

Pennsylvania State Police

Firearms Annual Report

2018



I am pleased to present the 2018 Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Firearms Annual Report. The Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) processed over one million firearms and License to Carry background check requests, making 2018 the fifth highest volume year for the PSP Firearms Division.

Recently a touch signature enhancement was added to the web-based PICS system to allow touch signing on wireless devices. This fosters more efficient and timely submission of statutorily mandated information by allowing Pennsylvania's Federal Firearms License (FFL) dealers to file Record of Sale (ROS) documents electronically. Additionally, FFL dealers now have the option to query if a firearm they are considering taking into inventory has been reported stolen.

PSP has contributed over 450,000 criminal history records into the federal firearms index known as the NICS Indices. In 2018 alone, these submissions have resulted in 144 denials of persons trying to obtain a firearm in other states. The PSP Firearms Division, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association and the Philadelphia Police Department, is currently in the midst of a project that will allow for more complete reporting of misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence. Once in place, the enhancement will capture the Relationship to Victim data for applicable violent offenses. As conviction data for misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence is updated to the Pennsylvania criminal history record, that data would be reported to the NICS Indices via an automated process.

As these efforts indicate, PSP continues to make strides in providing a comprehensive background check program with a strong focus on public safety. I thank you for taking the time to read the 2018 PSP Firearms Annual Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Evanchick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

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 2018, in compliance with 18 Pa.C.S. § 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 2018, the PICS handled 1,016,286 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, 11,971 files that were placed in a research status were subsequently approved. Therefore, the overall approval rate of background checks that were initiated in 2018 is 98 percent.

There were 13,981 background checks initially denied through prohibitions indicated on the individual's record. The PSP received 4,038 challenges to these denials. After further review of information provided by the individual or through official court documentation, 1,239 or 31 percent of the challenges were reversed.

Last year the instantaneous background check process yielded warrant information that led to the arrest of 168 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 2,437 fugitives.

The PSP continues its efforts to investigate and prosecute individuals who attempt to illegally obtain a firearm. In 2018, 5,363 files were referred to PSP Troops, municipal police departments, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for investigation; a one percent decrease from 2017. Investigation referrals resulted in 557 arrests, 257 reported convictions, and 1,555 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 2018, there were 8,089 background checks conducted for these transactions; a seven percent increase over 2017.

A total of 756,550 firearms were reported purchased or privately transferred in Pennsylvania in 2018. This represents a four percent decrease from 2017. Licensed firearm dealers reported 413,756 handgun transactions; 323,585 long gun transactions; and 19,209 frame/receiver transactions for the year.

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* for 2018 reported 9,357 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 lawful owner, or before returning relinquished weapons when a Protection from Abuse Order is vacated or expires.

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. 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 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 adjudications 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 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: 2,955,629 Pennsylvania criminal history and juvenile records; 868,423 mental health records; 120,693 wanted persons; and federal files containing 78,104,822 criminal history records and 25,931,761 records on other prohibited persons. The 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. In 2018, on average, background checks that were put into research, as needed, and subsequently approved took approximately 3.99 days to complete. Researched denials took an average of 9.44 days to complete.

PICS STATISTICS

There were 1,016,286 PICS transactions initiated in 2018.

- 631,524 checks were automatically approved through the IVR or website.
- 384,762 checks were forwarded to a PICS operator for assistance.
- Of the checks forwarded to PICS operators, 355,922 were subsequently approved during the initial review.
- A total of 987,446 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 2018.

- Calls approved by the automated IVR phone system averaged 0.80 minutes.
- Operator assisted IVR approvals averaged 11.38 minutes.
- Automated approvals issued by the website averaged 0.83 minutes.
- Operator assisted website approvals averaged 12.63 minutes.

CHALLENGES TO DENIALS

Upon receipt of a challenge to a denial, the transaction file is reviewed by the PICS Challenge Section. The initial response to a challenge is mailed within five business days to the individual and includes the name and phone number of the legal assistant assigned to the case. The assigned legal assistant works to obtain information that may lead to a final decision to reverse the denial, or provides the challenger with specific information explaining the reason for denial.

- 13,981 denials were issued by PICS operators in 2018.
- 4,038 challenges to these denials were received.
- 2,437 final denials were issued.
- 1,239 denials were reversed.

