PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE

Firearms Annual Report

2015

Enclosed is the 2015 Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Firearms Annual Report. Paralleling national trends, the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) continues to process an impressive number of firearm-related background checks. Nearly one million checks (989,298) were handled in 2015. This is a ten percent increase over the previous year, and represents the third highest volume year, behind 2012 and 2013, since inception of PICS in 1998.

In fact, the past five years have been the busiest in PICS' 18 year history. The Firearms Division staff continues to do an exemplary job of managing the ever increasing workload, even as the annual number of background checks has doubled since PICS was established.

The web-based PICS system, a recently implemented client-centric enhancement in its second year of use, allows Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) who desire to leverage its capabilities the ability to initiate multiple background check requests and monitor responses in a queue. This is in contrast to the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system which requires waiting for a response prior to initiating a subsequent check. Utilizing the web-based application, FFLs and Sheriffs are able to process potential purchasers and License to Carry (LTC) applicants more efficiently, especially during high volume periods; thus, supporting their business processes. Since inception, utilization of the web platform has continued to increase and, in 2015, nearly half of all background checks were initiated through the secure website.

Initially passed late in 2014, Act 192 required the PSP to notify the federal firearm prohibition index within 72 hours, of disqualifying mental health and unlawful drug user information. Despite its repeal in 2015, prior to the law being passed, the PICS Section continues to electronically forward these records to the federal index as they are received.

Incumbent with our public safety mission, I believe our PICS system is well positioned to preclude those prohibited by law to obtain firearms. At the same time, PICS allows those who are legally permitted to possess firearms to do so as efficiently and unobtrusively as possible. I trust you will find the information contained herein both informative and interesting. Thank you for taking the time to read the 2015 PSP Firearms Annual Report.

Sincerely,

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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 2015, 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 2015, the PICS handled 989,298 IVR and web-based background checks for licensed firearm dealers, sheriffs, and law enforcement throughout the Commonwealth. Of these requests, 62 percent were approved within minutes by the system, while an additional 35 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, 9,913 files that were placed in a research status were subsequently approved. Therefore, the overall approval rate of background checks that were initiated in 2015 is 98 percent.

There were 15,176 background checks initially denied through prohibitions indicated on the individual's record. The PSP received 4,590 challenges to these denials. After further review of information provided by the individual or through official court documentation, 1,402 or 31 percent of the challenges were reversed.

Last year the instantaneous background check process yielded warrant information that led to the arrest of 153 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 1,971 fugitives.

The PSP continues its efforts to investigate and prosecute individuals who attempt to illegally obtain a firearm. In 2015, 4,661 files were referred to PSP Troops and municipal police departments for investigation, a 12 percent increase over 2014. Investigation referrals resulted in 2,312 arrests, 1,091 reported convictions, and 1,104 cases in which prosecution was declined. The PSP networks 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 2015, there were 6,472 background checks conducted for these transactions.

A total of 755,764 firearms were reported purchased or privately transferred in Pennsylvania in 2015. This represents a nearly 12 percent increase over 2014. Licensed firearm dealers reported 421,811 handgun transactions and 333,953 long gun transactions for the year.

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* for 2015 reported 10,698 violent crimes were 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: 2,784,977 Pennsylvania criminal history and juvenile records; 758,193 mental health records; 109,726 wanted persons; and federal files containing over 71 million criminal history records and over 20 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, the PICS is allowed up to 15 days to conduct further research, as needed, to determine prohibited status.

PICS STATISTICS

There were 989,298 PICS transactions initiated in 2015, which include:

- 612,549 checks were automatically approved through the IVR or website.
- 376,749 checks were forwarded to a PICS operator for assistance.
- Of the checks forwarded to the PICS operators, 349,796 were subsequently approved during the initial review.
- A total of 962,345 incoming checks were approved on the initial review by PICS. The remaining checks were denied or replaced into research, and determinations were provided within 15 days. Please see Appendix A for additional information.

AVERAGE PICS BACKGROUND CHECK CALL TIME

The PICS Flexcheck System statistical reporting tool was used to determine the average length of time taken to complete a background check in 2015. 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 0.75 minutes.
- Operator assisted IVR calls averaged 11.78 minutes.
- Automated approvals issued by the website averaged 0.72 minutes.
- Operator assisted website checks averaged 10.88 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:

- 15,176 denials were issued by PICS operators in 2015.
- 4,590 challenges to these denials were received.
- 2,782 final denials were issued.
- 1,402 denials were reversed.

