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2008 Firearms Annual Report





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I am pleased to present the 2008 Pennsylvania State Police Firearms Annual Report. The Firearms Division reported a significant increase in nearly every process and unit in 2008. The Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) Operations Section processed a record number of background checks for firearm dealers and sheriffs. Likewise, the Firearm Records Unit reported record high figures of firearm sales and transfers.

The PICS Unit continues to see an increase in requests from law enforcement agencies with regard to returns of confiscated firearms. In 2008, there were 3,447 background checks conducted for this purpose. In addition, 322 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 15 percent increase from last year.

Significant legislation affecting the Firearms Division was passed in 2008. Act 131 was signed into law on October 17, 2008, and its broad provisions affect several key sections of Pennsylvania's Uniform Firearms Act, including the following:

Act 131 amends 18 Pa. C.S. § 6109, to provide for the issuance of a Temporary Emergency License to Carry a Firearm in cases where imminent danger is proven by the applicant. Extensive documentation and additional cost must be submitted by the applicant, and a PICS approval must be obtained by the sheriff before a license will be issued.

Act 131 also amends 18 Pa. C.S. § 6111.1, by establishing a specific procedure for handling challenges to PICS denials. Challenges must now be submitted within 30 days of the date of the denial, and a final decision must be communicated to the challenger within 60 days of receipt of a challenge, to include all information which forms a basis for the decision. It is critical for PICS staff to obtain certified records of conviction and involuntary commitments and adjudications in order to meet the requirement of upholding a PICS denial within the statutory time frame.

As part of the mission of the Pennsylvania State Police to provide for the safety and well-being of the citizens of this Commonwealth, the Firearms Division continues to ensure law-abiding citizens may acquire firearms without unnecessary restrictions while keeping firearms out of the hands of prohibited individuals. It is with this in mind that I submit to you the 2008 Pennsylvania State Police Firearms Annual Report.

Sincerely,

Colonel Frank E. Pawlowski
Commissioner

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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

The PSP coordinates investigative efforts and networks information with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to investigate and prosecute individuals who attempt to obtain firearms illegally. In 2008, 504 files were referred to PSP Troops, ATF and local police departments for investigation. Investigation referrals, including those initiated in previous years, resulted in 96 arrests, 69 reported convictions and 41 cases which were declined prosecution in 2008.

In 2008, PICS handled 619,297 transactions for sheriffs and licensed firearm dealers throughout the Commonwealth. Of these requests, 61 percent were approved within minutes by the system, while an additional 33 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, 7,004 files that were placed in a research status were subsequently approved. Therefore, the overall approval rate of background checks that were initiated in 2008 is 95 percent.

In 2008, 10,823 background checks were initially denied through prohibitions indicated on the individual's record. The PSP received 4,302 challenges to these denials. After further review of information provided by the individual or through official court documentation, 1,623 challenges were reversed.

A total of 463,976 firearms were reported purchased or privately transferred in Pennsylvania for 2008. Licensed firearm dealers reported 208,436 handgun transactions and 255,540 long gun transactions for the year.

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* for 2008 reported 13,814 violent crimes committed involving the use of a firearm.

There were 112 fugitives identified and apprehended as a result of instantaneous background checks in 2008. Law enforcement authorities are notified immediately when a fugitive is identified through a PICS check as attempting to purchase a firearm or obtain a license to carry a concealed firearm.

This report provides statistics and information on the activities of the PSP Firearms Division for calendar year 2008, in compliance with 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 6111.1(i) of the PUFA.

BACKGROUND

On June 13, 1995, Act 17 was signed into law. Act 17 amended Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act (PUFA). The law included provisions for the PSP to conduct firearm background checks and to collect a \$2 fee from firearm dealers for each background check processed and a \$3 fee for the sale or transfer of each taxable firearm.

PUFA and its subsequent amendments afford PSP the opportunity and ability to take an aggressive and technologically advanced approach to the firearm background check responsibility through the creation of the Pennsylvania Instant Background Check System (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 a firearm or obtain a firearm through a purchase or transfer.

