NICS Firearm Background Checks: Month and Year by State and Type

Each column represents the type of transaction submitted to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). In addition, each type of transaction is broken down by the type of firearm—handgun, long gun, and other. The types of firearms are defined by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives as follows:

- + Handgun—(a) any firearm which has a short stock and is designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand; and (b) any combination of parts from which a firearm described in paragraph (a) can be assembled.
- Long Gum—a weapon designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder, and designed or redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in (a) a fixed metallic cartridge to fire a single projectile through a rifled bore for each single pull of the trigger; or (b) a fixed shotgun shell to fire through a smooth bore either a number of ball shot or a single projectile for each single pull of the trigger.
- Other—refers to frames, receivers, and other firearms that are neither handguns nor long guns (rifles or shotguns), such as firearms having a pistol grip that expel a shotgun shell, or National Firearms Act firearms, including silencers.

The transaction types indicated in yellow on the chart are for background checks initiated by an officially-licensed Federal Firearms Licensee (FFL) or criminal justice/law enforcement agency prior to the issuance of a firearm-related permit or transfer. The indication of "multiple" denotes a background check where more than one type of firearm is associated to a single background check and "admin" denotes the administrative checks that are for other authorized uses of the NICS.

Other types of transactions are explained below:

- Pre-Pawn—background checks requested by an officially-licensed FFL on prospective firearm transferees seeking to pledge or pawn a firearm as security for the payment or repayment of money, prior to actually pledging or pawning the firearm.
- Redemption—background checks requested by an officially-licensed FFL on prospective firearm transferees attempting to regain possession of a firearm after pledging or pawning a firearm as security at a pawn shop.
- Returned/Disposition—background checks requested by criminal justice/law enforcement agencies prior to returning a firearm in its possession to the respective transferee, to ensure the individual is not prohibited.
- Rentals—background checks requested by an officially-licensed FFL on prospective firearm transferees attempting to possess a firearm when the firearm is loaned or rented for use off the premises of the business.
- Private Sale—background checks requested by an officially-licensed FFL on prospective firearm transferees attempting to possess a firearm from a private party seller who is not an officially-licensed FFL.
- Return to Seller-Private Sale—background checks requested by an officially-licensed FFL on prospective firearm transferees attempting to possess a firearm from a private party seller who is not an officially-licensed FFL.

It is important to note that the statistics within this chart represent the number of firearm background checks initiated through the NICS. They do not represent the number of firearms sold. Based on varying state laws and purchase scenarios, a one-to-one correlation cannot be made between a firearm background check and a firearm sale.

