

# Pennsylvania State Police

Firearms Annual Report

2017



I am pleased to present the 2017 Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Firearms Annual Report. The PSP Firearms Division continues to work through a steadily high volume of Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) background check requests and related processes, even as the overall firearm sales and transfer rate fell 6.5 percent from 2016. The PICS processed over one million background check requests in 2017; making it the third highest volume year, behind years 2013 and 2016.

The PSP Firearms Division and the Public Safety IT Delivery Center, coordinated with a contracted developer to upgrade the Pennsylvania License to Carry (LTC) permit issuing system. The new system provides the same functionality and access to end users in a secure, web-based environment. It replaced the seven-year-old desktop application. Since 2011, the LTC system has provided a central access point for issuing authorities to issue and revoke Pennsylvania concealed carry permits.

Increased record reporting from the Pennsylvania Criminal History System into the federal firearm index (called the NICS Indices) stopped 112 firearm transfers for people attempting to acquire a firearm out of state in 2017. The PSP continues to strive to put additional prohibiting data into the Indices. Records placed in the Indices result in immediate denial determinations and do not require further research.

The PSP understands the critical nature and impact of an effective background check system. The Department continues to push forward with technical enhancements and seeks to foster positive communications with all end users of the system and partners, both internal and external. I thank you for your interest in the PSP 2017 Firearms Annual Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Evanchick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Evanchick  
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 2017, 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 2017, the PICS handled 1,055,451 IVR and web-based background checks for licensed firearm dealers, sheriffs, and law enforcement throughout the Commonwealth. Of these requests, 56 percent were approved within minutes by the system, while an additional 41 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, 13,245 files that were placed in a research status were subsequently approved. Therefore, the overall approval rate of background checks that were initiated in 2017 is 98 percent.

There were 15,031 background checks initially denied through prohibitions indicated on the individual's record. The PSP received 4,567 challenges to these denials. After further review of information provided by the individual or through official court documentation, 1,481 or 32 percent of the challenges were reversed.

Last year the instantaneous background check process yielded warrant information that led to the arrest of 146 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 2,269 fugitives.

The PSP continues its efforts to investigate and prosecute individuals who attempt to illegally obtain a firearm. In 2017, 5,465 files were referred to PSP Troops, municipal police departments, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for investigation; a 16 percent decrease from 2016. Investigation referrals resulted in 842 arrests, 472 reported convictions, and 1,435 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 2017, there were 7,556 background checks conducted for these transactions; a nine percent increase over 2016.

A total of 791,220 firearms were reported purchased or privately transferred in Pennsylvania in 2017. This represents a 6.5 percent decrease from 2016. Licensed firearm dealers reported 442,465 handgun transactions; 338,377 long gun transactions; and 10,378 frame/receiver transactions for the year.

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* for 2017 reported 10,227 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 2014, a website was established which offers an additional means by which to initiate a PICS background 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 (LTC) a firearm. An LTC 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. Database issues or problems at the federal level 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 LTC 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 File.
- Pennsylvania Wanted/Missing Persons File.

As an agency organizational segment within a Point-of-Contact state, the PICS, as an organization segment within an agency of a Point-of-Contact state, 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 Indices, which include 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: 3,490,552 Pennsylvania criminal history and juvenile records; 831,905 mental health records; 117,506 wanted persons; and federal files containing 75,950,530 criminal history records and 23,829,841 records on other prohibited persons. The 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. In 2017, on average, background checks that were put into research and subsequently approved took approximately 3.83 days to complete. Researched denials took an average of 9.97 days to complete.

## **PICS STATISTICS**

There were 1,055,451 PICS transactions initiated in 2017.

- 590,964 checks were automatically approved through the IVR or website.
- 464,487 checks were forwarded to a PICS operator for assistance.
- Of the checks forwarded to PICS operators, 431,853 were subsequently approved during the initial review.
- A total of 1,022,817 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 was used to determine the average length of time taken to complete a background check in 2017.

- Calls approved by the automated IVR phone system averaged 0.78 minutes.
- Operator assisted IVR approvals averaged 10.72 minutes.
- Automated approvals issued by the website averaged 1.13 minutes.
- Operator assisted website approvals averaged 11.43 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.

- 15,031 denials were issued by PICS operators in 2017.
- 4,567 challenges to these denials were received.
- 2,677 final denials were issued.
- 1,481 denials were reversed.

The remaining 409 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.

## **DENIAL APPEAL STATUS**

A total of 55 appeals were filed with the Office of Attorney General in 2017. The following chart reflects the outcome of these cases:

<b>OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (2017)</b>	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	14
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	1
APPEALS WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	28



APPEALS PENDING	12
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The first appeals to reach the Commonwealth Court were in the year 2000. Statistics listed below reflect cumulative totals. There were two appeals filed in the Commonwealth Court in 2017.