The remaining 362 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 61 appeals were filed with the Office of Attorney General in 2018. The following chart reflects the status of the cases:

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (2018)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	1
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	10
APPEALS PENDING	45
APPEALS HEARD	5

The first appeals to reach the Commonwealth Court were in the year 2000. Statistics listed below reflect cumulative totals. There was one appeal filed in the Commonwealth Court in 2018.

COMMONWEALTH COURT (2000-2018)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	25
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED*	17
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 first appeals to reach the Supreme Court were in the year 2001. Statistics listed below reflect cumulative totals. There was one appeal filed with the Supreme Court in 2018.

PA SUPREME COURT (2001-2018)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD*	5
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED/REMANDED	12
APPEALS PENDING	1

*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), provides for court ordered relief from the state firearm disability for qualified offenses, involuntary civil commitments, and court adjudications of

incompetency. The PSP has standing to appear at these hearings on behalf of the Commonwealth.

In 2018, the PSP Firearms Division staff, in conjunction with the PSP Office of Chief Counsel, responded to 58 such petitions for relief; a 7% increase from 2017. There were 40 petitions for relief or expungement of mental health commitments, and 18 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 2018

There were 2,670 active Pennsylvania licensed firearm dealers in 2018. 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. 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 756,550 firearms were reported purchased/transferred in Pennsylvania in 2018.

- 413,756 handguns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 323,585 long guns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 19,209 frames/receivers were reported purchased/transferred.

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

CRIMES COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS IN 2018

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* is prepared each year by the PSP. Excerpts of current summary data from the 2018 report, regarding crimes involving firearms, are provided in the table below.

(Reported as of 3/18/2019)

TYPE OF CRIME	TOTAL	FIREARMS	PERCENT
Homicide	884	595	67.3%
Robbery	9,994	3,930	39.3%
Aggravated Assault	24,290	4,832	19.9%

LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS/SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS

There were a total of 280,407 LTC issued, as reported by county sheriffs' offices and the city of Philadelphia, in 2018. This is a 3.6 percent decrease from the number of permits issued in 2017. Background checks are conducted through the PICS to determine an individual's eligibility to carry an LTC.

LTC checks, initiated through the web-based system accounted for 92 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 LTC 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, 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 2018, there were a total of 1,725 permits issued.

Please see Appendix D for individual county totals regarding LTC and Sportsman's Firearm Permits.

PENNSYLVANIA UNIFORM FIREARMS ACT - ENFORCEMENT

As provided in 18 Pa.C.S. § 6111(g)(4) of the PUFA, *"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 2018, 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 2018	
Total Referred to PSP Troops	5,363
Total Referred to Municipal PDs	1,920
Total Referred to ATF	3,371
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Listed below are the investigation results that were reported in 2018. They include referrals that were initiated in previous years.

TOTAL INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES IN 2018	
Arrests Reported	557
Convictions Reported	257
Prosecutions Declined	1,555

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.

INVESTIGATION GRAND TOTALS (1999-2018)	
Total Referred	31,564
Arrests Reported	8,046
Convictions Reported	4,170
Prosecutions Declined	7,027
Pending Investigations	14,042
Miscellaneous Disposed Cases	2,449

WANTED PERSONS ARRESTS

In 2018, a total of 168 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 2,437 individuals.

SYSTEM OUTAGES

In 2018, 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 49.46 hours, or 0.97 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.

Additionally, there are times when the IVR phone system is offline, but the PICS web interface is still processing background checks, or vice versa depending on the nature of the problem. Please see Appendix E for additional information on outages.

- 20 percent of outages were caused by technical difficulties with federal databases.
- 42 percent of outages were caused by PSP system problems.
- 38 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 2018 IVR AND WEB-BASED CHECKS STATISTICS

YEAR 2018	IVR*	WEB-BASED	TOTALS
Purchase/Transfer Checks	290,196	411,569	701,765
License to Carry Checks	22,642	283,790	306,432
Firearm Evidence Returns	*1,981 (Fax, not IVR)	6,108	8,089
Automatic Approvals	184,086	447,438	631,524
Transfer to Operator	130,733	254,029	384,762
Average %-System Approvals	59%	64%	62%

Total PICS checks in 2018: 1,016,286
Total System-Immediate Approvals: 631,524
Average %-System Approvals: 62%

(Reported as of 3/27/2019)

