184
Average %-System Approvals	63.0%	66.0%	64.0%

Total PICS checks in 2014: 893,054
Total System-Immediate Approvals: 571,870
Average %-System Approvals: 64%

(Reported as of 3/13/2015)

NUMBER OF LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS BY COUNTY FOR 2014			
COUNTY	NO. DEALERS	COUNTY	NO. DEALERS
ADAMS	39	LACKAWANNA	41
ALLEGHENY	134	LANCASTER	60
ARMSTRONG	27	LAWRENCE	26
BEAVER	46	LEBANON	29
BEDFORD	27	LEHIGH	48
BERKS	82	LUZERNE	57
BLAIR	55	LYCOMING	50
BRADFORD	41	MCKEAN	22
BUCKS	91	MERCER	46
BUTLER	59	MIFFLIN	16
CAMBRIA	38	MONROE	53
CAMERON	6	MONTGOMERY	89
CARBON	12	MONTOUR	9
CENTRE	38	NORTHAMPTON	55
CHESTER	77	NORTHUMBERLAND	34
CLARION	16	PERRY	33
CLEARFIELD	22	PHILADELPHIA	12
CLINTON	12	PIKE	32
COLUMBIA	33	POTTER	17
CRAWFORD	29	SCHUYLKILL	36
CUMBERLAND	55	SNYDER	18
DAUPHIN	44	SOMERSET	30
DELAWARE	40	SULLIVAN	6
ELK	13	SUSQUEHANNA	33
ERIE	46	TIOGA	36
FAYETTE	45	UNION	10
FOREST	3	VENANGO	19
FRANKLIN	56	WARREN	25
FULTON	10	WASHINGTON	56
GREENE	12	WAYNE	32
HUNTINGDON	38	WESTMORELAND	132
INDIANA	45	WYOMING	15
JEFFERSON	28	YORK	101
JUNIATA	17		
TOTAL LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS FOR 2014:			2,614

(Reported as of 3/16/2015)

2014 FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED BY COUNTY

COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN	COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN
ADAMS	3,906	4,740	LACKAWANNA	5,684	3,958
ALLEGHENY	25,264	16,554	LANCASTER	19,110	16,019
ARMSTRONG	2,427	2,073	LAWRENCE	4,270	2,911
BEAVER	4,777	3,597	LEBANON	5,967	5,844
BEDFORD	2,943	4,557	LEHIGH	8,010	6,129
BERKS	19,174	19,421	LUZERNE	13,363	9,828
BLAIR	4,940	4,976	LYCOMING	6,629	6,986
BRADFORD	2,629	4,421	MCKEAN	1,082	1,180
BUCKS	19,315	16,171	MERCER	4,176	3,417
BUTLER	8,604	8,293	MIFFLIN	1,459	1,797
CAMBRIA	5,509	5,181	MONROE	6,864	5,206
CAMERON	65	65	MONTGOMERY	11,984	8,992
CARBON	1,339	1,612	MONTOUR	98	102
CENTRE	3,068	3,532	NORTHAMPTON	5,782	5,796
CHESTER	7,537	5,320	NORTHUMBERLAND	2,263	2,315
CLARION	1,881	2,554	PERRY	1,468	1,546
CLEARFIELD	7,735	9,205	PHILADELPHIA	10,063	2,906
CLINTON	1,132	1,801	PIKE	907	1,038
COLUMBIA	3,832	3,411	POTTER	606	876
CRAWFORD	1,677	2,010	SCHUYLKILL	6,003	5,601
CUMBERLAND	5,258	5,110	SNYDER	1,120	2,007
DAUPHIN	5,456	5,882	SOMERSET	1,998	2,699
DELAWARE	10,022	4,529	SULLIVAN	144	200
ELK	1,601	2,445	SUSQUEHANNA	1,347	1,834
ERIE	9,203	10,321	TIOGA	2,283	4,153
FAYETTE	6,627	5,891	UNION	588	829
FOREST	10	7	VENANGO	2,417	2,747
FRANKLIN	5,198	6,615	WARREN	1,849	2,843
FULTON	424	623	WASHINGTON	12,801	9,139
GREENE	1,951	1,939	WAYNE	4,171	4,253
HUNTINGDON	1,230	1,701	WESTMORELAND	14,492	12,290
INDIANA	2,377	2,706	WYOMING	1,787	2,307
JEFFERSON	2,996	3,370	YORK	13,197	12,253
JUNIATA	514	862			
GRAND TOTAL FOR HANDGUNS FOR 2014				354,603	
GRAND TOTAL FOR LONG GUNS FOR 2014				321,496	
GRAND TOTAL FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED				676,099	

Totals include taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers reported for the year 2014.