The remaining 406 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 77 appeals were filed with the Office of Attorney General in 2015. Additional documentation was received that enabled the PSP to approve two of these cases prior to the scheduled hearing date. The following chart reflects the outcome of the remaining cases:

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (2015)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	33
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	24
APPEALS PENDING	18

The first appeals to reach the Commonwealth Court were in the year 2000. There were three appeals filed in Commonwealth Court in 2015. Statistics listed below reflect cumulative totals:

COMMONWEALTH COURT (2000-2015)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	22
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED*	16
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED/REMANDED	6
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. There was one appeal filed with the Supreme Court in 2015. Statistics listed below reflect cumulative totals:

PA SUPREME COURT (2001-2015)	
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 and involuntary civil commitments. The PSP has standing to appear at these hearings on behalf of the Commonwealth.

In 2015, the PSP Firearms Division staff, in conjunction with the PSP Office of Chief Counsel, responded to 68 such petitions for relief. There were 56 petitions for relief or expungement of mental health commitments, and 12petitions for criminal offenses. It is important to note that even if the petitioner is granted state relief, he/she may also need to obtain federal relief from a firearm disability, if the offense or criteria is prohibited under the Gun Control Act, Title 18, Chapter 44, Section 922(g).

FIREARM SALES AND TRANSFERS FOR 2015

There were 2,661 active Pennsylvania licensed firearm dealers in 2015. 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 755,764 firearms were reported purchased/transferred in Pennsylvania in 2015.

- 421,811 handguns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 333,953 long guns were reported purchased/transferred.

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

CRIMES COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS IN 2015

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* is prepared each year by the PSP. Excerpts of current summary data from the 2015 report, regarding crimes involving firearms, are provided in the table below:

(Reported as of 3/3/2016)

TYPE OF CRIME	TOTAL	FIREARMS	PERCENT
Homicide	890	609	68.4%
Robbery	12,849	5,398	42.0%
Aggravated Assault	21,887	4,691	21.4%

LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS/SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS

There were a total of 237,344 licenses to carry firearms issued as reported by county sheriffs' offices and chiefs of police of cities of the first class in 2015. This is an 8 percent increase over the number of permits issued in 2014. 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 83 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 2015, there were a total of 2,545 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 2015, 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 2015	4,661
Total Referred to PSP Troops	3,463
Total Referred to Municipal PDs	1,182
Total Referred to ATF	16

Listed below are the investigation results that were reported in 2015. They include referrals that were initiated in previous years:

TOTAL INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES IN 2015	
Arrests Reported	2,312
Convictions Reported	1,091
Prosecutions Declined	1,104

The table below lists the 1999-2015 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 (1999-2015)	
Total Referred	14,268
Arrests Reported	5,914
Convictions Reported	3,085
Prosecutions Declined	2,793
Pending Investigations	4,088
Miscellaneous Disposed Cases	1,473

WANTED PERSONS ARRESTS

In 2015, a total of 153 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 1,971 individuals.

SYSTEM OUTAGES

In 2015, 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 40.22 hours, or 0.8 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.

- 69 percent of outages were caused by technical difficulties with federal databases.
- 28 percent of outages were caused by PSP system problems.
- 2 percent of outages were caused by issues in both the federal and state systems.
- 1 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 Commonwealth Statute or Federal Statute 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 2015 IVR AND WEB-BASED CHECKS STATISTICS

YEAR 2015	IVR*	WEB-BASED	TOTALS
Purchase/Transfer Checks	463,473	252,300	715,773
License to Carry Checks	44,556	222,497	267,053
Firearm Evidence Returns	4,498 (Fax, not IVR)	1,974	6,472
Automatic Approvals	299,172	313,377	612,549
Transfer to Operator	213,355	163,394	376,749
Average %-System Approvals	58%	66%	62%

Total PICS checks in 2015: 989,298
Total System-Immediate Approvals: 612,549
Average %-System Approvals: 62%

Appendix A

(Reported as of 2/22/2016)

