

Pennsylvania State Police

Firearms Annual Report

2016



I am pleased to once again present the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Firearms Annual Report. In 2016, the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS), which conducts background checks for potential firearm purchasers and license to carry applicants, logged 1,137,975 background check requests. This is the highest volume year in PICS' nearly twenty-year history, surpassing the previous high year, 2013, by over 12,000.

The PSP Firearms Division continues to make strides in enhancing public safety by embarking on a project to transmit prohibitive Pennsylvania criminal history data to the federal firearm index. Inclusion of older conviction data and juvenile adjudications not previously available for out-of-state background checks, helps ensure that a prohibited person cannot simply cross state lines to illegally obtain a firearm. To this end, the PICS Unit continues to submit prohibitive mental health and drug user data to the federal index as well. To date, over 700,000 mental health records, including involuntary commitments and court ordered adjudications, have been submitted.

To more fully comply with federal reporting standards and to help support valid PICS denials on appeal in the state courts, the PSP endeavors to dialogue with other state agencies in an effort to enhance county agencies' record retention. Since the Uniform Firearms Act places the burden of proof to substantiate a PICS background check denial on the Commonwealth, it is imperative that both criminal conviction and mental health records remain available and accessible. These critical records are also frequently requested as the PSP Firearms Division responds to court petitions for relief from PA Uniform Firearms Act-imposed firearm disabilities.

As the following report illustrates, the PSP Firearms Division continues to effectively administer its responsibilities pursuant to the Uniform Firearms Act to promote above all else, public safety. Pennsylvania's instantaneous firearm background check system remains a standard bearer in its approach to determining firearms eligibility with respect to state and federal statutes. I thank you again for your interest and for reviewing the 2016 Firearms Annual Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Col. Tyree C. Blocker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Colonel Tyree C. Blocker
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 2016, 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 2016, the PICS handled 1,137,975 IVR and web-based background checks for licensed firearm dealers, sheriffs and law enforcement throughout the Commonwealth. Of these requests, 61 percent were approved within minutes by the system, while an additional 36 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 timeouts, alien requests, and calls made from a rotary phone. In addition, 12,139 files that were placed in a research status were subsequently approved. Therefore, the overall approval rate of background checks that were initiated in 2016 is 98 percent.

There were 16,964 background checks initially denied through prohibitions indicated on the individual's record. The PSP received 5,619 challenges to these denials. After further review of information provided by the individual or through official court documentation, 1,860 or 33 percent of the challenges were reversed.

Last year the instantaneous background check process yielded warrant information that led to the arrest of 152 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 2,123 fugitives.

The PSP continues its efforts to investigate and prosecute individuals who attempt to illegally obtain a firearm. In 2016, 6,468 files were referred to PSP Troops; municipal police departments; and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for investigation; a 39 percent increase over 2015. Investigation referrals resulted in 733 arrests, 356 reported convictions, and 1,244 cases in which prosecution was declined. The PSP networks with local law enforcement agencies and the 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 2016, there were 6,910 background checks conducted for these transactions, a seven percent increase over 2015.

A total of 846,197 firearms were reported purchased or privately transferred in Pennsylvania in 2016. This represents a 12 percent increase over 2015. Licensed firearm dealers reported 478,844 handgun transactions and 367,353 long gun transactions for the year.

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* for 2016 reported 10,632 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: 2,843,673 Pennsylvania criminal history and juvenile records; 794,925 mental health records; 113,186 wanted persons; and federal files containing 73,856,583 criminal history records and 21,972,210 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, the PICS is allowed up to 15 days to conduct further research as needed to determine prohibited status.

PICS STATISTICS

There were 1,137,975 PICS transactions initiated in 2016.

- 692,406 checks were automatically approved through the IVR or website.
- 445,569 checks were forwarded to a PICS operator for assistance.
- Of the checks forwarded to PICS operators, 410,051 were subsequently approved during the initial review.
- A total of 1,102,457 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 2016. The figures below do not include checks that were placed into research status for more than one day.

- Calls approved by the automated IVR phone system averaged 0.78 minutes.
- Operator assisted IVR calls averaged 9.88 minutes.
- Automated approvals issued by the website averaged 1.07 minutes.

- Operator assisted website checks averaged 6.80 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.

- 16,964 denials were issued by PICS operators in 2016.
- 5,619 challenges to these denials were received.
- 3,312 final denials were issued.
- 1,860 denials were reversed.