COMMONWEALTH COURT (2000-2017)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	25
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED*	16
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED/REMANDED	9
APPEALS PENDING	1

\*Seven of these cases resulted from a single court decision stemming from the same issue. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court did not hear any appeals related to PICS firearm denials in 2017.

**COURT RELIEF FROM FIREARM DISABILITY**

The PUFA, Sections 6105(d) through (f), provides 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 2017, the PSP Firearms Division staff, in conjunction with the PSP Office of Chief Counsel, responded to 54 such petitions for relief; a 36 percent decrease from 2016. There were 40 petitions for relief or expungement of mental health commitments, and 14 petitions for criminal offenses. It is important to note that even if the petitioner is granted firearm relief from a state court, they may also need to obtain relief for a federal firearm disability, if the offense or criteria is also prohibited under the Gun Control Act, Title 18, Chapter 44, Section 922(g). For example, even if a petitioner obtains a court order of relief provided for in 18 Pa. C.S. § 6105(f), for an involuntary mental health commitment or adjudication, the person is still federally prohibited from having firearms, since the relief process outlined in the PUFA does not meet the federal standard to qualify as relief from federal firearm disabilities.

**FIREARM SALES AND TRANSFERS FOR 2017**

There were 2,750 active Pennsylvania licensed firearm dealers in 2017. 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 a handgun, long gun, or frame/receiver.

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 individuals who are both Pennsylvania residents. As mandated by the PUFA, 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.

A total of 791,220 firearms were reported purchased/transferred in Pennsylvania in 2017.

- 442,465 handguns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 338,377 long guns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 10,378 frames/receivers were reported purchased/transferred.

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

## **CRIMES COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS IN 2017**

The PUFA is prepared each year by the PSP. Excerpts of current summary data from the 2017 report, regarding crimes involving firearms, are provided in the table below.

(Reported as of 3/15/2018)

<b>TYPE OF CRIME</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIREARMS</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
Homicide	921	637	69.2%
Robbery	11,754	4,844	41.2%
Aggravated Assault	23,231	4,746	20.4%

## **LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS/SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS**

There were a total of 290,958 LTC firearms issued as reported by county sheriffs' offices and chiefs of police of cities of the first class in 2017. This is a three percent decrease from the number of permits issued in 2016. Background checks are conducted through the PICS to determine an individual's eligibility to obtain an LTC.

These LTC checks, initiated through the web-based system, accounted for 89 percent of the total LTC 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.

This information can change frequently because of new legislation that is passed in other states, or updates that are 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](http://www.attorneygeneral.gov), under Resources; Concealed Carry Agreements.

Sportsman's Firearm Permits are issued by the County Treasurer's Office and do not require a background check. In 2017, there were a total of 1,895 permits issued.

Please see Appendix D for individual county totals regarding LTC 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 a 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 individuals and records 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 2017, the following investigations were initiated by the PSP Firearms Division and referred to PSP Troops, municipal police departments, and the ATF.

<b>TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED IN 2017</b>	
Total Referred to PSP Troops	5,465
Total Referred to Municipal PDs	2,059
Total Referred to ATF	3,405
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Listed below are the investigation results that were reported in 2017. They include referrals that were initiated in previous years.

<b>TOTAL INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES IN 2017</b>	
Arrests Reported	842
Convictions Reported	472
Prosecutions Declined	1,435

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

<b>INVESTIGATION GRAND TOTALS (1999-2017)</b>	
Total Referred	26,201
Arrests Reported	7,489
Convictions Reported	3,913
Prosecutions Declined	5,472
Pending Investigations	11,007
Miscellaneous Disposed Cases	2,233

## **WANTED PERSONS ARRESTS**

In 2017, a total of 146 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 2,269 individuals.

## **SYSTEM OUTAGES**

In 2017, 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 54.37 hours, or 1.06 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.