NUMBER OF LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS BY COUNTY FOR 2015			
COUNTY	NO. DEALERS	COUNTY	NO. DEALERS
ADAMS	50	LACKAWANNA	26
ALLEGHENY	27	LANCASTER	59
ARMSTRONG	48	LAWRENCE	42
BEAVER	40	LEBANON	37
BEDFORD	31	LEHIGH	80
BERKS	45	LUZERNE	36
BLAIR	15	LYCOMING	30
BRADFORD	19	MCKEAN	11
BUCKS	3	MERCER	38
BUTLER	55	MIFFLIN	29
CAMBRIA	24	MONROE	35
CAMERON	16	MONTGOMERY	28
CARBON	30	MONTOUR	48
CENTRE	88	NORTHAMPTON	14
CHESTER	130	NORTHUMBERLAND	14
CLARION	87	PERRY	28
CLEARFIELD	101	PHILADELPHIA	63
CLINTON	56	PIKE	23
COLUMBIA	31	POTTER	40
CRAWFORD	41	SCHUYLKILL	44
CUMBERLAND	7	SNYDER	58
DAUPHIN	15	SOMERSET	45
DELAWARE	15	SULLIVAN	15
ELK	40	SUSQUEHANNA	42
ERIE	63	TIOGA	36
FAYETTE	22	UNION	47
FOREST	5	VENANGO	16
FRANKLIN	44	WARREN	10
FULTON	10	WASHINGTON	124
GREENE	15	WAYNE	20
HUNTINGDON	52	WESTMORELAND	66
INDIANA	42	WYOMING	28
JEFFERSON	105	YORK	20
JUNIATA	37		
TOTAL LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS FOR 2015:			**2,661**

(Reported as of 5/16/2016)

FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED BY COUNTY FOR 2015

COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN	COUNTY	HANDGUN	LONG GUN
ADAMS	5,538	6,061	LACKAWANNA	6,770	4,512
ALLEGHENY	32,205	16,440	LANCASTER	22,096	15,773
ARMSTRONG	2,955	2,161	LAWRENCE	4,384	2,663
BEAVER	5,509	3,383	LEBANON	7,057	5,887
BEDFORD	3,250	4,712	LEHIGH	9,567	6,612
BERKS	21,195	17,818	LUZERNE	15,007	9,899
BLAIR	6,348	5,860	LYCOMING	7,145	7,165
BRADFORD	3,093	4,847	MCKEAN	1,368	1,386
BUCKS	23,131	13,989	MERCER	6,324	4,394
BUTLER	12,349	9,246	MIFFLIN	1,876	1,795
CAMBRIA	6,508	5,471	MONROE	8,218	6,210
CAMERON	73	36	MONTGOMERY	13,440	9,160
CARBON	1,210	1,113	MONTOUR	138	150
CENTRE	4,226	4,020	NORTHAMPTON	6,708	5,612
CHESTER	8,860	6,087	NORTHUMBERLAND	2,442	2,280
CLARION	2,383	2,934	PERRY	1,475	1,455
CLEARFIELD	11,230	11,793	PHILADELPHIA	10,757	2,810
CLINTON	1,267	1,945	PIKE	1,201	1,067
COLUMBIA	4,186	3,641	POTTER	613	910
CRAWFORD	1,970	2,100	SCHUYLKILL	6,911	5,846
CUMBERLAND	8,601	6,706	SNYDER	3,216	3,244
DAUPHIN	6,895	6,067	SOMERSET	2,400	2,885
DELAWARE	11,026	4,271	SULLIVAN	185	238
ELK	1,938	2,199	SUSQUEHANNA	1,540	2,046
ERIE	10,505	11,079	TIOGA	2,520	4,399
FAYETTE	8,960	6,851	UNION	626	946
FOREST	36	28	VENANGO	2,128	2,253
FRANKLIN	6,272	7,319	WARREN	1,937	3,241
FULTON	448	559	WASHINGTON	13,813	9,165
GREENE	1,618	1,463	WAYNE	5,166	4,539
HUNTINGDON	1,054	1,578	WESTMORELAND	17,235	12,351
INDIANA	2,502	2,540	WYOMING	1,702	2,565
JEFFERSON	3,245	3,226	YORK	14,741	12,057
JUNIATA	519	895			
GRAND TOTAL FOR HANDGUNS FOR 2015					**421,811**
GRAND TOTAL FOR LONG GUNS FOR 2015					**333,953**
GRAND TOTAL FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED					**755,764**

Totals include taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers reported for the year 2015.