The remaining 447 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 88 appeals were filed with the Office of Attorney General in 2016. Additional documentation was received that enabled the PSP to approve one of these cases prior to the scheduled hearing date. The following chart reflects the outcome of the remaining cases:

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (2016)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	20
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	37
APPEALS PENDING	30

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 2016.

COMMONWEALTH COURT (2000-2016)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	22
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED*	16

APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED/REMANDED	7
APPEALS PENDING	5

*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. There were no appeals filed with the Supreme Court in 2016.

PA SUPREME COURT (2001-2016)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD*	5
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED/REMANDED	12
APPEALS PENDING	0

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

COURT RELIEF FROM FIREARM DISABILITY

The PUFA, sections 6105(d) through (f), provide for court ordered relief from the state firearm disability for qualified offenses, involuntary civil commitments, and court adjudications of incompetency or incapacity. The PSP has standing to appear at these hearings on behalf of the Commonwealth.

In 2016, the PSP Firearms Division staff, in conjunction with the PSP Office of Chief Counsel, responded to 84 such petitions for relief, a 24 percent increase over 2015. There were 61 petitions for relief or expungement of mental health commitments, and 23 petitions for criminal offenses. It is important to note that even if the petitioner is granted firearm relief from a state court, he may also need to obtain federal relief for a firearm disability, if the offense or criteria is also prohibited under the Gun Control Act, Title 18, Chapter 44, Section 922(g). For example, the current relief process for mental health commitments and adjudications provided for in 18 Pa.C.S. §6105(f), does not meet the standard to qualify as relief from federal firearm disabilities, even if the subject obtains a court order of relief from the county Court of Common Pleas.

FIREARM SALES AND TRANSFERS FOR 2016

There were 2,763 active Pennsylvania licensed firearm dealers in 2016. Please refer to Appendix B for a breakdown by county. Pursuant to the PUFA, licensed firearm dealers are required to conduct a PICS background check 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 846,197 firearms were reported purchased/transferred in Pennsylvania in 2016.

- 478,844 handguns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 367,353 long guns were reported purchased/transferred.

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

CRIMES COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS IN 2016

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* is prepared each year by the PSP. Excerpts of current summary data from the 2016 report, regarding crimes involving firearms, are provided in the table below.

(Reported as of 3/15/2017)

TYPE OF CRIME	TOTAL	FIREARMS	PERCENT
Homicide	884	580	65.6%
Robbery	12,088	5,182	42.9%
Aggravated Assault	22,504	4,870	21.6%

LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS/SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS

There were a total of 300,565 licenses to carry firearms issued as reported by county sheriffs' offices and chiefs of police of cities of the first class in 2016. This is a 27 percent increase over the number of permits issued in 2015. 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 87 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. As of this writing, the following states have entered into formal written reciprocity agreements with Pennsylvania: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, 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*, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

*Effective August 1, 2013, only North Dakota Class I permits are recognized in this category.

This information changes frequently due to new legislation that is passed in other states, or updates made to the original agreements. A current 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.

Sportsman's Firearm Permits are issued by the County Treasurer's Office and do not require a background check. In 2016, there were a total of 2,408 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 2016, 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 2016	
Total Referred to PSP Troops	6,468
Total Referred to Municipal PDs	4,160
Total Referred to ATF	2,303
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Listed below are the investigation results that were reported in 2016. They include referrals that were initiated in previous years.

TOTAL INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES IN 2016	
Arrests Reported	733
Convictions Reported	356
Prosecutions Declined	1,244

The table below lists the 1999-2016 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 (1999-2016)	
Total Referred	20,736
Arrests Reported	6,647
Convictions Reported	3,441
Prosecutions Declined	4,037
Pending Investigations	8,268
Miscellaneous Disposed Cases	1,784

WANTED PERSONS ARRESTS

In 2016, a total of 152 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 2,123 individuals.

SYSTEM OUTAGES

In 2016, the PICS was operational 366 days, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., for a total of 5,124 hours. Due to technical problems, the PICS experienced service outages for a combined total of 77.66 hours (1.52 percent). 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.

- Fifty-eight percent of outages were caused by technical difficulties with federal databases.