NUMBER OF LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS BY COUNTY FOR 2018			
COUNTY	NO. DEALERS	COUNTY	NO. DEALERS
ADAMS	45	LACKAWANNA	48
ALLEGHENY	128	LANCASTER	60
ARMSTRONG	27	LAWRENCE	23
BEAVER	44	LEBANON	26
BEDFORD	27	LEHIGH	49
BERKS	89	LUZERNE	66
BLAIR	49	LYCOMING	52
BRADFORD	38	MCKEAN	21
BUCKS	111	MERCER	40
BUTLER	65	MIFFLIN	18
CAMBRIA	38	MONROE	42
CAMERON	3	MONTGOMERY	87
CARBON	12	MONTOUR	9
CENTRE	39	NORTHAMPTON	53
CHESTER	89	NORTHUMBERLAND	28
CLARION	19	PERRY	35
CLEARFIELD	22	PHILADELPHIA	11
CLINTON	12	PIKE	35
COLUMBIA	31	POTTER	14
CRAWFORD	32	SCHUYLKILL	43
CUMBERLAND	50	SNYDER	16
DAUPHIN	56	SOMERSET	34
DELAWARE	49	SULLIVAN	7
ELK	13	SUSQUEHANNA	35
ERIE	47	TIOGA	35
FAYETTE	38	UNION	11
FOREST	4	VENANGO	22
FRANKLIN	61	WARREN	24
FULTON	9	WASHINGTON	64
GREENE	19	WAYNE	29
HUNTINGDON	28	WESTMORELAND	120
INDIANA	43	WYOMING	14
JEFFERSON	24	YORK	125
JUNIATA	13		
TOTAL LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS FOR 2018:			2,670

(Reported as of 3/27/2019)

2018 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	4929	1236	6360	683	LACKAWANNA	7234	1533	4517	627
ALLEGHENY	21405	9826	10608	4619	LANCASTER	18176	4467	14966	2956
ARMSTRONG	1618	687	1429	390	LAWRENCE	2685	1177	1912	666
BEAVER	4463	1475	3013	695	LEBANON	4946	1023	4332	701
BEDFORD	2195	753	3601	878	LEHIGH	7679	3067	4846	1606
BERKS	14071	2628	12631	1333	LUZERNE	11018	3010	8125	1772
BLAIR	4278	1485	4239	849	LYCOMING	6040	1193	5928	860
BRADFORD	2387	457	3731	415	MCKEAN	1118	243	1423	134
BUCKS	20721	5477	10944	3014	MERCER	5988	1340	5369	640
BUTLER	9637	1910	7592	1355	MIFFLIN	1607	405	1811	241
CAMBRIA	5293	1322	4664	623	MONROE	5621	1782	4187	754
CAMERON	11	45	20	20	MONTGOMERY	7078	4342	4497	2411
CARBON	519	360	799	211	MONTOUR	35	104	30	60
CENTRE	3402	1211	3366	1026	NORTHAMPTON	5950	2432	3901	1319
CHESTER	6886	2513	4350	1567	NORTHUMBERLAND	1487	561	1763	371
CLARION	2329	347	3102	161	PERRY	823	516	1192	586
CLEARFIELD	11330	690	12484	476	PHILADELPHIA	7772	2614	1752	627
CLINTON	1006	283	1357	302	PIKE	1336	687	1162	690
COLUMBIA	4052	803	3670	289	POTTER	315	193	532	223
CRAWFORD	1703	669	1777	450	SCHUYLKILL	5230	1488	5455	737
CUMBERLAND	8029	2697	6667	2051	SNYDER	2383	1091	2458	874
DAUPHIN	5434	1457	4153	1051	SOMERSET	1938	484	3104	306
DELAWARE	7002	3679	2806	1571	SULLIVAN	70	3	111	5
ELK	1737	181	2417	67	SUSQUEHANNA	1076	472	1487	484
ERIE	6419	2434	7110	1954	TIOGA	1591	410	3534	536
FAYETTE	6928	1052	4732	493	UNION	193	127	579	76
FOREST	165	54	181	33	VENANGO	1530	591	1656	459
FRANKLIN	3386	1847	4445	1351	WARREN	1508	386	2652	448
FULTON	341	276	466	407	WASHINGTON	10869	2435	7360	1226
GREENE	739	387	1234	251	WAYNE	3865	1263	4124	1042
HUNTINGDON	547	412	1145	292	WESTMORELAND	9926	4944	8581	2805
INDIANA	1870	919	2092	716	WYOMING	1374	485	2082	749
JEFFERSON	2199	474	2524	657	YORK	8631	4366	7362	3042
JUNIATA	231	122	547	256		314,354	99,402	263,046	60,539

TOTAL HANDGUN SALES/TRANSFERS:	413,756
TOTAL LONG GUN SALES/TRANSFERS:	323,585
TOTAL FRAMES/RECEIVERS:	19,209
GRAND TOTAL SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED:	756,550

Totals include taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers of handguns, long guns and frames/receivers, reported for year 2018. Long gun totals may also include frames/receivers.

