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I am pleased to present the 2020 Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Firearms Annual Report. The Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) processed 1,445,910 background check requests, making it the highest volume year since its inception in 1998. This number represents a 47.2 percent increase from 2019, and surpasses the previous high year, 2016, by nearly 308,000 checks.

In 2020, technological developments included the streamlining of the approval process; wherein, users are now able to launch a re-check via the website, replacing the previous procedure that required a telephone call to PICS.

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 2020, 78.4 percent of all background checks were initiated using the website. This represents an increase of 8.2 percent from 2019.

There were 769 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 in addition to other prohibiting data which is not available in Interstate Identification Index. As of December 31, 2020, there were 1,411,685 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 2020 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 2020, 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 (1) 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 2020, the PICS handled 1,445,910 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 32 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, 17,587 files placed in a research status were subsequently approved. Therefore, the overall approval rate of all background checks that were initiated in 2020 is 97.5 percent.

There were 31,490 background checks initially denied through prohibitions indicated on the individual's record. The PSP received 9,933 challenges to these denials. After further review of information provided by the individual or through official court documentation, 3,559 or 36 percent of the challenges were reversed.

Last year, the instantaneous background check process yielded warrant information that led to the arrest of 289 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 2,880 fugitives.

The PSP continues its efforts to investigate and prosecute individuals who attempt to illegally obtain a firearm. In 2020, 5,291 files were referred to PSP Troops, municipal police departments, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for investigation, equating to a 21 percent increase from 2019. Investigation referrals resulted in 479 arrests, 186 reported convictions, and 1,365 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 2020, there were 8,694 background checks conducted for these transactions, a 3.5 percent increase over 2019.

In 2020, a total of 1,141,413 firearms were reported purchased or privately transferred in Pennsylvania, equating to a 49 percent increase from 2019. Licensed firearm dealers reported 679,896 handgun transactions; 427,990 long gun transactions; and 33,527 frame/receiver transactions for the year.

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* for 2020 reported 9,923 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 39 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, 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 (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 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

PICS background checks involved the comprehensive search of many databases, including the following: 3,032,369 Pennsylvania criminal history and juvenile records; 945,275 mental health records; 114,308 wanted persons; and federal files containing 81,366,218 criminal history records and 30,661,468 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 2020, on average, background checks that were put into research and subsequently approved, took approximately 5.34 days to complete. Researched denials took an average of 12.03 days to complete.

PICS STATISTICS

In 2020, there were 1,445,910 PICS transactions initiated.

- 934,772 checks were automatically approved through the IVR or website.
- 511,138 checks were forwarded to a PICS operator for assistance.

- Of the checks forwarded to a PICS operator, 457,624 were subsequently approved during the initial review.
- A total of 1,392,396 incoming checks were approved on the initial review by the 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 2020, 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 0.83 minutes.
- Operator assisted IVR approvals averaged 39.47 minutes.
- Automated approvals issued by the website averaged 1.83 minutes.
- Operator assisted website approvals averaged 48.80 minutes.

On average, background checks that were put into research and subsequently approved, took approximately 5.34 days to complete. Researched denials took an average of 12.03 days to complete.

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 (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.

- 31,490 denials were issued by PICS operators in 2020.
- 9,933 challenges to these denials were received.
- 5,420 final denials were issued.
- 3,559 denials were reversed.

The remaining 954 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 60 appeals were filed with the Office of Attorney General in 2020. The following chart reflects the status of the cases:

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (2020)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	0
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED	2
APPEALS PENDING	58
APPEALS HEARD	0

In 2000, the first appeals reached the Commonwealth Court. Statistics listed below reflect cumulative totals. In 2020, there were two (2) appeals filed in Commonwealth Court.

COMMONWEALTH COURT (2000-2020)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD	25
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED*	18
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED/REMANDED	9
APPEALS PENDING	2

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

In 2001, the first appeals reached the PA Supreme Court. Statistics listed below reflect cumulative totals. In 2020, there were no appeals filed with the Supreme Court.

