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I am pleased to present the 2019 Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Firearms Annual Report. The Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) processed 982,036 background check requests, making it the seventh highest volume year since its inception in 1998. This number represents a mere 3.4 percent decrease from 2018 and demonstrates the continued robustness and activity within this area.

In 2019, technological developments included the addition of a 'touch signature' option for firearm dealers, which enables the submission of critical firearms transfer data into the secure web-based PICS Flexcheck System.

Additionally, a multi-agency initiative to report and submit federally disqualifying domestic violence data for inclusion into the federal firearms background process, was completed. This will expedite Misdemeanor Crime of Domestic Violence (MCDV) determinations for firearms checks performed by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) and other states, preventing prohibited individuals from obtaining firearms.

There were 107 firearms and explosives applications denied in other states based on Pennsylvania criminal history entries into the NICS Indices. These records include felony convictions, current unlawful drug user criteria, and in addition to other prohibiting data which is not available in Interstate Identification Index. As of December 31, 2019, there were over 460,000 such records submitted by Pennsylvania to the NICS Indices.

The PSP Firearms Division continues to make strides in administering an effective and efficient, instantaneous background check system, with the ultimate goal of public safety. I thank you for taking the time to read the 2019 PSP Firearms Annual Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Evanchick".

Colonel Robert Evanchick
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 2019, 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 over one 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 (POC) 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 2019, the PICS processed 982,036 IVR and web-based background checks for licensed firearm dealers, sheriffs, and law enforcement throughout the Commonwealth. Of these requests, 66 percent were approved within minutes by the system, while an additional 31 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 telephone. In addition, 11,921 files placed in a research status were subsequently approved. Therefore, the overall approval rate of all background checks that were initiated in 2019 was 98 percent.

There were 15,373 background checks initially denied through prohibitions indicated on the individual's record. The PSP received 4,641 challenges to these denials. After further review of information provided by the individual or through official court documentation, 1,633 or 35 percent of the challenges were reversed.

Last year, the instantaneous background check process yielded warrant information that led to the arrest of 154 individuals while they were attempting to purchase a firearm. Since the PICS was established in July 1998, coordinated efforts of PICS staff and law enforcement agencies, have resulted in the arrest of 2,591 fugitives.

The PSP continues its efforts to investigate and prosecute individuals who attempt to illegally obtain a firearm. In 2019, 4,368 files were referred to PSP Troops, municipal police departments, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for investigation, equating to an 18.5 percent decrease from 2018. Investigation referrals resulted in 1,017 arrests, 737 reported convictions, and 1,493 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 (PFA)-related third-party safekeeping checks. In 2019, there were 8,402 background checks conducted for these transactions, a four (4) percent increase over 2018.

In 2019, a total of 766,204 firearms were reported purchased or privately transferred in Pennsylvania, equating to a 1.3 percent increase from 2018. Licensed firearm dealers reported 421,543 handgun transactions; 320,708 long gun transactions; and 23,953 frame/receiver transactions for the year.

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* for 2019 reported 8,302 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 \$2.00 fee from firearm dealers for each background check processed, and to collect a \$3.00 fee for the sale or transfer of each taxable firearm. These fees augment the general PICS budget, covering approximately 31 percent of the cost.

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, offering alternative means by which to initiate a PICS background check.

The system is designed for use by law enforcement, 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 PFA is vacated or expires.

The development of the PICS required coordination with the FBI through its NICS. Pennsylvania was established as a POC State, giving the PICS Operations Section the responsibility to conduct background checks for all federal firearm licensees within the Commonwealth.

In addition to firearms checks, 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. The system 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 of PSP control.

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 adjudications of incompetence.
- Pennsylvania Protection from Abuse File.
- Pennsylvania Wanted/Missing Persons File.

As an agency organizational segment within a POC 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.

2019 COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICS

PICS background checks involved the comprehensive search of many databases, including the following: 2,993,698 Pennsylvania criminal history and juvenile records; 907,145 mental health records; 107,484 wanted persons; and federal files containing 80,212,432 criminal history records and 27,876,516 records on other prohibited persons. The majority of applicants instantly clear 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 2019, on average, background checks that were put into research and subsequently approved, took approximately 3.84 days to complete. Researched denials took an average of 9.51 days to complete.

PICS STATISTICS

In 2019, there were 982,036 PICS transactions initiated.

- 645,839 checks were automatically approved through the IVR or website.
- 336,197 checks were forwarded to a PICS operator for assistance.
- Of the checks forwarded, 306,193 were subsequently approved during the initial review.
- In total, 952,032 transactions were approved on the initial review by PICS. The remaining checks were denied or placed into research; wherein, determinations were provided within 15 days (Reference Appendix A).

