

FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division
National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)
Active Entries in the NICS Indices as of December 31, 2024

Quick Reference Information

The NICS Indices contain information provided by federal, state, local, and tribal agencies of persons prohibited from receiving firearms under federal or state law. If the information is available in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) or the Interstate Identification Index (III), entry into the NICS Indices is not always necessary; **therefore, certain categories within the NICS Indices may show minimal or no participation by a federal or state agency.**

NICS Indices Categories and Participation

1. Felony—the number of entries in this category **might be low or nonexistent**, because the best location for the information is III. A NICS Indices entry would be ideal if the felony conviction information is not available in III.
2. Under Indictment/Information—the number of entries in this category **might be low or nonexistent** because arrest information may be found in III.
3. Fugitive from Justice—the number of entries in this category **might be low or nonexistent** because, ideally, warrants are contained in NCIC.
4. Unlawful User/Addicted to a Controlled Substance—this information may be found in III; however, if a qualifying conviction is not found or does not exist, but the prohibition has been established, the NICS Indices is an alternative.
5. Adjudicated Mental Health—since most information for this prohibition is not available in III, there is the expectation for the number of entries in this category to be elevated.
6. Illegal/Unlawful Alien—the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) make the majority of the entries; therefore, the number of entries in this category by other federal agencies or the states **should be low or nonexistent**.
7. Dishonorable Discharge—the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) or the appropriate branch of the military make entries; therefore, the number of entries in this category by other federal agencies or the states **should be low or nonexistent**.
8. Renounced U.S. Citizenship—the U.S. Department of State (DOS) makes entries; therefore, the number of entries in this category by other federal agencies or the states **should be low or nonexistent**.
9. Protection/Restraining Order for Domestic Violence—the number of entries in this category **might be low or nonexistent** because protection order information ideally is contained in NCIC.
10. Misdemeanor Crimes of Domestic Violence (MCDV)—this information may be found in III; however, if the prohibiting information is unable to be updated to III, the NICS Indices is an alternative.
11. State Prohibitor or Court-Ordered Firearm Restriction—these prohibitors include individuals who are prohibited based on state law or who have a court order prohibiting firearms.