- 38 percent of outages were caused by technical difficulties with federal databases.
- 56 percent of outages were caused by PSP system problems.
- 6 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 2017 IVR AND WEB-BASED CHECKS STATISTICS

YEAR 2017	IVR*	WEB-BASED	TOTALS
Purchase/Transfer Checks	334,759	395,260	730,019
License to Carry Checks	35,457	282,419	317,876
Firearm Evidence Returns	*2,416 (Fax, not IVR)	5,140	7,556
Automatic Approvals	195,519	395,445	590,964
Transfer to Operator	177,113	287,374	464,487
Average %-System Approvals	52%	58%	56%

**Total PICS checks in 2017:** 1,055,451  
**Total System-Immediate Approvals:** 590,964  
**Average %-System Approvals:** 56%



(Reported as of 3/15/2018)

<b>NUMBER OF LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS BY COUNTY FOR 2017</b>			
<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>NO. DEALERS</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>NO. DEALERS</b>
ADAMS	43	LACKAWANNA	40
ALLEGHENY	131	LANCASTER	61
ARMSTRONG	32	LAWRENCE	29
BEAVER	47	LEBANON	27
BEDFORD	28	LEHIGH	47
BERKS	90	LUZERNE	65
BLAIR	53	LYCOMING	53
BRADFORD	43	MCKEAN	23
BUCKS	110	MERCER	36
BUTLER	67	MIFFLIN	18
CAMBRIA	33	MONROE	48
CAMERON	5	MONTGOMERY	95
CARBON	11	MONTOUR	11
CENTRE	44	NORTHAMPTON	55
CHESTER	86	NORTHUMBERLAND	31
CLARION	16	PERRY	40
CLEARFIELD	27	PHILADELPHIA	12
CLINTON	14	PIKE	39
COLUMBIA	36	POTTER	17
CRAWFORD	33	SCHUYLKILL	44
CUMBERLAND	48	SNYDER	18
DAUPHIN	47	SOMERSET	34
DELAWARE	47	SULLIVAN	7
ELK	12	SUSQUEHANNA	37
ERIE	52	TIOGA	32
FAYETTE	41	UNION	10
FOREST	4	VENANGO	23
FRANKLIN	61	WARREN	28
FULTON	12	WASHINGTON	65
GREENE	16	WAYNE	33
HUNTINGDON	32	WESTMORELAND	126
INDIANA	45	WYOMING	12
JEFFERSON	27	YORK	128
JUNIATA	13		
<b>TOTAL LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS FOR 2017:</b>			<b>2,750</b>

(Reported as of 4/18/2018)

## 2017 FIREARM SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED BY COUNTY

COUNTY	HAND GUN TAXED	HAND GUN NO TAX	LONG GUN TAXED	LONG GUN NO TAX	COUNTY	HAND GUN TAXED	HAND GUN NO TAX	LONG GUN TAXED	LONG GUN NO TAX
ADAMS	4550	1166	5940	556	LACKAWANNA	7548	1564	4913	695
ALLEGHENY	21939	10011	11611	4540	LANCASTER	17855	4730	13873	2685
ARMSTRONG	1879	711	1475	276	LAWRENCE	2917	1094	1939	649
BEAVER	3609	1502	2480	633	LEBANON	6107	1034	4635	727
BEDFORD	2559	874	3846	861	LEHIGH	7468	3024	5540	1508
BERKS	18442	2883	14784	1479	LUZERNE	11597	3087	7892	1447
BLAIR	5432	1436	4960	755	LYCOMING	5672	1204	6713	1146
BRADFORD	2634	439	4080	473	MCKEAN	1191	272	1446	134
BUCKS	23530	5274	14514	3033	MERCER	5813	1320	4693	534
BUTLER	11414	1884	8824	1482	MIFFLIN	1565	393	1772	213
CAMBRIA	5835	1356	5105	430	MONROE	6352	1549	4742	567
CAMERON	8	44	19	13	MONTGOMERY	8343	4601	6110	2322
CARBON	725	421	919	219	MONTOUR	32	74	39	79
CENTRE	3465	1167	3305	904	NORTHAMPTON	6591	2605	5114	1547
CHESTER	7829	2441	4916	1507	NORTHUMBERLAND	1575	565	1783	331
CLARION	2247	298	3083	156	PERRY	920	530	1146	477
CLEARFIELD	12359	651	12814	456	PHILADELPHIA	8431	2682	1935	736
CLINTON	943	259	1370	252	PIKE	1269	693	985	602
COLUMBIA	3663	817	3370	242	POTTER	347	173	547	166
CRAWFORD	1430	650	1654	450	SCHUYLKILL	5821	1456	5352	723
CUMBERLAND	8929	2803	6827	1799	SNYDER	2472	1061	2767	892
DAUPHIN	4851	1360	3914	845	SOMERSET	1976	639	2884	327
DELAWARE	8191	3766	2787	1645	SULLIVAN	217	30	261	32
ELK	1490	202	1979	61	SUSQUEHANNA	1117	436	1555	376
ERIE	8093	2618	8803	1765	TIOGA	1928	442	3804	531
FAYETTE	7008	907	4624	366	UNION	265	130	718	69
FOREST	185	35	209	39	VENANGO	1528	487	1530	383
FRANKLIN	4779	1656	6033	1355	WARREN	1552	451	2491	402
FULTON	304	290	365	363	WASHINGTON	11608	2467	7700	1307
GREENE	860	342	1132	257	WAYNE	4096	1142	4018	868
HUNTINGDON	333	362	789	269	WESTMORELAND	10409	5236	9158	2609
INDIANA	1743	3289	1969	656	WYOMING	1539	384	2126	632
JEFFERSON	2216	502	2379	607	YORK	10118	4382	9248	2798
JUNIATA	225	174	587	224		<b>339,938</b>	<b>102,527</b>	<b>280,895</b>	<b>57,482</b>