AVERAGE PICS BACKGROUND CHECK TIME

In 2019, the PICS Flexcheck System reporting was used to determine the average length of time taken to complete a background check.

- Calls approved by the automated IVR phone system averaged 0.75 minutes.
- Operator assisted IVR approvals averaged 13.95 minutes.
- Automated approvals issued by the website averaged 1.57 minutes.
- Operator assisted website approvals averaged 16.50 minutes.

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CHALLENGES TO DENIALS

Upon receipt of a challenge for 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.

- 15,373 denials were issued by PICS operators in 2019.
- 4,641 challenges were received for these denials.
- 2,565 final denials were issued.
- 1,633 denials were reversed.

The remaining 443 challenges primarily include those which were returned to the challenger unprocessed for a variety of reasons, (i.e. untimely filing, incompleteness, and/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 AG in 2019. The following chart reflects the status of the cases:

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (2019)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	0
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	3
APPEALS PENDING	51
APPEALS HEARD	1

In 2000, the first appeals reached the Commonwealth Court. Statistics listed below reflect cumulative totals. In 2019, no appeals were filed in Commonwealth Court.

COMMONWEALTH COURT (2000-2019)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	25
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED*	18
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED/REMANDED	9
APPEALS PENDING	0

*Seven (7) of these case appeals resulted from a single court decision, stemming from the same issue.

In 2001, the first appeals reached the Supreme Court. Statistics listed below reflect cumulative totals. In 2019, there were no appeals filed with the Supreme Court.

PA SUPREME COURT (2001-2019)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD*	5
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED/REMANDED	13
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), 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 2019, the PSP Firearms Division staff, in conjunction with the PSP Office of Chief Counsel, responded to 46 such petitions for relief, a 21 percent decrease from 2018. There were 38 petitions for relief or expungement of mental health commitments, and eight (8) petitions for criminal offenses.

Please note: 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).

2019 FIREARM SALES AND TRANSFERS

In 2019, there were 2,740 active Pennsylvania licensed firearm dealers (Reference Appendix B). 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 firearms dealers submit Application/Record of Sale forms and Surcharge Remittance form to the PSP within 14 days of the transaction, as mandated by the PUFA.

In 2019, a total of 766,204 firearms were reported in Pennsylvania as purchased/transferred.

- 421,543 handguns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 320,708 long guns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 23,953 frames/receivers were reported purchased/transferred.

(Reference Appendix C for additional information.)

CRIMES COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS IN 2019

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* is prepared each year by the PSP. Excerpts of current summary data from the 2019 report, regarding crimes involving firearms, are provided in the table below.

(Reported as of 3/3/2020)

TYPE OF CRIME	TOTAL	FIREARMS	PERCENT
Homicide	612	471	77.0%
Robbery	8,677	3,237	37.3%
Aggravated Assault	22,241	4,594	20.7%

LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS/SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS

In 2019, there were a total of 248,487 licenses to carry firearms issued as reported by county sheriffs' offices and the city of Philadelphia, equating to an 11.4 decrease from 2018. 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 93 percent of the total license to carry check requests for the year.

Section 6109(k) of the PUFA gives the Pennsylvania Attorney General (AG) 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 AG'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 2019, there were a total of 1,678 permits issued.

(Reference Appendix D for additional information.)

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 2019, the following investigations were initiated by the PSP Firearms Division and referred to the below entities:

TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED IN 2019	4,368
Total Referred to PSP Troops	1,251
Total Referred to Municipal PDs	3,058
Total Referred to ATF	59

Below are the investigation results reported in 2018. They include referrals that were initiated in previous years.

TOTAL INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES IN 2019	
Arrests Reported	1,017
Convictions Reported	737
Prosecutions Declined	1,493

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

INVESTIGATION GRAND TOTALS (1999-2019)	
Total Referred	35,932
Arrests Reported	9,063
Convictions Reported	4,907
Prosecutions Declined	8,520
Pending Investigations	15,436
Miscellaneous Disposed Cases	2,913

WANTED PERSONS ARRESTS

In 2019, a total of 154 individuals with active warrants were identified by the PICS and apprehended while attempting to acquire a firearm. Since inception, the PICS is responsible for the apprehension of 2,591 individuals.

SYSTEM OUTAGES

In 2019, the PICS was operational 365 days, with working hours from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., totaling 5,110 hours of operation. Of those hours, PICS experienced technical issues 43.63 hours, equating to 0.85 percent of total operational hours. These statistics also allow for periods for which PICS was only partially out of service, but still allowing background check calls.