**NICS Indices Entries
as of December 31, 2024
State and Territory Agencies**

	Felony	Under Indictment/Information	Fugitive from Justice	Unlawful User/Addicted to a Controlled Substance	Adjudicated Mental Health	Illegal/Unlawful Alien	Dis honorable Discharge	Renounced U.S. Citizenship	Protection/Restraining Order for Domestic Violence	Misdemeanor Crime of Domestic Violence	State Prohibitor or Court-Ordered Firearm Restriction	Grand Total
Alabama	2	0	0	0	19,946	0	0	0	0	1	1	19,950
Alaska	2,781	0	0	1	1,183	0	0	0	1,770	1,231	200	7,166
American Samoa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	545	0	0	6	69,677	0	0	0	0	6	2,435	72,669
Arkansas	15,734	0	0	0	6,723	5	0	0	5	3,729	0	26,196
California	13,632	4	1	1	1,373,276	16	2	0	13	17,547	798,120	2,202,612
Colorado	27	0	0	0	148,744	1	0	0	445	721	51	149,989
Connecticut	417,199	27	32	1,044	95,284	3	0	0	3	39,305	96,235	649,132
Delaware	2,258	0	0	2,133	15,369	0	0	0	0	109	1,025	20,894
Florida	69,161	175	4	302	234,357	4	0	0	40	680	13,115	317,838
Georgia	0	0	0	29	21,389	2	0	0	0	1	0	21,421
Guam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	6	0	0	1	11,166	0	0	0	0	16	106	11,295
Idaho	0	0	0	0	45,312	0	0	0	0	1	0	45,313
Illinois	49,126	5,597	124	1,106	77,787	106	89	28	1,557	8,708	86,063	230,291
Indiana	582,306	6	0	2	20,734	1	0	0	3	23,003	12,030	638,085
Iowa	167	23	2	26	68,908	13	6	0	95	246	35,824	105,310
Kansas	1	0	2	142	9,246	0	0	0	2	11,773	1,265	22,431
Kentucky	4,640	5	0	8	63,228	0	0	0	0	1,002	0	68,883
Louisiana	687,467	159,276	3	16,813	17,035	1	0	0	23,060	52,623	14,748	971,026
Maine	87,801	3,957	0	736	7,191	0	0	0	0	3,966	3,363	107,014
Mariana Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maryland	37	1	0	5	21,850	0	0	0	1	0	14,445	36,339
Massachusetts	296,531	6,681	0	40	190,270	0	0	0	0	17,649	577,791	1,088,962
Michigan	900	22	32	1,323	181,468	3	2	0	399	97	1,195	185,441
Minnesota	96	3	16	912	116,119	1	0	0	78	109	4,683	122,017
Mississippi	1	1	0	0	33,827	0	1	0	0	0	0	33,830
Missouri	1	0	0	1	66,292	0	0	0	0	0	0	66,294
Montana	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	1	1	39
Nebraska	32	1	1	32	35,042	1	0	0	0	6,159	2,422	43,690
Nevada	2,584	0	1	118	15,005	1	0	0	491	3,800	319	22,319
New Hampshire	175,214	0	0	1,122	776	0	0	0	0	16,999	1	194,112
New Jersey	41	0	0	0	581,264	40	0	0	29	42	0	581,416
New Mexico	282,605	4	0	32	45,570	0	0	0	1,313	28,828	10,917	369,269
New York	3	1	0	2	1,094,727	1	0	0	55,435	502	1,097,873	2,248,544
North Carolina	390,817	31	20	57	482,230	16	45	2	223	2,481	671	876,593
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	9,262	0	0	0	0	1	0	9,263
Ohio	3	0	0	2	78,321	0	0	0	2	5	11	78,344
Oklahoma	4,721	7	0	0	14,944	0	0	0	1	248	0	19,921
Oregon	0	0	0	8	44,900	0	0	0	0	0	1	44,909
Pennsylvania	355,537	5	0	947	1,087,834	1	2	0	0	135	124,691	1,569,152
Puerto Rico	27,976	4,975	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32,951
Rhode Island	0	0	0	2	3,515	0	0	0	0	0	2	3,519
South Carolina	3,783	9,075	0	4,087	125,722	0	0	0	18	9	5,034	147,728
South Dakota	2	0	0	0	2,510	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,512
Tennessee	16	1	0	0	95,481	0	0	0	1	12	21	95,532
Texas	92,635	1	0	2	367,317	14	1	0	0	395	2	460,367
Utah	49	149	0	219	20,153	0	0	0	254	646	1,368	22,838
Vermont	31,547	0	0	223	3,958	1	0	0	0	1	1,158	36,888
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	257,917	20	0	233	377,687	0	0	0	1	4,762	70,599	711,219
Washington	3,334	141	56	152	185,208	80	5	7	9,588	716	17,644	216,931
West Virginia	5	2	0	7	81,235	3	0	0	0	0	2	81,254
Wisconsin	150	1	0	466	57,967	0	0	1	0	378	0	58,963
Wyoming	62	1	0	23	25	0	0	0	1	77	0	189
Grand Total	3,859,452	190,193	294	32,365	7,727,071	314	153	38	94,828	248,720	2,995,432	15,148,860