PA SUPREME COURT (2001-2020)	
PSP DENIALS UPHELD*	5
PSP DENIALS OVERTURNED	0
APPEALS REFUSED/WITHDRAWN/CANCELLED/REMANDED	13
APPEALS PENDING	0

*All five (5) 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 2020, the PSP Firearms Division staff, in conjunction with the PSP Office of Chief Counsel, responded to 79 such petitions for relief, a 71 percent increase from 2019. There were 70 petitions for relief or expungement of mental health commitments, and nine (9) 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).

2020 FIREARM SALES AND TRANSFERS

In 2020, there were 2,795 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 firearms dealers submit Application/Record of Sale forms and Surcharge Remittance forms to the PSP within 14 days of the transaction, as mandated by the PUFA.

In 2020, a total of 1,141,413 firearms were reported in Pennsylvania as purchased/transferred.

- 679,896 handguns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 427,990 long guns were reported purchased/transferred.
- 33,527 frames/receivers were reported purchased/transferred.

(Reference Appendix C for additional information.)

CRIMES COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS IN 2020

The *Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Report* is prepared each year by the PSP. Excerpts of current summary data from the 2020 report, regarding crimes involving firearms, are provided in the table below.

(Reported as of 3/15/2021)

TYPE OF CRIME	TOTAL	FIREARMS	PERCENT
Homicide	891	698	78.3%
Robbery	7,642	2,830	37.0%
Aggravated Assault	23,501	6,395	27.2%

LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS/SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS

In 2020, there were a total of 311,224 licenses to carry firearms issued as reported by County Sheriffs' Offices and the City of Philadelphia, equating to a 25.3 percent increase from 2019. 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 98 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 2020, there were a total of 1,312 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 2020, the following investigations were initiated by the PSP Firearms Division and referred to the below entities:

TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED IN 2020	5,291
Total Referred to PSP Troops	1,499
Total Referred to Municipal Police Departments	3,703
Total Referred to ATF	89

Below are the investigation results that were reported in 2020. They include referrals that were initiated in previous years.

TOTAL INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES IN 2020	
Arrests Reported	479
Convictions Reported	186
Prosecutions Declined	1,365

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 (1999-2020)	
Total Referred	41,223
Arrests Reported	9,542
Convictions Reported	5,093
Prosecutions Declined	9,885
Pending Investigations	18,705
Miscellaneous Disposed Cases	3,091

WANTED PERSONS ARRESTS

In 2020, a total of 289 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 2,880 individuals.

SYSTEM OUTAGES

In 2020, the PICS was operational 366 days, with working hours from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., totaling 5,124 hours of operation. Of those hours, PICS experienced technical issues 57.91 hours, equating to 1.13 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).

- 40.9 percent of outages were caused by technical difficulties with federal databases.
- 57.3 percent of outages were caused by PSP system problems.
- 1.8 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 2020 IVR AND WEB-BASED CHECKS STATISTICS

YEAR 2020	IVR*	WEB-BASED	TOTALS
Purchase/Transfer Checks	304,208	773,915	1,078,123
License to Carry Checks	6,850	352,243	359,093
Firearm Evidence Returns	*1,285 (Fax, not IVR)	7,409	8,694
Automatic Approvals	192,263	742,509	934,772
Transfer to Operator	120,080	391,058	511,138
Average %-System Approvals	62%	66%	65%

Total PICS checks in 2020: 1,445,910
Total System-Immediate Approvals: 934,772
Average %-System Approvals: 65%

(Reported as of 1/27/2021)

