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I am pleased to present the 2021 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. The PICS processed 1,402,610 background check requests, making it the second highest volume year since its inception in 1998. This number represents a mere 2.8 percent decrease from 2020.

In 2021, technological developments included the addition of a batch upload option for county mental health agencies and courts. This enhancement allows submission of mental health records, as required by 18 Pa C.S. 6111.1(f)(1)(i), in a prepared file, rather than entering records individually.

Additionally, PSP continues its efforts to increase usage of electronic offerings for both background checks and Record of Sale (ROS) forms, partnering with other agencies when possible. Use of these services allows for more immediate access to records used during law enforcement investigations. In 2021, 88.8 percent of all background checks were initiated using the website, compared to 78.4 percent in 2020.

There has been 3,505 firearms and explosives applications denied in other states based on Pennsylvania criminal history entries into the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Indices. These records include felony convictions, current unlawful drug user criteria, and other prohibiting data which is not available in Interstate Identification Index. As of December 31, 2021, there were 1,454,013 such records submitted by Pennsylvania to the NICS Indices.

As the following report illustrates, 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 2021 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 2021, 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 that 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 2021, the PICS handled 1,402,610 IVR and web-based background checks for licensed firearm dealers, sheriffs and law enforcement throughout the Commonwealth. Of these requests, 65 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 rotary phone. In addition, 16,841 files that were placed in a research status were subsequently approved. Therefore, the overall approval rate of background checks that were initiated in 2021 is 97.4 percent.

There were 31,918 background checks initially denied through prohibitions indicated on the individual's record. The PSP received 7,399 challenges to these denials. After further review of information provided by the individual or through official court documentation, 2,856 or 38.6 percent of the challenges were reversed.

Last year the instantaneous background check process yielded warrant information that led to the arrest of 138 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 3,018 fugitives.

The PSP continues its efforts to investigate and prosecute individuals who attempt to illegally obtain a firearm. In 2021, 5,456 files were referred to PSP Troops, municipal police departments and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for investigation, a one percent increase from 2020. Investigation referrals resulted in 484 arrests, 186 reported convictions, and 1,060 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, relinquished, recovered, found, or stolen firearms in the custody of law enforcement. In 2021, there were 9,332 background checks conducted for these transactions, a 7.3 percent increase over 2020.

In 2021, a total of 1,045,890 firearms were reported purchased or privately transferred in Pennsylvania, equating to a 7.4 percent decrease from 2020. Licensed firearm dealers reported 599,813 handgun transactions, 412,135 long gun transactions, and 33,942 frame/receiver transactions for the year.

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* for 2021 reported 5,005* violent crimes committed involving the use of a firearm.

*Pennsylvania Uniform Crime reporting data is incomplete, as of time of publication, due to the states transition from the Summary Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

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 38 percent of the cost to operate the Pennsylvania State Police Firearms Division.

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, law enforcement agencies may utilize the secure website to request background checks on the return of confiscated, relinquished, recovered, found, or stolen firearms in the custody of law enforcement.

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 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 (1) 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's 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.

COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICS

The PICS background check involves the comprehensive search of many databases, including the following: 3,071,840 Pennsylvania criminal history and juvenile records; 984,847 mental health records; 113,312 wanted persons; and federal files containing 82,998,682 criminal history records and 32,763,889 records on other prohibited persons. Most applicants instantly clear the 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 2021, on average, background checks that were put into research and subsequently approved, took approximately 4.69 days to complete. Researched denials took an average of 11.73 days to complete.

PICS STATISTICS

In 2021, there were 1,402,610 PICS transactions initiated.

- 908,287 checks were automatically approved through the IVR or website.
- 494,323 checks were forwarded to a PICS operator for assistance.
- Of the checks forwarded to a PICS operator, 440,639 were subsequently approved during the initial review.
- A total of 1,348,926 incoming checks were approved on the initial review by the PICS. The remaining checks were denied or placed into research, and determinations were provided within 15 days. (Reference Appendix A).

AVERAGE PICS BACKGROUND CHECK TIME

In 2021, The PICS Flexcheck System statistical 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 45.60 minutes.
- Automated approvals issued by the website averaged 1.07 minutes.
- Operator assisted website approvals averaged 87.12 minutes.

On average, background checks that were put into research and subsequently approved, took approximately 4.69 days to complete. Researched denials took an average of 11.73 days to complete.

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 (5) 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.

- 31,918 denials were issued by PICS operators in 2021.
- 7,399 challenges to these denials were received.
- 3,897 final denials were issued.
- 2,856 denials were reversed.