**NICS Indices Entries
as of December 31, 2024
Federal Agencies**

		Felony	Under Indictment/Information	Fugitive from Justice	Unlawful User/Addicted to a Controlled Substance	Adjudicated Mental Health	Illegal/Unlawful Alien	Dishonorable Discharge	Renounced U.S. Citizenship	Protection/Restraining Order for Domestic Violence	Misdemeanor Crime of Domestic Violence	State Prohibitor or Court-Ordered Firearm Restriction	Grand Total
	Amtrak Railroad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
	Capitol Police, U.S.	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
	Department of Agriculture, U.S.	275	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	275
Department of Defense	Air Force Office of Special Investigations, U.S.	7,986	156	1	3,535	23	0	1,490	0	2	474	31	13,698
	Army, U.S.	21,168	194	6	19,570	14	0	7,047	0	3	940	1	48,943
	Defense Intelligence Agency, U.S.	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
	Department of Defense, U.S.	243	104	0	0	1	0	2,415	0	0	0	0	2,763
	Marines, U.S.	1,924	29	0	496	7	5	2,904	0	5	197	0	5,567
	Naval Criminal Investigative Service, U.S.	5,862	36	0	946	39	0	5,775	0	3	400	1	13,062
	National Security Agency, U.S.	1	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
	Navy, U.S.	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	6
	Pentagon Force Protection Agency	5	1	0	128	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	135
	Department of Education, U.S.	54	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
	Department of Energy, U.S.	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Department of Homeland Security	Department of Health and Human Services, U.S.	1,090	53	0	0	17	3	0	0	0	0	58	1,221
	Coast Guard, U.S.	107	24	0	187	0	0	35	0	2	7	0	362
	Customs and Border Protection, U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	2,293,559	0	0	0	0	0	2,293,559
	Department of Homeland Security	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Federal Protective Service	42	2	0	71	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	116
	Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	13,360,526	0	0	0	0	0	13,360,526
	Secret Service, U.S.	4	1	0	428	887	0	0	0	1	1	1	1,323
Department of the Interior	Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S.	112	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	156
	Department of Interior, U.S.	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	National Park Service	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Department of Justice	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, U.S.	61	21	0	19	122	62	1	0	5	68	9	368
	Department of Justice, U.S.	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	3	0	8
	Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	105
	Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S.	16,985	4,785	11	1,892	1,948	11,852	42	1	471	60,080	21,096	119,163
	Federal Prosecuting Attorneys	1,564,267	48,221	0	154	1,216	59,462	0	0	0	188	0	1,673,508
	Marshals, U.S.	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Department of Labor, U.S.	76	55	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	133
	Department of State, U.S.	1	0	0	0	5	16	0	73,419	0	0	0	73,441
	Department of Transportation, U.S.	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Department of the Treasury	Department of the Treasury, U.S.	19	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23
	Internal Revenue Service	56,531	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	56,538
District of Columbia	Court Services & Offender Supervision Agency for the D.C., U.S.	0	0	0	3,744	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,744
	District of Columbia	1	1	0	0	1,938	0	0	0	0	0	1	1,941
	Environmental Protection Agency, U.S.	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Export-Import Bank of the U.S.	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	215	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	255
	Federal Housing Finance Agency	563	147	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	719
	General Services Administration	57	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
	Postal Service, U.S.	1,857	1,064	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	8	2,937
	Railroad Retirement Board, U.S.	102	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	106
	Small Business Administration	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
	Social Security Administration, U.S.	526	45	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	9	582
	Veterans Affairs Department, U.S.	0	0	0	0	199,454	0	0	0	0	0	30	199,484
Grand Total		1,680,148	55,040	30	31,226	205,685	15,725,613	19,709	73,420	492	62,358	21,260	17,874,981

**NICS Indices Entries
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Other Agencies**

	Felony	Under Indictment/Information	Unlawful User/Addicted to a Controlled Substance	Adjudicated Mental Health	Illegal/Unlawful Alien	Dishonorable Discharge	Renounced U.S. Citizenship	Protection/Restraining Order for Domestic Violence	Misdemeanor Crime of Domestic Violence	State Prohibitor or Court-Ordered Firearm Restriction	Grand Total
American Indian or Alaska Native Tribe	227	0	0	17	0	0	0	41	204	45	534
District Court, U.S.	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Pretrial Services for the DC, U.S.	0	0	1,415	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,415
Grand Total	227	0	1,415	42	0	0	0	41	204	45	1,974