NUMBER OF LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS BY COUNTY FOR 2020			
COUNTY	NO. DEALERS	COUNTY	NO. DEALERS
ADAMS	42	LACKAWANNA	51
ALLEGHENY	139	LANCASTER	64
ARMSTRONG	28	LAWRENCE	30
BEAVER	45	LEBANON	29
BEDFORD	28	LEHIGH	45
BERKS	91	LUZERNE	64
BLAIR	46	LYCOMING	60
BRADFORD	37	MCKEAN	23
BUCKS	112	MERCER	40
BUTLER	68	MIFFLIN	18
CAMBRIA	41	MONROE	49
CAMERON	4	MONTGOMERY	93
CARBON	15	MONTOUR	8
CENTRE	41	NORTHAMPTON	61
CHESTER	89	NORTHUMBERLAND	32
CLARION	17	PERRY	34
CLEARFIELD	27	PHILADELPHIA	12
CLINTON	13	PIKE	38
COLUMBIA	33	POTTER	15
CRAWFORD	36	SCHUYLKILL	41
CUMBERLAND	58	SNYDER	17
DAUPHIN	49	SOMERSET	39
DELAWARE	52	SULLIVAN	6
ELK	12	SUSQUEHANNA	31
ERIE	55	TIOGA	38
FAYETTE	40	UNION	12
FOREST	3	VENANGO	23
FRANKLIN	53	WARREN	25
FULTON	13	WASHINGTON	71
GREENE	23	WAYNE	36
HUNTINGDON	28	WESTMORELAND	129
INDIANA	46	WYOMING	14
JEFFERSON	25	YORK	125
JUNIATA	13		
TOTAL LICENSED FIREARM DEALERS FOR 2020:			2,795

(Reported as of 3/16/2021)

2020 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	8,334	1,938	7,446	1,093	LACKAWANNA	8,889	2,220	5,168	892
ALLEGHENY	38,111	13,135	16,342	5,750	LANCASTER	31,484	7,036	18,245	3,743
ARMSTRONG	2,254	917	1,686	382	LAWRENCE	5,149	1,305	3,274	611
BEAVER	6,864	1,980	4,140	787	LEBANON	8,709	1,510	6,307	971
BEDFORD	4,418	896	5,072	756	LEHIGH	17,412	4,814	7,482	2,430
BERKS	19,999	5,264	14,193	2,568	LUZERNE	17,275	3,259	10,398	1,381
BLAIR	8,451	1,772	6,436	641	LYCOMING	8,791	1,524	6,944	974
BRADFORD	4,591	458	5,899	492	MCKEAN	1,872	371	2,089	614
BUCKS	40,595	12,347	15,002	6,000	MERCER	11,386	1,772	8,343	895
BUTLER	12,192	2,415	8,751	1,686	MIFFLIN	2,939	662	2,226	539
CAMBRIA	7,760	1,678	5,861	704	MONROE	10,231	3,121	5,862	1,424
CAMERON	22	80	16	42	MONTGOMERY	16,372	8,370	7,146	4,316
CARBON	1,423	419	1,258	247	MONTOUR	36	125	48	122
CENTRE	6,397	1,744	4,875	1,112	NORTHAMPTON	9,394	4,240	5,394	1,940
CHESTER	10,020	5,723	5,319	2,900	NORTHUMBERLAND	3,844	925	2,769	542
CLARION	3,053	346	3,768	98	PERRY	2,544	735	2,807	737
CLEARFIELD	12,793	672	13,423	455	PHILADELPHIA	20,248	5,593	3,988	1,539
CLINTON	1,740	350	2,028	335	PIKE	2,830	1,224	2,630	948
COLUMBIA	5,303	1,048	3,791	634	POTTER	355	105	599	74
CRAWFORD	2,802	723	2,503	477	SCHUYLKILL	8,469	2,047	6,618	1,204
CUMBERLAND	13,674	3,504	10,396	2,141	SNYDER	3,339	1,390	2,831	842
DAUPHIN	10,219	2,889	6,043	1,742	SOMERSET	3,053	598	3,367	374
DELAWARE	11,855	8,214	3,661	3,259	SULLIVAN	121	20	156	23
ELK	2,649	175	3,576	36	SUSQUEHANNA	1,151	565	1,461	408
ERIE	10,940	3,718	8,537	2,142	TIOGA	3,554	507	4,936	493
FAYETTE	9,669	1,378	6,435	597	UNION	463	214	845	150
FOREST	180	39	181	12	VENANGO	2,989	473	2,638	302
FRANKLIN	5,339	2,697	5,984	1,451	WARREN	1,903	486	2,556	456
FULTON	1,065	309	957	310	WASHINGTON	16,301	2,301	10,353	1,158
GREENE	1,340	491	1,689	238	WAYNE	5,970	1,545	5,842	1,255
HUNTINGDON	722	506	956	305	WESTMORELAND	13,108	5,539	9,602	2,664
INDIANA	3,079	1,391	2,769	838	WYOMING	3,374	563	3,679	685
JEFFERSON	2,692	472	2,657	503	YORK	13,893	6,529	9,768	3,665
JUNIATA	369	158	707	158		528,362	151,534	348,728	79,262
TOTAL HANDGUN SALES/TRANSFERS:						679,896			
TOTAL LONG GUN SALES/TRANSFERS:						427,990			
TOTAL FRAMES/RECEIVERS:						33,527			
GRAND TOTAL SALES/TRANSFERS REPORTED:						1,141,413			