(Reported as of 2/27/2019)

COUNTY STATISTICS FOR LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS AND SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS ISSUED IN 2018

COUNTY	LTC	SFP	COUNTY	LTC	SFP
ADAMS	3165	14	LACKAWANNA	5159	11
ALLEGHENY	23837	48	LANCASTER	10819	58
ARMSTRONG	3396	10	LAWRENCE	2937	45
BEAVER	5184	27	LEBANON	3695	14
BEDFORD	2058	42	LEHIGH	5839	1
BERKS	9693	3	LUZERNE	6971	21
BLAIR	3927	9	LYCOMING	3781	9
BRADFORD	1971	35	MCKEAN	2831	9
BUCKS	10473	55	MERCER	3125	65
BUTLER	7073	17	MIFFLIN	1506	17
CAMBRIA	4657	31	MONROE	3824	61
CAMERON	270	5	MONTGOMERY	8899	30
CARBON	2067	16	MONTOUR	546	6
CENTRE	3511	10	NORTHAMPTON	5787	28
CHESTER	6515	3	NORTHUMBERLAND	2897	6
CLARION	1742	33	PERRY	1887	12
CLEARFIELD	3305	19	PHILADELPHIA	9154	0
CLINTON	1421	11	PIKE	1971	58
COLUMBIA	2400	25	POTTER	1318	19
CRAWFORD	2733	73	SCHUYLKILL	4469	14
CUMBERLAND	5766	18	SNYDER	1230	7
DAUPHIN	5394	14	SOMERSET	2822	27
DELAWARE	7803	29	SULLIVAN	274	9
ELK	1343	18	SUSQUEHANNA	1917	32
ERIE	6929	110	TIOGA	1590	20
FAYETTE	5428	34	UNION	1150	3
FOREST	289	23	VENANGO	2044	21
FRANKLIN	3673	25	WARREN	2464	19
FULTON	708	9	WASHINGTON	6688	49
GREENE	1377	55	WAYNE	1912	50
HUNTINGDON	1527	36	WESTMORELAND	12993	65
INDIANA	2982	42	WYOMING	1168	6
JEFFERSON	2189	22	YORK	11183	12
JUNIATA	751	0			
GRAND TOTAL LTC FOR 2018				280,407	
GRAND TOTAL SFP FOR 2018				1,725	

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

PENNSYLVANIA INSTANT CHECK SYSTEM OUTAGES - 2018

Month	Total Hours Down	NICS Hours		PSP Hours		Both Hours		Other Hours		No. Days Affected	Partial System Out of Service	System Out of Service
		Partial	Full	Partial	Full	Partial	Full	Partial	Full			
January	2.45	0	0	0	1.75	0	0	0	0.70	3	0	0.56%
February	1.36	0	0	0	0.78	0	0	0	0.58	3	0	0.35%
March	7.12	0	0.90	1.45	4.40	0	0	0.37	0	8	0.42%	1.22%
April	11.10	0.33	5.45	2.20	0	0	0	0	3.12	5	0.60%	2.04%
May	6.78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.78	1	0	1.56%
June	6.77	0	0	0	0.17	0	0	0	6.60	3	0	1.61%
July	5.01	0	0	4.78	0	0	0	0.23	0	2	1.15%	0
August	1.33	0	1.33	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.31%
September	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	2.81	0	1.88	0	0.38	0	0	0.55	0	3	0.13%	0.52%
November	0.43	0	0	0	0.43	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.10%
December	4.30	0	0	3.75	0.55	0	0	0	0	3	0.86%	0.13%
TOTALS	49.46	0.33	9.56	12.18	8.46	0	0	1.15	17.78	33	0.27%	0.70%

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

OUTAGE TIME AS PERCENT OF OPERATIONAL HOURS: 0.97%

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.