- Twenty-seven percent of outages were caused by PSP system problems.
- Fifteen 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 2016 IVR AND WEB-BASED CHECKS STATISTICS

YEAR 2016	IVR*	WEB-BASED	TOTALS
Purchase/Transfer Checks	429,319	365,374	794,693
License to Carry Checks	42,323	294,049	336,372
Firearm Evidence Returns	*4,173 (Fax, not IVR)	2,737	6,910
Automatic Approvals	269,321	423,085	692,406
Transfer to Operator	206,494	239,075	445,569
Average %-System Approvals	57%	64%	61%

Total PICS checks in 2016: 1,137,975
 Total System-Immediate Approvals: 692,406
 Average %-System Approvals: 61%

(Reported as of 2/1/2017)

NUMBER OF LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS BY COUNTY FOR 2016			
COUNTY	NO. DEALERS	COUNTY	NO. DEALERS
ADAMS	40	LACKAWANNA	43
ALLEGHENY	133	LANCASTER	61
ARMSTRONG	31	LAWRENCE	27
BEAVER	48	LEBANON	30
BEDFORD	28	LEHIGH	46
BERKS	84	LUZERNE	70
BLAIR	57	LYCOMING	53
BRADFORD	47	MCKEAN	23
BUCKS	113	MERCER	38
BUTLER	66	MIFFLIN	15
CAMBRIA	39	MONROE	46
CAMERON	6	MONTGOMERY	86
CARBON	16	MONTOUR	12
CENTRE	42	NORTHAMPTON	54
CHESTER	85	NORTHUMBERLAND	30
CLARION	21	PERRY	40
CLEARFIELD	27	PHILADELPHIA	13
CLINTON	15	PIKE	38
COLUMBIA	38	POTTER	18
CRAWFORD	35	SCHUYLKILL	44
CUMBERLAND	54	SNYDER	19
DAUPHIN	47	SOMERSET	33
DELAWARE	44	SULLIVAN	8
ELK	13	SUSQUEHANNA	36
ERIE	54	TIOGA	34
FAYETTE	42	UNION	10
FOREST	4	VENANGO	22
FRANKLIN	61	WARREN	29
FULTON	11	WASHINGTON	67
GREENE	16	WAYNE	36
HUNTINGDON	29	WESTMORELAND	128
INDIANA	40	WYOMING	13
JEFFERSON	27	YORK	113
JUNIATA	15		
TOTAL LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS FOR 2016:			2,763

(Reported as of 3/20/2017)

2016 FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED BY COUNTY

COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN	COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN
ADAMS	6,257	6,204	LACKAWANNA	7,971	4,837
ALLEGHENY	35,157	18,150	LANCASTER	25,267	18,219
ARMSTRONG	3,064	2,348	LAWRENCE	4,776	3,098
BEAVER	5,602	3,508	LEBANON	7,706	6,217
BEDFORD	4,053	4,860	LEHIGH	11,418	8,416
BERKS	22,799	18,602	LUZERNE	15,788	10,905
BLAIR	8,166	6,175	LYCOMING	8,033	7,879
BRADFORD	3,635	4,575	MCKEAN	1,551	1,494
BUCKS	26,010	17,227	MERCER	7,284	5,193
BUTLER	15,364	11,203	MIFFLIN	2,307	1,968
CAMBRIA	7,930	5,780	MONROE	10,481	7,549
CAMERON	64	33	MONTGOMERY	14,975	10,532
CARBON	1,216	1,467	MONTOUR	132	127
CENTRE	5,292	4,683	NORTHAMPTON	8,785	6,783
CHESTER	10,236	7,244	NORTHUMBERLAND	2,480	2,345
CLARION	2,746	3,086	PERRY	1,962	2,080
CLEARFIELD	13,076	11,766	PHILADELPHIA	11,736	3,491
CLINTON	1,401	1,852	PIKE	1,400	1,390
COLUMBIA	4,450	4,059	POTTER	648	808
CRAWFORD	2,245	2,267	SCHUYLKILL	8,125	6,949
CUMBERLAND	12,859	9,769	SNYDER	3,777	3,824
DAUPHIN	5,925	5,154	SOMERSET	2,925	3,137
DELAWARE	12,510	5,228	SULLIVAN	277	307
ELK	2,145	2,317	SUSQUEHANNA	1,902	2,236
ERIE	12,332	11,297	TIOGA	2,816	4,310
FAYETTE	8,620	5,521	UNION	641	873
FOREST	297	168	VENANGO	2,337	2,176
FRANKLIN	7,864	8,260	WARREN	2,029	2,781
FULTON	582	608	WASHINGTON	15,900	9,962
GREENE	1,343	1,421	WAYNE	5,998	5,478
HUNTINGDON	956	1,411	WESTMORELAND	17,745	12,586
INDIANA	2,638	2,625	WYOMING	1,997	2,872
JEFFERSON	3,070	3,379	YORK	17,195	13,417
JUNIATA	576	867			
GRAND TOTAL FOR HANDGUNS FOR 2016				478,844	
GRAND TOTAL FOR LONG GUNS FOR 2016				367,353	
GRAND TOTAL FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED				846,197	

Totals include taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers reported for the year 2016.