Totals include taxed and non-taxed sales/transfers of handguns, long guns and frames/receivers, reported for year 2020. Long gun totals may also include frames/receivers.

(Reported as of 01/04/2021)

COUNTY STATISTICS FOR LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS AND SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMITS ISSUED IN 2020					
COUNTY	LTC	SFP	COUNTY	LTC	SFP
ADAMS	3583	9	LACKAWANNA	2947	14
ALLEGHENY	21050	46	LANCASTER	10978	41
ARMSTRONG	3300	18	LAWRENCE	3024	19
BEAVER	5956	10	LEBANON	4141	17
BEDFORD	3008	25	LEHIGH	9141	1
BERKS	11985	13	LUZERNE	6803	10
BLAIR	4741	8	LYCOMING	4488	10
BRADFORD	2722	25	MCKEAN	3162	4
BUCKS	15324	38	MERCER	3394	41
BUTLER	8618	22	MIFFLIN	1941	5
CAMBRIA	4915	17	MONROE	5379	52
CAMERON	255	3	MONTGOMERY	10388	18
CARBON	2471	17	MONTOUR	695	6
CENTRE	4141	17	NORTHAMPTON	7199	36
CHESTER	6040	0	NORTHUMBERLAND	3857	7
CLARION	1773	14	PERRY	2303	11
CLEARFIELD	3345	12	PHILADELPHIA	7444	0
CLINTON	1381	12	PIKE	2568	44
COLUMBIA	2111	16	POTTER	885	14
CRAWFORD	3203	68	SCHUYLKILL	5395	8
CUMBERLAND	7034	12	SNYDER	1761	3
DAUPHIN	6679	8	SOMERSET	3266	29
DELAWARE	5642	29	SULLIVAN	415	8
ELK	1560	8	SUSQUEHANNA	2121	29
ERIE	7540	63	TIOGA	1813	8
FAYETTE	6048	20	UNION	1457	3
FOREST	250	14	VENANGO	2302	18
FRANKLIN	4959	20	WARREN	2212	23
FULTON	774	10	WASHINGTON	7805	34
GREENE	1601	43	WAYNE	2617	52
HUNTINGDON	1960	20	WESTMORELAND	11837	33
INDIANA	2576	28	WYOMING	1088	6
JEFFERSON	2324	14	YORK	16518	25
JUNIATA	1011	4			
GRAND TOTAL LTC FOR 2020				311,224	
GRAND TOTAL SFP FOR 2020				1,312	

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

PENNSYLVANIA INSTANT CHECK SYSTEM OUTAGES - 2020

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	5.85	0	0	5.85	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.35%	0%
February	4.05	0	0.97	0	3.08	0	0	0	0	3	0%	1.00%
March	11.71	0.76	5.8	0.17	4.98	0	0	0	0	3	0.21%	2.48%
April	1.60	0	0	0	1.6	0	0	0	0	1	0%	0.38%
May	1.32	0	0	0	1.32	0	0	0	0	1	0%	0.30%
June	3.67	0	0	1.05	2.62	0	0	0	0	2	0.25%	0.62%
July	16.82	0	12.53	0	3.27	0	0	0	1.02	5	0%	3.88%
August	5.82	0	2.9	2.92	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.67%	0.67%
September	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
October	3.47	0	0	0	3.47	0	0	0	0	2	0%	0.80%
November	0.75	0	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0%	0.18%
December	2.85	0	0	2.85	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.66%	0%
TOTALS	57.91	0.76	22.95	12.84	20.34	0	0	0	1.02	23	0.27%	0.86%

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

OUTAGE TIME AS PERCENT OF OPERATIONAL HOURS: 1.13%

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.