(Reported as of 1/11/2016)

COUNTY STATISTICS FOR LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS AND SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS ISSUED IN 2015

COUNTY	LTC	SFP	COUNTY	LTC	SFP
ADAMS	1,865	38	LACKAWANNA	4,245	19
ALLEGHENY	19,612	93	LANCASTER	11,230	95
ARMSTRONG	2,570	25	LAWRENCE	2,334	54
BEAVER	4,388	23	LEBANON	3,020	34
BEDFORD	1,639	34	LEHIGH	5,368	1
BERKS	8,356	21	LUZERNE	6,416	43
BLAIR	3,087	11	LYCOMING	3,680	12
BRADFORD	1,496	38	MCKEAN	2,225	19
BUCKS	8,833	82	MERCER	2,382	89
BUTLER	5,627	42	MIFFLIN	1,321	12
CAMBRIA	4,068	47	MONROE	2,124	99
CAMERON	189	6	MONTGOMERY	7,667	48
CARBON	1,853	23	MONTOUR	423	14
CENTRE	3,971	25	NORTHAMPTON	3,864	76
CHESTER	5,109	0	NORTHUMBERLAND	2,588	8
CLARION	1,312	38	PERRY	1,585	28
CLEARFIELD	3,035	37	PHILADELPHIA	6,435	0
CLINTON	1,293	14	PIKE	1,330	72
COLUMBIA	1,591	27	POTTER	1,743	34
CRAWFORD	2,556	101	SCHUYLKILL	4,059	16
CUMBERLAND	5,110	23	SNYDER	957	16
DAUPHIN	5,053	16	SOMERSET	2,178	43
DELAWARE	6,357	45	SULLIVAN	206	17
ELK	1,189	32	SUSQUEHANNA	1,283	48
ERIE	6,319	153	TIOGA	1,137	14
FAYETTE	5,497	26	UNION	900	2
FOREST	225	25	VENANGO	1,649	33
FRANKLIN	2,995	38	WARREN	2,180	31
FULTON	568	7	WASHINGTON	5,431	69
GREENE	1,322	67	WAYNE	1,787	82
HUNTINGDON	1,225	48	WESTMORELAND	11,864	97
INDIANA	2,580	49	WYOMING	829	4
JEFFERSON	1,881	15	YORK	9,406	32
JUNIATA	727	15			
GRAND TOTAL LTC FOR 2015					**237,344**
GRAND TOTAL SFP FOR 2015					**2,545**

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

PENNSYLVANIA INSTANT CHECK SYSTEM OUTAGES FOR 2015

Month	Total Hours Down	NICS Hours		PSP Hours		Both Hours		Other Hours		No. Days Affected	Minimum Minutes Down in a Day	Maximum Minutes Down in a Day	Partial System Out of Service	System Out of Service
		Partial	Full	Partial	Full	Partial	Full	Partial	Full					
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	5.96	0.88	1.65	1.58	1.23	0	0.62	0	0	4	59	152	0.63%	0.89%
March	11.18	0.33	10.85	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	264	407	0.08%	2.50%
April	6.03	0	6.03	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	30	332	0	1.44%
May	0.37	0	0	0	0.37	0	0	0	0	2	7	15	0	0.09%
June	6.25	0	0	0	6.00	0	0	0	0.25	2	15	360	0	1.50%
July	5.57	0	5.57	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	334	334	0	1.28%
August	0.13	0	0.13	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	8	0	0.03%
September	1.98	0	1.98	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	58	61	0	0.47%
October	0.37	0	0	0	0.37	0	0	0	0	1	22	22	0	0.09%
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	2.38	0	0.48	0	1.90	0	0	0	0	2	29	114	0	0.55%
TOTALS	40.22	1.21	26.69	1.58	9.87	0	0.62	0	0.25	19	826	1,805	0.05%	0.73%

OUTAGE TIME AS PERCENT OF OPERATIONAL HOURS: 0.80%

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.