In addition, instances occur when the IVR phone system is offline; however, the PICS web interface is still processing background checks, or vice versa, depending on the nature of the problem (Refer to Appendix E).

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

- 54 percent of outages were caused by PSP system problems.
- 17 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 2019 IVR AND WEB-BASED CHECKS STATISTICS

YEAR 2019	IVR*	WEB-BASED	TOTALS
Purchase/Transfer Checks	272,766	427,171	699,937
License to Carry Checks	18,665	255,032	273,697
Firearm Evidence Returns	*1,593 (Fax, not IVR)	6,809	8,402
Automatic Approvals	182,040	463,799	645,839
Transfer to Operator	110,984	225,213	336,197
Average %-System Approvals	62%	67%	66%

Total PICS checks in 2019: 982,036
Total System-Immediate Approvals: 645,839
Average %-System Approvals: 66%

(Reported as of 2/11/2020)

NUMBER OF LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS BY COUNTY FOR 2019			
COUNTY	NO. DEALERS	COUNTY	NO. DEALERS
ADAMS	42	LACKAWANNA	50
ALLEGHENY	140	LANCASTER	60
ARMSTRONG	29	LAWRENCE	28
BEAVER	43	LEBANON	30
BEDFORD	29	LEHIGH	49
BERKS	90	LUZERNE	66
BLAIR	45	LYCOMING	57
BRADFORD	39	MCKEAN	21
BUCKS	116	MERCER	38
BUTLER	64	MIFFLIN	17
CAMBRIA	40	MONROE	44
CAMERON	4	MONTGOMERY	90
CARBON	13	MONTOUR	9
CENTRE	42	NORTHAMPTON	57
CHESTER	92	NORTHUMBERLAND	31
CLARION	19	PERRY	34
CLEARFIELD	26	PHILADELPHIA	12
CLINTON	14	PIKE	39
COLUMBIA	34	POTTER	14
CRAWFORD	36	SCHUYLKILL	40
CUMBERLAND	52	SNYDER	17
DAUPHIN	54	SOMERSET	38
DELAWARE	47	SULLIVAN	5
ELK	11	SUSQUEHANNA	28
ERIE	54	TIOGA	36
FAYETTE	40	UNION	13
FOREST	4	VENANGO	23
FRANKLIN	58	WARREN	24
FULTON	10	WASHINGTON	68
GREENE	22	WAYNE	33
HUNTINGDON	22	WESTMORELAND	121
INDIANA	41	WYOMING	13
JEFFERSON	22	YORK	128
JUNIATA	13		
TOTAL LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS FOR 2018:			2,740

(Reported as of 3/26/2020)

2019 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	4474	1272	6091	702	LACKAWANNA	7499	1733	5128	640
ALLEGHENY	22802	9977	10328	4476	LANCASTER	17099	4564	13713	2441
ARMSTRONG	1605	638	1526	388	LAWRENCE	2580	1077	1812	659
BEAVER	5044	1423	2904	694	LEBANON	4253	942	4255	727
BEDFORD	1857	676	3710	942	LEHIGH	7444	3309	4640	1632
BERKS	13950	2952	12228	1626	LUZERNE	10595	3071	7667	1368
BLAIR	4542	1492	4209	664	LYCOMING	6835	1310	6111	940
BRADFORD	2587	511	4265	608	MCKEAN	1174	244	1547	150
BUCKS	22350	5992	11315	3125	MERCER	5953	1678	5265	896
BUTLER	9695	2227	7060	1505	MIFFLIN	1640	530	1714	299
CAMBRIA	6331	1490	5477	645	MONROE	5610	2046	3733	734
CAMERON	24	34	30	28	MONTGOMERY	7547	4492	4190	2452
CARBON	479	382	612	175	MONTOUR	34	101	43	82
CENTRE	3352	1360	3438	1133	NORTHAMPTON	5838	2505	3718	1282
CHESTER	6307	2878	3921	1801	NORTHUMBERLAND	1477	556	1816	460
CLARION	2079	344	3095	131	PERRY	951	634	1492	746
CLEARFIELD	10476	519	12224	463	PHILADELPHIA	8691	2796	1622	641
CLINTON	978	308	1501	332	PIKE	1450	823	1155	671
COLUMBIA	3639	825	3099	341	POTTER	308	144	544	173
CRAWFORD	1796	684	1858	518	SCHUYLKILL	5434	1522	5382	815
CUMBERLAND	7625	2584	6014	1782	SNYDER	2517	1241	2536	817
DAUPHIN	5930	1731	4425	1113	SOMERSET	1755	497	2817	320
DELAWARE	7109	4035	2419	1596	SULLIVAN	82	29	133	21
ELK	1650	176	3248	65	SUSQUEHANNA	926	513	1351	503
ERIE	5506	2648	5885	2158	TIOGA	1455	460	3332	494
FAYETTE	7068	1080	4837	617	UNION	153	115	530	106
FOREST	111	51	159	49	VENANGO	1423	513	1564	441
FRANKLIN	4034	1731	4811	1552	WARREN	1473	434	2320	577
FULTON	291	228	487	371	WASHINGTON	10571	2139	6650	1086
GREENE	758	428	1457	272	WAYNE	3591	1417	3814	1244
HUNTINGDON	264	349	804	274	WESTMORELAND	10639	5079	8981	3060
INDIANA	1988	1089	2068	877	WYOMING	1669	498	2518	676
JEFFERSON	1940	445	2343	717	YORK	9817	4481	8255	2864
JUNIATA	224	143	654	101		317,348	104,195	258,850	61,858
TOTAL HANDGUN SALES/TRANSFERS:						421,543			
TOTAL LONG GUN SALES/TRANSFERS:						320,708			
TOTAL FRAMES/RECEIVERS:						23,953			
GRAND TOTAL SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED:						766,204			