The remaining 646 challenges primarily include those which were returned to the challenger unprocessed for a variety of reason, (i.e. untimely filing, incompleteness, and/or because the file being appealed was not a PICS denial).

DENIAL APPEAL STATUS

A total of 112 appeals were filed with the Office of Attorney General in 2021. The following chart reflects the status of the cases:

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL 2021	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	0
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	4
APPEALS PENDING	107
APPEALS HEARD	1

In 2021, there was one (1) appeal filed in Commonwealth Court.

COMMONWEALTH COURT 2021	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	0
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED/REMANDED	0
APPEALS PENDING	1

In 2021, there were three (3) appeals filed with the Superior Court.

PA SUPERIOR COURT 2021	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	0
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED/REMANDED	0
APPEALS PENDING	3

In 2021, There were no appeals filed with the Supreme Court.

PA SUPREME COURT 2021	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	0
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED/REMANDED	0
APPEALS PENDING	0

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 2021, the PSP Firearms Division staff, in conjunction with the PSP Office of Chief Counsel, responded to 133 such petitions for relief, a 59 percent increase from 2020. There were 112

petitions for relief or expungement of mental health commitments, and 21 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).

FIREARM SALES AND TRANSFERS

In 2021, there were 2,891 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 (2) individuals who are both Pennsylvania residents. The Application/Record of Sale forms are submitted by the dealers with the Surcharge Remittance forms to the PSP within 14 days of the transaction, as mandated by the PUFA.

In 2021, a total of 1,045,890 firearms were reported purchased/transferred in Pennsylvania.

- 599,752 handguns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 412,004 long guns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 33,942 frames/receivers were reported purchased/transferred.

(Reference Appendix C for additional information.)

CRIMES COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS

The Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report is prepared each year by the PSP and excerpts of the firearms related data contained in the current report are provided in the table below.

(Reported as of 3/1/2022*)

TYPE OF CRIME	TOTAL	FIREARMS	PERCENT
Homicide	458	357	77.9%
Robbery	3,523	1,474	41.8%
Aggravated Assault	12,739	3,174	24.9%

*Pennsylvania Uniform Crime reporting data is incomplete, as of time of publication, due to the states transition from the Summary Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS/SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS

In 2021, there were a total of 384,522 license to carry firearms permits issued as reported by County Sheriffs' offices and the City of Philadelphia, equating to a 23.5 percent increase from 2020. 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 99.7 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 2021, there were a total of 1,337 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 2021, the following investigations were initiated by the PSP Firearms Division and referred to the below entities:

TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED IN 2021	5,456
Total Referred to the Pennsylvania State Police	1,273
Total Referred to Municipal Police Departments	4,045
Total Referred to ATF	138

Below are the investigation results that were reported in 2021. They include referrals that were initiated in previous years.

TOTAL INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES IN 2021	
Arrests Reported	484
Convictions Reported	186
Prosecutions Declined	1,060

The table below lists the cumulative totals from 1999 to 2021, for investigation referrals, and the various outcomes. The miscellaneous disposed cases mainly include investigations which were closed without an arrest.

INVESTIGATION GRAND TOTALS (1999-2021)	
Total Referred	46,679
Arrests Reported	10,026
Convictions Reported	5,279
Prosecutions Declined	10,945
Pending Investigations	22,499
Miscellaneous Disposed Cases	3,209

WANTED PERSONS ARRESTS

In 2021, a total of 138 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 3,018 individuals.

SYSTEM OUTAGES

In 2021, 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 28 hours, or 0.55 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.

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. (Reference Appendage E).

- 44.0 percent of outages were caused by technical difficulties with federal databases.
- 35.5 percent of outages were caused by PSP system problems.
- 20.5 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 Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act 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 2021 IVR AND WEB-BASED CHECKS STATISTICS

YEAR 2021	IVR*	WEB-BASED	TOTALS
Purchase/Transfer Checks	155,254	805,044	960,298
License to Carry Checks	1,194	431,786	432,980
Firearm Evidence Returns	*1,140 (Fax, not IVR)	8,192	9,332
Automatic Approvals	99,785	808,502	908,287
Transfer to Operator	57,803	436,520	494,323
Average %-System Approvals	63%	65%	65%

Total PICS checks in 2021: 1,402,610
Total System-Immediate Approvals: 908,287
Average %-System Approvals: 65%

(Reported as of 01/02/2022)