(Reported as of 1/9/2015)

COUNTY STATISTICS FOR LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS AND SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS ISSUED IN 2014

COUNTY	LTC	SFP	COUNTY	LTC	SFP
ADAMS	2,008	22	LACKAWANNA	3,278	18
ALLEGHENY	17,458	111	LANCASTER	9,231	97
ARMSTRONG	2,542	30	LAWRENCE	2,492	45
BEAVER	4,094	40	LEBANON	2,752	39
BEDFORD	1,485	45	LEHIGH	4,759	0
BERKS	7,846	24	LUZERNE	5,495	45
BLAIR	2,924	11	LYCOMING	3,381	20
BRADFORD	1,511	49	MCKEAN	2,080	12
BUCKS	7,808	110	MERCER	2,780	90
BUTLER	5,176	43	MIFFLIN	1,041	12
CAMBRIA	3,494	45	MONROE	2,322	62
CAMERON	163	6	MONTGOMERY	7,190	85
CARBON	1,741	26	MONTOUR	375	20
CENTRE	3,278	21	NORTHAMPTON	3,739	107
CHESTER	5,347	48	NORTHUMBERLAND	2,183	20
CLARION	1,257	33	PERRY	1,555	29
CLEARFIELD	2,618	26	PHILADELPHIA	7,146	0
CLINTON	1,088	9	PIKE	1,542	74
COLUMBIA	1,538	38	POTTER	1,361	39
CRAWFORD	2,767	118	SCHUYLKILL	3,225	12
CUMBERLAND	4,457	40	SNYDER	858	16
DAUPHIN	4,917	30	SOMERSET	1,921	43
DELAWARE	6,085	56	SULLIVAN	214	16
ELK	1,157	20	SUSQUEHANNA	1,212	53
ERIE	6,108	177	TIOGA	1,073	30
FAYETTE	4,883	47	UNION	866	6
FOREST	248	29	VENANGO	1,711	36
FRANKLIN	2,913	51	WARREN	2,247	39
FULTON	570	11	WASHINGTON	5,212	83
GREENE	963	46	WAYNE	1,915	70
HUNTINGDON	1,031	52	WESTMORELAND	11,178	102
INDIANA	2,361	55	WYOMING	959	20
JEFFERSON	1,624	22	YORK	8,415	43
JUNIATA	614	11			
GRAND TOTAL LTC FOR 2014				219,782	
GRAND TOTAL SFP FOR 2014				2,885	

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

PENNSYLVANIA INSTANT CHECK SYSTEM OUTAGES - 2014

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	Partial	Full					
January	0.50	3.07	0.17	2.40							4	10	56	0.15%	0.55%
February		2.40		2.40							2	19	125	0%	0.61%
March		1.75	1.75								3	10	50	0.40%	0%
April		0.52		0.52							1	31	31	0%	0.12%
May		0.98		0.85					0.13		1	59	59	0%	0.23%
June		0.17							0.17		1	10	10	0%	0.04%
July		0.00									0			0%	0%
August		0.94			0.57	0.37					2	22	34	0.13%	0.09%
September		8.50	1.22	5.98		1.30					6	33	124	0.30%	1.73%
October		1.10				1.10					1	66	66	0%	0.25%
November		1.10				1.10					1	66	66	0%	0.26%
December		1.71		0.88	0.83						1	103	103	0.19%	0.20%
TOTALS		22.24	1.72	7.71	3.32	9.19	0	0	0.30	0	23	429	724	0.10%	0.34%

OUTAGE TIME AS PERCENT OF OPERATIONAL HOURS: 0.44%

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

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

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