The development of PICS required coordination with the FBI and the NICS Program. Pennsylvania was established as a Point-of-Contact State, allowing the PICS Operations Section the responsibility to conduct background checks for all federal firearm licensees within 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 level to complete background checks. Communication problems or the inability to access any of these databases will not allow the background check to be completed. Downtime at the federal level is beyond 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 (for the purpose of carrying a firearm concealed on or about one's person or in a vehicle throughout the Commonwealth).

State databases searched:

- Pennsylvania Criminal History Records.
- Juvenile Records (contained within the criminal history record file).
- Mental Health File (containing 302, 303, and 304 involuntary commitment information and adjudication of incompetence).
- Pennsylvania Protection From Abuse (PFA) File (not all Pennsylvania PFA's fit the criteria for entry into the National Protection Order File).
- Pennsylvania Wanted/Missing Persons File (wanted persons for which the entering agency will not extradite are contained in this file only and are not in the NCIC Wanted Persons File).

As an agency organizational segment within a Point-of-Contact State, PICS conducts the check of the federal databases through the National Instant Check System (NICS).

Federal databases searched:

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

COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICS

The firearm instantaneous records check, also known as a background check, involves the comprehensive searches of many databases, including: 2,674,678 Pennsylvania criminal history and juvenile records, 504,056 mental health records, approximately 173,010 wanted persons, and federal files containing over 53.6 million criminal history records and 9.7 million records on other prohibited persons. With the large volume of records in each of the many databases searched to run a single background check, the process may require 15 days to complete when a potentially prohibited offense or condition is identified.

PICS STATISTICS

There were 619,297 background checks initiated in 2008.

- There were 377,886 calls automatically approved through the IVR computer. The remaining 241,411 were forwarded to a PICS operator for assistance.
- Of the calls forwarded to PICS operators, 201,223 were subsequently approved during the initial call.

- A total of 579,109 of incoming calls were approved on the initial call. The remaining calls were placed into research and determinations were provided within 15 days. (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 2008. These figures do not include calls that are placed into research for more than one day.

- Calls handled through the automated system averaged 6.07 minutes.
- Operator assisted approvals averaged 5.9 minutes.
- Operator assisted denials averaged 13.8 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.

- 10,823 denials were issued by PICS operators in 2008.
- 4,302 challenges to these denials were received.
- 1,559 final denials were issued.
- 1,623 denials were reversed.
- 1 case is pending final disposition.

APPEAL STATUS

A total of 54 appeals were filed with the Office of Attorney General in 2008. The following chart reflects the outcome of the remaining cases:

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	4
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	1
APPEALS WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	10
APPEALS PENDING	38

The first appeals to reach the Commonwealth Court level were in the year 2000. Statistics listed below reflect cumulative totals. No appeals were filed in Commonwealth Court in 2008, although one case was remanded from the PA Supreme Court.

COMMONWEALTH COURT

PSP DENIALS UPHELD	14
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED*	16
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	3
APPEALS PENDING	0

*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 2008.

PA SUPREME COURT

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 2008

There were 2,367 active Pennsylvania licensed firearm dealers in 2008. Refer to Appendix D 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. The dealers are also required to complete and submit the *Application/Record of Sale* form promulgated by the PSP. The form is not required for the sale of long guns, although a background check is still necessary unless the long gun transfer is between two private individuals who are both Pennsylvania residents. Private transfers of long guns between two Pennsylvania residents do not have to be conducted through a licensed firearm dealer; therefore, no background check is conducted.

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. Copies of the forms must be retained at the licensed business premises for a period of 20 years.

- 463,976 firearms were reported purchased/transferred in Pennsylvania in 2008.
- 208,436 handguns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 255,540 long guns were reported purchased/transferred.

Refer to Appendix B for more information on reported sales by county.

CRIMES COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS IN 2008

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* is prepared each year under separate cover by the PSP. Excerpts of summary data from the 2008 report regarding crimes involving firearms are as follows:

(Reported as of 03/09/2009)

TYPE OF CRIME	TOTAL	FIREARMS	PERCENT
Homicide	679	506	74.5
Robbery	18,827	7,868	41.8
Aggravated Assault	27,747	5,440	19.6

LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS/SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS

There were a total of 150,843 Licenses to Carry Firearms issued as reported by county sheriffs' offices and chiefs of police of cities of the first class in 2008. Background checks are conducted through PICS to determine an individual's eligibility to obtain a License to Carry Firearms.