NUMBER OF LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS BY COUNTY FOR 2021			
COUNTY	NO. DEALERS	COUNTY	NO. DEALERS
ADAMS	46	LACKAWANNA	47
ALLEGHENY	152	LANCASTER	69
ARMSTRONG	30	LAWRENCE	30
BEAVER	47	LEBANON	30
BEDFORD	27	LEHIGH	47
BERKS	100	LUZERNE	61
BLAIR	48	LYCOMING	62
BRADFORD	38	MCKEAN	22
BUCKS	116	MERCER	43
BUTLER	69	MIFFLIN	17
CAMBRIA	40	MONROE	50
CAMERON	5	MONTGOMERY	91
CARBON	19	MONTOUR	8
CENTRE	42	NORTHAMPTON	64
CHESTER	86	NORTHUMBERLAND	33
CLARION	20	PERRY	36
CLEARFIELD	29	PHILADELPHIA	12
CLINTON	17	PIKE	39
COLUMBIA	36	POTTER	16
CRAWFORD	37	SCHUYLKILL	44
CUMBERLAND	58	SNYDER	19
DAUPHIN	53	SOMERSET	39
DELAWARE	52	SULLIVAN	6
ELK	13	SUSQUEHANNA	29
ERIE	56	TIOGA	43
FAYETTE	43	UNION	11
FOREST	4	VENANGO	24
FRANKLIN	60	WARREN	22
FULTON	13	WASHINGTON	73
GREENE	23	WAYNE	35
HUNTINGDON	31	WESTMORELAND	125
INDIANA	44	WYOMING	14
JEFFERSON	25	YORK	140
JUNIATA	11		
TOTAL LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS FOR 2021:			2,891

(Reported as of 3/2/2022)

2021 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	6,362	1,646	6,273	1,109	LACKAWANNA	8,737	2,252	4,920	1,167
ALLEGHENY	31,313	11,371	15,176	5,636	LANCASTER	24,638	6,398	16,061	3,891
ARMSTRONG	1,899	861	1,397	431	LAWRENCE	4,143	1,265	2,853	679
BEAVER	4,429	1,648	3,463	1,001	LEBANON	7,798	1,663	6,439	1,170
BEDFORD	3,073	884	5,066	757	LEHIGH	12,392	4,878	6,602	2,686
BERKS	17,639	5,626	14,362	3,187	LUZERNE	15,672	3,015	10,144	1,484
BLAIR	7,936	1,866	6,560	858	LYCOMING	8,232	1,661	7,035	1,298
BRADFORD	3,815	448	5,810	400	MCKEAN	1,431	323	1,678	681
BUCKS	37,919	11,132	16,109	5,902	MERCER	9,508	1,644	7,784	1,031
BUTLER	8,236	2,594	6,495	1,960	MIFFLIN	2,225	559	2,425	402
CAMBRIA	6,452	1,789	5,304	753	MONROE	8,190	2,782	5,446	1,607
CAMERON	7	56	14	35	MONTGOMERY	12,650	8,209	5,119	3,902
CARBON	972	383	961	285	MONTOUR	47	119	43	116
CENTRE	6,057	2,068	4,846	1,328	NORTHAMPTON	7,788	3,150	5,067	1,673
CHESTER	9,060	5,187	4,410	3,836	NORTHUMBERLAND	3,474	882	2,782	521
CLARION	2,647	347	3,677	127	PERRY	2,811	906	3,681	868
CLEARFIELD	10,173	702	11,412	431	PHILADELPHIA	16,722	6,768	2,399	2,871
CLINTON	1,548	362	1,984	427	PIKE	2,378	1,379	1,943	1,104
COLUMBIA	5,615	923	4,196	511	POTTER	391	122	673	122
CRAWFORD	2,295	746	2,502	555	SCHUYLKILL	7,053	1,923	5,703	1,030
CUMBERLAND	12,233	3,521	9,581	2,107	SNYDER	2,207	1,188	2,367	973
DAUPHIN	7,331	2,497	5,248	1,638	SOMERSET	3,175	768	3,306	454
DELAWARE	8,748	6,426	2,926	2,814	SULLIVAN	98	25	160	43
ELK	2,755	230	3,662	58	SUSQUEHANNA	1,034	475	1,281	481
ERIE	9,602	3,687	9,023	2,189	TIOGA	2,740	560	4,456	532
FAYETTE	7,172	1,340	5,425	727	UNION	382	187	692	228
FOREST	109	16	114	7	VENANGO	3,041	435	3,025	359
FRANKLIN	6,689	2,813	7,459	1,866	WARREN	1,696	561	2,113	505
FULTON	957	331	1,132	341	WASHINGTON	12,429	2,267	9,147	1,387
GREENE	1,017	572	1,366	363	WAYNE	5,689	1,506	5,183	1,440
HUNTINGDON	533	409	847	272	WESTMORELAND	10,932	5,252	8,348	2,912
INDIANA	2,543	1,423	2,391	869	WYOMING	2,275	9,006	3,213	879
JEFFERSON	2,651	547	3,037	594	YORK	14,304	6,583	10,673	4,340
JUNIATA	441	141	785	151		446,510	153,303	325,774	86,361
TOTAL HANDGUN SALES/TRANSFERS:						599,813			
TOTAL LONG GUN SALES/TRANSFERS:						412,135			
TOTAL FRAMES/RECEIVERS:						33,942			
GRAND TOTAL SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED:						1,045,890			