<b>TOTAL HANDGUN SALES/TRANSFERS:</b>	<b>442,465</b>
<b>TOTAL LONG GUN SALES/TRANSFERS:</b>	<b>338,377</b>
<b>TOTAL FRAMES/RECEIVERS:</b>	<b>10,378</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED:</b>	<b>791,220</b>

Totals include taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers of handguns, long guns and frames/receivers, reported for year 2017. Long gun totals may also include frames/receivers.



(Reported as of 1/31/2018)

<b>COUNTY STATISTICS FOR LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS AND SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS ISSUED IN 2017</b>					
<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>LTC</b>	<b>SFP</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>LTC</b>	<b>SFP</b>
ADAMS	3289	13	LACKAWANNA	4792	15
ALLEGHENY	22175	59	LANCASTER	10909	56
ARMSTRONG	3874	12	LAWRENCE	3128	35
BEAVER	5647	22	LEBANON	3361	20
BEDFORD	2114	26	LEHIGH	6322	0
BERKS	10736	13	LUZERNE	7270	33
BLAIR	3820	11	LYCOMING	4394	14
BRADFORD	2230	24	MCKEAN	2892	7
BUCKS	9839	66	MERCER	3824	68
BUTLER	7839	27	MIFFLIN	1543	15
CAMBRIA	5817	32	MONROE	2782	77
CAMERON	277	5	MONTGOMERY	10477	42
CARBON	2364	7	MONTOUR	564	7
CENTRE	4026	26	NORTHAMPTON	5311	54
CHESTER	7760	16	NORTHUMBERLAND	3273	4
CLARION	1895	22	PERRY	2000	21
CLEARFIELD	3520	42	PHILADELPHIA	10393	0
CLINTON	1462	8	PIKE	1771	54
COLUMBIA	2326	19	POTTER	1203	19
CRAWFORD	2432	91	SCHUYLKILL	4490	14
CUMBERLAND	5358	17	SNYDER	1314	11
DAUPHIN	6269	23	SOMERSET	2758	31
DELAWARE	7810	8	SULLIVAN	310	8
ELK	1687	26	SUSQUEHANNA	1876	51
ERIE	6712	136	TIOGA	1554	24
FAYETTE	5059	20	UNION	1265	6
FOREST	340	14	VENANGO	1907	26
FRANKLIN	3535	31	WARREN	2296	13
FULTON	597	5	WASHINGTON	6716	64
GREENE	1200	40	WAYNE	2350	52
HUNTINGDON	1315	27	WESTMORELAND	13564	78
INDIANA	3816	30	WYOMING	1236	5
JEFFERSON	2365	18	YORK	12733	31
JUNIATA	875	4			
<b>GRAND TOTAL LTC FOR 2017</b>				<b>290,958</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL SFP FOR 2017</b>				<b>1,895</b>	

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

## PENNSYLVANIA INSTANT CHECK SYSTEM OUTAGES - 2017

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	1.37	0	1.82	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	82	109	0	0.74%
February	0	0	0.68	9.37	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	36	355	0.17%	2.39%
March	2.00	1.22	0	0.32	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	19	120	0.46%	0.35%
April	0	0	0	0.67	0	0	0	0	0.70	1.23	3	40	74	0.17%	0.45%
May	0	4.92	0	6.30	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	40	295	0	2.59%
June	0	0	0	0.55	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	28	0	0.13%
July	0	1.03	0	1.08	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	26	62	0	0.49%
August	0	1.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.13	0	3	34	68	0	0.55%
September	0	4.98	0.58	0.38	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	23	172	0.14%	1.28%
October	0	1.05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	63	63	0	0.24%
November	0	0	0	0.52	0	0	0	0	0	0.47	2	28	31	0	0.24%
December	0	2.63	2.25	5.87	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	155	332	0.52%	2.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>18.45</b>	<b>3.51</b>	<b>26.88</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>2.83</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>1709</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>0.94%</b>

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: 1.06%**

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.