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

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

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

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

This information, including regular updates, 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 2008, there were a total of 3,988 permits issued.

(See Appendix C for individual county totals regarding License to Carry Firearms and Sportsman's Firearm Permits).

PENNSYLVANIA UNIFORM FIREARMS ACT - ENFORCEMENT

Under 18 Pa. C.S. § 6111(g)(4) of the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act, “...any person, purchaser or transferee who in connection with the purchase, delivery or transfer of a firearm under this chapter knowingly and intentionally makes any materially false oral or written statement or willfully furnishes or exhibits any false identification intended or likely to deceive the seller, licensed dealer or licensed manufacturer commits a felony of the third degree.”

Before initiating investigations under this section, the following information is taken into consideration:

- Initial PICS denial determinations are not always final denials, and the denial determination, exclusively, is not the determining factor for criminal intent.
- Initial denials may be a result of research that could not be completed or additional information, e.g., fingerprints, that is required to distinguish between individuals with similar names and numeric identifiers.
- Individuals denied through PICS may challenge a denial response if they believe they have been denied in error.

In 2008, the following investigations were initiated by the PSP Firearms Division and referred to PSP Troops, local police departments, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives:

TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED IN 2008	504
Total Referred to PSP Troops	384
Total Referred by Troops to Local Police Departments*	90
Total Referred to ATF	120

*The 90 cases that were referred to local police departments by PSP Troops are part of the 384 which were initially referred to the Troops, and are not in addition to those 384 cases.

Listed below are the investigation results that were reported in 2008. They include referrals that were initiated in previous years.

INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES IN 2008	
Arrests Reported	96
Convictions Reported	69
Prosecutions Declined	41

The table below lists the cumulative totals for investigation referrals and the various outcomes. As of December 31, 2008, there were 617 investigations with no reported disposition. The breakdown of cases with no reported disposition is as follows: 1999-1, 2000-2, 2001-5, 2002-8, 2003-12, 2004-18, 2005-23, 2006-39, 2007-189 and 2008-320.

INVESTIGATION REFERRAL GRAND TOTALS (1999-2008)	
Total Referred	3,465
Arrests Reported	2,352
Convictions Reported	1,193
Prosecutions Declined	880
Total Dispositions Unreported to Date	617

WANTED PERSONS ARRESTS

A total of 112 individuals with active warrants were apprehended in 2008. Since its inception on July 1, 1998, PICS is responsible for the apprehension of 1,137 individuals.

SYSTEM DOWNTIME

In 2008, PICS was operational 366 days, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. for a total of 5,124 hours. PICS experienced 38.3 hours or 0.75 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. (See Appendix E for additional information.)

- 4 percent of downtime was due to technical difficulties with federal databases.
- 86 percent of downtime was due to PSP system problems.
- 5 percent of downtime was due to a combination of technical problems in both the state and federal systems.
- 5 percent of downtime was due to other technical difficulties.

CONCLUSION

PICS was developed in accordance with the provisions of the PUFA. PICS provides a means by which law-abiding citizens may acquire firearms without undue or unnecessary restrictions. PICS identifies individuals who are precluded by state or federal law from purchasing a firearm. PICS will not authorize the transfer of a firearm by a licensed dealer to a prohibited person. The data presented in this report indicates that PICS is working as intended.

PICS 2008 STATISTICS FROM THE IVR COMPUTERS

YEAR 2008	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
Total PICS Calls	46,480	48,253	57,726	47,598	41,923	37,469	39,665	43,277	47,758	57,225	81,686	70,237	619,297
System-Immediate Approvals	28,656	29,296	35,313	29,115	25,675	22,982	24,267	26,357	29,121	34,965	49,355	42,784	377,886
Database Hit-Call to Operator	13,165	14,630	17,060	13,775	12,300	10,829	11,426	12,847	14,129	16,991	24,254	20,919	182,325
Rotary Phone-File Timed Out	4,659	4,327	5,353	4,708	3,948	3,658	3,972	4,073	4,508	5,269	8,077	6,534	59,086
Average %-System Approvals	61.65%	60.71%	61.17%	61.17%	61.24%	61.34%	61.18%	60.09%	60.98%	61.10%	60.42%	60.91%	61.02%