Totals include taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers of handguns, long guns and frames/receivers, reported for year 2021. Long gun totals may also include frames/receivers.

(Reported as of 01/02/2022)

COUNTY STATISTICS FOR LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS AND SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS ISSUED IN 2021					
COUNTY	LTC	SFP	COUNTY	LTC	SFP
ADAMS	3,938	10	LACKAWANNA	4,389	14
ALLEGHENY	28,686	39	LANCASTER	14,444	38
ARMSTRONG	3,679	10	LAWRENCE	2,847	32
BEAVER	5,293	1	LEBANON	4,028	11
BEDFORD	2,525	21	LEHIGH	8,423	0
BERKS	13,803	6	LUZERNE	7,331	27
BLAIR	3,770	9	LYCOMING	3,947	10
BRADFORD	2,625	32	MCKEAN	3,956	7
BUCKS	12,987	46	MERCER	3,026	41
BUTLER	7,341	18	MIFFLIN	1,675	7
CAMBRIA	5,364	20	MONROE	4,591	44
CAMERON	232	7	MONTGOMERY	16,849	26
CARBON	2,447	15	MONTOUR	556	3
CENTRE	4,304	17	NORTHAMPTON	6,896	43
CHESTER	11,236	0	NORTHUMBERLAND	3,236	3
CLARION	1,867	22	PERRY	2,332	14
CLEARFIELD	2,722	21	PHILADELPHIA	52,230	0
CLINTON	1,350	4	PIKE	2,397	53
COLUMBIA	2,340	13	POTTER	758	23
CRAWFORD	2,860	40	SCHUYLKILL	4,517	9
CUMBERLAND	6,842	17	SNYDER	1,530	12
DAUPHIN	6,003	18	SOMERSET	3,311	16
DELAWARE	13,429	37	SULLIVAN	376	9
ELK	1,652	9	SUSQUEHANNA	2,407	28
ERIE	9,632	56	TIOGA	2,380	21
FAYETTE	5,545	22	UNION	1,169	2
FOREST	321	4	VENANGO	2,376	21
FRANKLIN	4,544	28	WARREN	2,336	15
FULTON	719	5	WASHINGTON	6,550	32
GREENE	1,334	47	WAYNE	4,233	45
HUNTINGDON	1,736	21	WESTMORELAND	11,097	42
INDIANA	3,695	33	WYOMING	1,420	5
JEFFERSON	1,990	12	YORK	19,173	19
JUNIATA	925	5			
GRAND TOTAL LTC FOR 2021				384,522	
GRAND TOTAL SFP FOR 2021				1,337	

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

PENNSYLVANIA INSTANT CHECK SYSTEM OUTAGES - 2021

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	2.61	0	0.78	0	1.83	0	0	0	0	2	0%	0.05%
February	8.50	0	3.75	0	0	0	0	4.75	0	2	0.09%	0.07%
March	2.25	0	0	0	2.25	0	0	0	0	2	0%	0.04%
April	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
May	3.67	0	0	0	3.10	0	0	0	0.57	4	0%	0.07%
June	7.38	0	4.20	0	2.75	0	0	0	0.43	4	0%	0.14%
July	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
August	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
September	1.77	0	1.77	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0%	0.04%
October	0.52	0	0.52	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0%	0.01%
November	1.30	0	1.30	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0%	0.03%
December	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
TOTALS	28.00	0.00	12.32	0.00	9.93	0	0	4.75	1.00	17	0.09%	0.45%

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

OUTAGE TIME AS PERCENT OF OPERATIONAL HOURS: 0.54%

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.