NICS Firearm Background Checks November - 2022

		Permit							Pre-Pawn			Redemption		Retu	turned/Disposition		Rentals		Private Sale		Return to Seller - Private Sale			
State / Territory	Permit	Recheck	Handgun	Long Gun	*Other	**Multiple	Admin	Handgun	Long Gun	*Other	Handgun	Long Gun	*Other	Handgun	Long Gun *Otl	her	Handgun Long Gun	Handgun	Long Gun	*Other	Handgun	Long Gun	*Other	Totals
Alabama	15,442	210	22,068	19,922	1,190	1,545	0	12	9	1	2,281	1,177	14	35	0	0	0 0	26	16	6	0	0	0	63,954
Alaska	292	5	3,182	2,890	332	265	0	1	0	0	05	52	1	14	12	0	0 0	0	1	19	0	0	0	7,149
Arizona	8,007	1,816	18,816	9,664	1,513	1,271	0	8	2	0	1,141	434	5	178	23	0	0 0	9	7	0	0	1	0	42,895
Arkansas	2,325	308	7,994	10,304	439	598	6	7	8	0	,,,,	1,154	2	0	0	0	0 0	11	2015	535	0	2 5	0	24,160
California	24,117	11,341	37,386	25,634	4,888	- 0	0	0	1		0,5	367	26	1,112	540	83	0 0	6,830	2,815	535	20	0	0	116,394
Colorado Connecticut	6,598 6,441	35 717	20,088 5,660	13,493 2,132	1,551 1,120	1,819 0	1 1	0	0	0		0	0	293	52 0	0	0 0	0 458	0 142	61	0	0	0	43,932 16,732
Delaware	257	/1/	1,961	1,570	76	89	0	0	0	0	17	5	0	64	0	0	0 0	71	11	01	1	0	0	4,122
District of Columbia	1,440	0	455	26	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	12	0 0	0		0	0	ő	0	1,941
Florida	16,592	0	61,475	28,064	4,766	3,565	0	7	6	ĭ	3,552	966	8	1.158	78	6	0 0	285	192	38	50	30	0	120,839
Georgia	13,585	0	20,201	14,036	866	1,126	2	19	10	0	1,913	864	12	58	0	0	0 0	12	4	1	0	0	0	52,709
Guam	0	0	196	83	13	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	307
Hawaii	1,418	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,419
Idaho	5,323	63	6,776	6,569	598	413	0	4	1	0	314	240	1	55	19	2	0 0	8	13	3	0	1	0	20,403
Illinois	412,201	0	24,875	14,612	1,564	0	0	0	0	0	Ü	0	0	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	453,252
Indiana	315	33,138	23,698	18,044	1,642	1,416	2	0	3	1	805	366	12	44	5	0	0 0	21	26	4	1	1	0	79,544
Iowa	4,379	3,676	3,589	5,081	176	138	7	0	0	0	24	29	0	55	10	1	0 0	3	0	0	0	0	0	17,168
Kansas	1,105	261	7,501	7,768	581	554	0	4	1	0	482	238	3	82	17	1	0 0	3	17	2	0	0	0	18,610
Kentucky	551 1,488	304,887	12,229	13,521	606 758	883 818	8	11	3	0	1,506 844	1,170	0 12	20	4	0	0 0	15 17	17	1	0	0	0	335,435 30,374
Louisiana Maine	393	349	12,512 3,761	12,952 4,894	306	264	3	0	0	0		601 52	0	24	9	1	0 0		8	0	0	0	0	9,793
Mariana Islands	393	0	12	4,094	1	204	3	0	0	0		32	0	0	0	0	0 0	0	ó	0	0	0	0	23
Maryland	19,965	20	12,154	7,431	121	6	0	0	1	0	94	110	3	128	21	2	0 0	8	21	2	0	0	0	40,087
Massachusetts	9,344	0	5,791	3,340	1,389	286	0	0	0	i	15	12	0	120	0	0	0 0	25	22	8	ĭ	ĭ	0	20,236
Michigan	15,295	6,307	22,446	23,562	1,754	1.080	1	0	2	1	14	283	2	65	11	0	0 0	18	10	0	1	0	0	70,852
Minnesota	11,861	31,909	11,045	13,156	956	581	0	0	1	0	151	177	2	88	17	2	0 0	23	29	0	0	1	0	69,999
Mississippi	2,455	0	9,829	11,939	416	550	0	6	4	3	1,540	1,070	2	16	2	0	0 0	5	4	0	1	1	0	27,843
Missouri	702	56	21,737	21,503	1,800	1,590	3	4	7	1	1,336	816	15	367	33	5	0 0	26	32	6	1	2	1	50,043
Montana	801	2	4,283	5,028	311	298	24	1	4	0	3.2	402	1	35	8	0	0 0	7	4	0	1	0	0	11,552
Nebraska	3,957	121	263	2,702	25	15	0	0	0	0		24	0	26	5	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,140