TOTAL TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED THROUGH PICS IN 2008: 619,297

(Reported as of 3/30/2009)

2008 FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED BY COUNTY

COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN	COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN
ADAMS	1,845	3,818	LACKAWANNA	4,635	5,403
ALLEGHENY	15,132	13,755	LANCASTER	8,542	10,098
ARMSTRONG	783	767	LAWRENCE	1,657	1,809
BEAVER	3,483	3,459	LEBANON	4,398	4,788
BEDFORD	1,709	3,748	LEHIGH	7,388	6,035
BERKS	12,424	18,991	LUZERNE	6,331	6,827
BLAIR	4,143	5,399	LYCOMING	5,128	7,357
BRADFORD	1,319	2,759	MCKEAN	461	983
BUCKS	11,687	9,741	MERCER	1,527	1,659
BUTLER	6,011	7,021	MIFFLIN	530	952
CAMBRIA	3,729	5,000	MONROE	5,082	3,270
CAMERON	72	39	MONTGOMERY	6,572	6,994
CARBON	723	532	MONTOUR	35	63
CENTRE	1,416	2,406	NORTHAMPTON	2,429	3,036
CHESTER	3,404	3,591	NORTHUMBERLAND	1,480	1,942
CLARION	1,322	2,190	PERRY	818	1,327
CLEARFIELD	4,967	8,494	PHILADELPHIA	6,746	1,918
CLINTON	610	1,473	PIKE	276	442
COLUMBIA	1,305	2,180	POTTER	565	1,027
CRAWFORD	930	1,680	SCHUYLKILL	3,688	5,481
CUMBERLAND	2,014	4,200	SNYDER	375	1,363
DAUPHIN	4,710	5,851	SOMERSET	1,347	2,340
DELAWARE	5,836	2,577	SULLIVAN	77	191
ELK	601	1,273	SUSQUEHANNA	1,202	2,217
ERIE	4,832	8,327	TIOGA	847	2,939
FAYETTE	4,398	5,728	UNION	486	860
FOREST	12	29	VENANGO	1,207	2,268
FRANKLIN	3,107	6,566	WARREN	939	2,301
FULTON	106	239	WASHINGTON	7,534	6,325
GREENE	522	664	WAYNE	2,558	3,408
HUNTINGDON	411	1,261	WESTMORELAND	8,550	10,622
INDIANA	1,385	2,080	WYOMING	438	759
JEFFERSON	1,481	2,209	YORK	7,894	9,588
JUNIATA	265	901			
GRAND TOTAL FOR HANDGUNS FOR 2008				208,436	
GRAND TOTAL FOR LONG GUNS FOR 2008				255,540	
GRAND TOTAL FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED				463,976	

Totals include taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers reported for the year 2008.

(Reported as of 3/3/2009)

2008 COUNTY STATISTICS FOR LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS AND SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS					
COUNTY	LTC	SFP	COUNTY	LTC	SFP
ADAMS	1,172	25	LACKAWANNA	2,082	44
ALLEGHENY	13,012	148	LANCASTER	4,505	178
ARMSTRONG	2,402	22	LAWRENCE	1,599	69
BEAVER	3,332	205	LEBANON	1,651	30
BEDFORD	868	42	LEHIGH	2,581	64
BERKS	5,795	40	LUZERNE	2,677	67
BLAIR	2,391	20	LYCOMING	2,414	15
BRADFORD	1,096	51	MCKEAN	1,132	15
BUCKS	5,213	150	MERCER	1,748	127
BUTLER	3,652	43	MIFFLIN	795	30
CAMBRIA	2,764	63	MONROE	1,716	114
CAMERON	177	14	MONTGOMERY	4,442	87
CARBON	1,202	39	MONTOUR	270	16
CENTRE	5,019	26	NORTHAMPTON	3,033	53
CHESTER	3,039	54	NORTHUMBERLAND	1,611	14
CLARION	840	84	PERRY	913	35
CLEARFIELD	1,945	50	PHILADELPHIA	6,264	9
CLINTON	418	25	PIKE	1,376	105
COLUMBIA	1,077	50	POTTER	610	36
CRAWFORD	1,070	162	SCHUYLKILL	2,830	23
CUMBERLAND	2,242	57	SNYDER	780	19
DAUPHIN	3,530	22	SOMERSET	1,324	42
DELAWARE	3,053	65	SULLIVAN	155	12
ELK	925	29	SUSQUEHANNA	1,060	49
ERIE	2,874	203	TIOGA	957	29
FAYETTE	2,584	81	UNION	718	9
FOREST	184	46	VENANGO	943	77
FRANKLIN	958	52	WARREN	992	38
FULTON	393	2	WASHINGTON	4,200	100
GREENE	1,509	93	WAYNE	980	80
HUNTINGDON	715	74	WESTMORELAND	9,027	189
INDIANA	1,757	82	WYOMING	742	14
JEFFERSON	1,333	33	YORK	5,777	37
JUNIATA	398	10			
GRAND TOTAL LTC FOR 2008				150,843	
GRAND TOTAL SPTM FOR 2008				3,988	