Totals include taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers of handguns, long guns and frames/receivers, reported for year 2019. Long gun totals may also include frames/receivers.

(Reported as of 01/02/2020)

COUNTY STATISTICS FOR LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS AND SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS ISSUED IN 2019					
COUNTY	LTC	SFP	COUNTY	LTC	SFP
ADAMS	2693	24	LACKAWANNA	4522	12
ALLEGHENY	20782	43	LANCASTER	9679	48
ARMSTRONG	2692	11	LAWRENCE	2464	31
BEAVER	4536	25	LEBANON	3096	17
BEDFORD	1754	17	LEHIGH	5704	0
BERKS	8845	22	LUZERNE	6023	23
BLAIR	3293	14	LYCOMING	3402	14
BRADFORD	1892	21	MCKEAN	2623	9
BUCKS	9280	74	MERCER	2876	70
BUTLER	5716	16	MIFFLIN	1244	9
CAMBRIA	4061	30	MONROE	3422	60
CAMERON	181	2	MONTGOMERY	8361	35
CARBON	1829	20	MONTOUR	399	9
CENTRE	3261	12	NORTHAMPTON	4419	41
CHESTER	5659	0	NORTHUMBERLAND	2574	17
CLARION	1458	23	PERRY	1697	17
CLEARFIELD	2938	23	PHILADELPHIA	9239	0
CLINTON	1218	8	PIKE	1623	44
COLUMBIA	1761	33	POTTER	1227	28
CRAWFORD	2486	56	SCHUYLKILL	3937	8
CUMBERLAND	4919	16	SNYDER	1061	9
DAUPHIN	5255	20	SOMERSET	2281	26
DELAWARE	7320	50	SULLIVAN	330	9
ELK	1163	12	SUSQUEHANNA	1452	47
ERIE	6335	81	TIOGA	1208	25
FAYETTE	5456	16	UNION	944	2
FOREST	252	20	VENANGO	1829	27
FRANKLIN	3072	28	WARREN	2227	23
FULTON	625	10	WASHINGTON	5926	46
GREENE	1173	50	WAYNE	2144	46
HUNTINGDON	1277	39	WESTMORELAND	11612	43
INDIANA	2621	28	WYOMING	1039	9
JEFFERSON	1722	7	YORK	9686	21
JUNIATA	692	2			
GRAND TOTAL LTC FOR 2019				248,487	
GRAND TOTAL SFP FOR 2019				1,678	

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

PENNSYLVANIA INSTANT CHECK SYSTEM OUTAGES - 2019

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	3.05	0	0	0	3.05	0	0	0	0	2	0	0.70%
February	0.87	0	0.87	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.22%
March	0.52	0	0.52	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.12%
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	7.13	0	0	0	7.13	0	0	0	0	1	0	1.64%
June	0.23	0	0.23	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.55%
July	1.89	0	1.89	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0.44%
August	1.67	0	1.67	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.39%
September	8.07	0	3.55	0	1.87	0	0	0.42	2.23	5	0.1%	1.82%
October	0.22	0	0.22	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.05%
November	9.67	0	3.75	1.00	0	0	0	0	4.92	4	0.24%	2.06%
December	10.31	0	0	0	10.31	0	0	0	0	2	0	2.38%
TOTALS	43.63	0	12.70	1.00	22.36	0	0	0.42	7.15	21	0.34%	10.37%

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

OUTAGE TIME AS PERCENT OF OPERATIONAL HOURS: 0.85%

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.