Nevada	2,283	0	5,324	2,480	363	380	0	0	0	0		62	1	0	0	0	0 0		87	25	0	0	0	11,598
New Hampshire	723	3	6,358 8,346	3,753 3,945	323 924	0	21	0	6	0	0	2	0	133	10	1	0 0	63	0	0	0	0	0	11,333
New Jersey New Mexico	1,320	0	6,926	4,658	538	434	0	0	3	0		294	0	45	0	0	0 0	61	31 43	0	0	0	0	13,317 14,702
New York	5,462	2.850	9,328	14,518	1.093	226	0	0	1	0	373	47	4	60	66	0	1 5	271	281	22	7	1	1	34,289
North Carolina	26,689	63	2,400	17,849	1,015	259	0	6	3	0	1,721	1,241	10	695	102	9	1 0		15	0	1	Ó	0	52,080
North Dakota	447	8	1,914	3,095	131	157	0	0	2	0		81	2	3	1	ó	0 0	2	8	0	0	0	0	5,901
Ohio	5,430	184	28,175	23,760	1,472	1,760	0	16	6	0	1,220	574	2	220	61	7	0 0	5	5	0	0	1	1	62,899
Oklahoma	1,950	4	14,698	13,433	1,244	1,202	0	19	13	1	1,738	1,277	5	27	2	0	0 0	35	36	8	4	5	0	35,701
Oregon	5,197	389	57,990	27,862	0	19	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	169	30	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91,661
Pennsylvania	32,362	0	45,307	27,505	28	0	336	0	0	0		1	0	775	126	0	0 0	-	0	0	0	0	0	106,439
Puerto Rico	0	0	5,943	438	64	59	0	0	1	0	40	5	1	0	0	0	0 0	724	54	1	0	0	0	7,330
Rhode Island	0	0	1,238	729	117	126	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	19	6	0 0	5	8	0	0	0	0	2,269
South Carolina	11,615	434	12,634	9,269	772	605	0	9	2	0	892	381	6	253	8	46	0 0	4	5	1	0	0	0	36,936
South Dakota	866	6	2,622	4,447	180	177	0	0	0	0		123	0	5 99	2 8	2	0 0	Ü	29	1	0	0	0	8,577
Tennessee Texas	16,960 24,862	143	31,059 63,821	23,116 41,578	2,180 3,964	4,242	20	54	24	2	6,925	2,855	38	112	0	0	0 0	0 54	54	0	0	5	0	73,566 148,620
Utah	10,217	57,417	6,654	6,741	676	4,242	20	24	6	0		2,855	38 1	174	37	48	0 0	0	0	0	0	3	0	82,434
Vermont	10,217	0	1,575	1,910	115	98	0	2	2	0		12	1	0	0	0	0 0	3	3	0	0	0	0	3,732
Virgin Islands	65	0	38	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0 0	2	0	0	0	0	0	108
Virginia	534	190	27,137	19,880	3,505	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	430	92	1	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51,769
Washington	14,339	372	15,840	11,947	3,208	79	9	0	7	10	309	478	23	515	111	8	0 0	321	323	136	0	1	1	48,037
West Virginia	1,961	89	6,065	9,079	337	495	1	2	8	1	734	951	1	18	0	0	0 0	11	3	0	0	0	0	19,756
Wisconsin	19,868	850	19,780	17,496	1,038	88	0	0	0	1	127	229	11	135	63	3	0 0	0	10	0	0	0	0	59,699
Wyoming	294	18	2,724	2,534	189	177	4	1	1	0	111	109	0	28	3	1	0 0	1	4	0	0	0	0	6,202
Totals	770,093	458,245	765,879	591,953	53,236	29,773	460	209	151	24	33,090	19,541	227	7,837	1,612	249	2	9,819	4,396	894	91	71	5	2,747,862

NOTES:

*Refers to frames, receivers, and other firearms that are neither handguns nor long guns (rifles or shotguns), such as firearms having a pistol grip that expel a shotgun shell, or National Firearms Act firearms, including silencers.

**Multiple (multiple types of firearms selected).

Some states may reflect lower than expected numbers for handgun checks based on varying state laws pertaining to handgun permit check is done in place of the NICS check in most of the affected states, the low handgun statistics are often balanced out by a higher number of handgun permit checks.

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