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

(Reported as of 3/10/2009)

NUMBER OF LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS BY COUNTY FOR 2008			
COUNTY	NO. DEALERS	COUNTY	NO. DEALERS
ADAMS	28	LACKAWANNA	46
ALLEGHENY	126	LANCASTER	64
ARMSTRONG	30	LAWRENCE	23
BEAVER	43	LEBANON	27
BEDFORD	24	LEHIGH	44
BERKS	64	LUZERNE	64
BLAIR	42	LYCOMING	45
BRADFORD	40	MCKEAN	17
BUCKS	73	MERCER	44
BUTLER	42	MIFFLIN	16
CAMBRIA	39	MONROE	46
CAMERON	4	MONTGOMERY	62
CARBON	10	MONTOUR	5
CENTRE	33	NORTHAMPTON	43
CHESTER	59	NORTHUMBERLAND	32
CLARION	23	PERRY	24
CLEARFIELD	27	PHILADELPHIA	15
CLINTON	11	PIKE	28
COLUMBIA	26	POTTER	17
CRAWFORD	30	SCHUYLKILL	45
CUMBERLAND	52	SNYDER	12
DAUPHIN	35	SOMERSET	36
DELAWARE	41	SULLIVAN	6
ELK	22	SUSQUEHANNA	32
ERIE	44	TIOGA	27
FAYETTE	45	UNION	9
FOREST	4	VENANGO	19
FRANKLIN	39	WARREN	25
FULTON	9	WASHINGTON	40
GREENE	10	WAYNE	26
HUNTINGDON	30	WESTMORELAND	127
INDIANA	51	WYOMING	9
JEFFERSON	25	YORK	95
JUNIATA	16		
TOTAL LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS FOR 2008:			2,367

PENNSYLVANIA INSTANT CHECK SYSTEM DOWNTIME - 2008

Month	Total Hours Down	NICS Hours		PSP Hours		Both Hours		Other Hours		No. Days Affected	Minimum Minutes Down	Maximum Minutes Down	Partial System Out of Service	System Out of Service
		Partial	Down	Partial	Down	Partial	Down	Partial	Down					
January	3.75	0.75			1.00	2.00				2	60	60	0.63%	0.23%
February	0.31			0.08	0.23					3	5	9	0.02%	0.06%
March	6.38	0.33		0.35	5.70					7	12	135	0.16%	1.31%
April	7.83	0.13			7.70					3	38	424	0.03%	1.83%
May	3.53		0.23		1.55			0.50	1.25	5	8	75	0.12%	0.70%
June	3.20			2.33	0.87					3	52	52	0.55%	0.21%
July	0.82			0.82						2	0	0	0.20%	0.00%
August	0.52				0.52					1	31	31	0.00%	0.12%
September	1.25			0.33	0.67				0.25	3	15	25	0.08%	0.22%
October	1.32			0.50	0.82					3	49	49	0.12%	0.19%
November	8.62			2.57	6.05					14	11	121	0.61%	1.44%
December	0.75			0.42	0.33					3	10	10	0.10%	0.08%
TOTALS	38.28	1.21	0.23	7.40	25.44	2.00	0.00	0.50	1.50	49	291	991	0.22%	0.53%

AVERAGE SYSTEM DOWNTIME FOR 2008: 0.75%

Other: Problems with phone lines.