(Reported as of 3/10/2017)

COUNTY STATISTICS FOR LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS AND SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS ISSUED IN 2016

COUNTY	LTC	SFP	COUNTY	LTC	SFP
ADAMS	3,313	26	LACKAWANNA	5,154	20
ALLEGHENY	23,131	97	LANCASTER	12,768	75
ARMSTRONG	3,672	27	LAWRENCE	2,888	54
BEAVER	5,291	28	LEBANON	3,585	19
BEDFORD	2,324	35	LEHIGH	6,419	0
BERKS	11,477	17	LUZERNE	7,594	44
BLAIR	4,178	11	LYCOMING	4,350	23
BRADFORD	2,316	20	MCKEAN	2,796	10
BUCKS	11,598	85	MERCER	3,448	60
BUTLER	6,919	24	MIFFLIN	1,572	19
CAMBRIA	5,647	47	MONROE	3,209	83
CAMERON	266	12	MONTGOMERY	11,514	45
CARBON	2,375	28	MONTOUR	580	6
CENTRE	4,008	26	NORTHAMPTON	5,940	86
CHESTER	8,061	16	NORTHUMBERLAND	2,959	8
CLARION	1,690	42	PERRY	2,124	19
CLEARFIELD	3,587	41	PHILADELPHIA	8,881	0
CLINTON	1,558	12	PIKE	1,858	62
COLUMBIA	2,119	29	POTTER	1,246	21
CRAWFORD	2,581	99	SCHUYLKILL	4,644	9
CUMBERLAND	6,249	16	SNYDER	1,474	14
DAUPHIN	5,659	14	SOMERSET	2,992	40
DELAWARE	8,667	44	SULLIVAN	288	11
ELK	1,566	34	SUSQUEHANNA	1,998	36
ERIE	7,799	153	TIOGA	1,438	41
FAYETTE	5,479	29	UNION	1,127	8
FOREST	311	29	VENANGO	2,061	40
FRANKLIN	4,359	28	WARREN	2,493	25
FULTON	767	8	WASHINGTON	6,761	72
GREENE	1,339	52	WAYNE	2,920	82
HUNTINGDON	1,503	54	WESTMORELAND	13,556	76
INDIANA	3,222	49	WYOMING	1,098	7
JEFFERSON	2,042	22	YORK	12,934	23
JUNIATA	823	16			
GRAND TOTAL LTC FOR 2016				300,565	
GRAND TOTAL SFP FOR 2016				2,408	

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

PENNSYLVANIA INSTANT CHECK SYSTEM OUTAGES - 2016

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	70	70	0	0.27%
February	0	0.33	1.00**	1.60	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	20	66	0.25%	0.48%
March	0	0.58	0	3.45	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	35	207	0	0.93%
April	0	3.17	0	1.38	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	83	105	0	1.08%
May	0	1.38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	83	83	0	0.32%
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.50	1	30	30	0	0.12%
July	0	0.23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	14	0	0.05%
August	0	2.12	0	1.88	0	0	0	0	0	2.45	5	39	147	0	1.49%
September	0	14.07	0	1.03	0	0	0	0	8.05**	0	6	62	501	1.92%	3.60%
October	0	5.47	0	1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	20	105	0	1.49%
November	0	7.32	0	0.83	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	20	156	0	1.94%
December	0.80**	9.60	0	7.93	0	0	0	0	0	0.32	6	19	476	0.18%	4.11%
TOTALS	0.80	44.27	1.00	20.27	0	0	0	0	8.05	3.27	42	495	1,960	0.19%	1.32%

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

** Although the IVR phone system was offline, the PICS web interface was still processing background checks.

OUTAGE TIME AS PERCENT OF OPERATIONAL HOURS: 1.52%

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.