**NICS Indices Entries
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Totals**

	Felony	Under Indictment/Information	Fugitive from Justice	Unlawful User/Addicted to a Controlled Substance	Adjudicated Mental Health	Illegal/Unlawful Alien	Dishonorable Discharge	Renounced U.S. Citizenship	Protection/Restraining Order for Domestic Violence	Misdemeanor Crime of Domestic Violence	State Prohibitor or Court-Ordered Firearm Restriction	Grand Total
State & Territory	3,859,452	190,193	294	32,365	7,727,071	314	153	38	94,828	248,720	2,995,432	15,148,860
Federal Agency	1,680,148	55,040	30	31,226	205,685	15,725,613	19,709	73,420	492	62,358	21,260	17,874,981
Other	227	0	0	1,415	42	0	0	0	41	204	45	1,974
Grand Total	5,539,827	245,233	324	65,006	7,932,798	15,725,927	19,862	73,458	95,361	311,282	3,016,737	33,025,815

Active Entries in the NICS Indices as of December 31, 2024

The Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1993, Public Law 103-159, requires federal firearms licensees to request background checks on prospective firearm transferees. In 1998, the FBI established NICS to process these background checks. NICS queries three national databases for possible matches when conducting a NICS check. These databases are: (1) NCIC, which contains records of wanted persons, subjects of protection orders, and others who pose a threat to officer and public safety; (2) III, which provides access to criminal history records; and (3) the NICS Indices, which contain information on prohibited persons as defined by Title 18, United States Code (U.S.C.), sections 922(g) or (n) or state law. The information in the NICS Indices is provided by federal, state, local, and tribal agencies. If the information is available in NCIC or III, entry into the NICS Indices is not always necessary. Therefore, certain categories within the NICS Indices may show minimal or no participation by a federal agency or a state.

As a result of the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007 (NIAA), federal agencies are required to make all records available, which are used in background checks performed by NICS, and are relevant to the determination of whether a person is disqualified from possessing or receiving a firearm under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g) or (n). This can be accomplished through adding information to NCIC, III, or NICS Indices. However, on the state level, unless otherwise instructed by state law or federal funding requirements, participation in the NICS Indices is strictly voluntary.

The categories in the NICS Indices mirror the prohibitions under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g) and (n) and include state prohibitions and court-ordered firearm restrictions. It is critical to note the NICS Indices is ever-changing. Contributors add, cancel, and modify NICS Indices entries with frequency. In addition, certain prohibitive categories contain an expiration date, which could necessitate the related information's removal from the NICS Indices. Each contributor to the NICS Indices is responsible for the accuracy and validity of their entries. Invalid entries must be removed when discovered. It is important to note, not all federal agencies possess relevant records under NIAA. Therefore, some federal agencies may have no submissions to the NICS Indices.

The following describes the cases in which an individual would be prohibited from possessing or receiving a firearm based on information contained in the NICS Indices:

Felony—Persons who have been convicted in any court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, or any state offense classified by the laws of the state as a misdemeanor and is punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding two years, should be submitted to III to update the identity history summary with the level of conviction. In the event fingerprints are not captured at the time of arrest, entry into the NICS Indices is an alternative. If the arrest includes the submission of fingerprints, this information should be contained in III; therefore, there may be a low number or no entries in this category. The Department of Justice (DOJ) is undertaking the administrative burden for federal agencies by submitting convictions processed/prosecuted at the federal level to the NICS Indices.

Under Indictment/Information—Persons under indictment or information for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year may be found in III or entered into the NICS Indices. However, information regarding individuals under indictment or information is not often found in III. Therefore, the NICS Indices is an alternative. Although this is a prohibitor, some states may have

limited resources to make and maintain the NICS Indices entry for this temporary prohibition. The DOJ is undertaking the administrative burden for federal agencies by submitting indictments and informations processed/prosecuted to the NICS Indices.

Fugitive from Justice—The 18 U.S.C. § 922 (g)(2) prohibition refers to persons who are fugitives from justice and includes active misdemeanor or felony criminal warrants. All warrants are encouraged to be entered into NCIC, but when NCIC requirements are not met, and a wanted person has met the fugitive from justice criteria, entry into the NICS Indices is an alternative. Therefore, there may be a low number or no entries in this category. DOJ is undertaking the administrative burden for federal agencies by submitting prohibiting felony warrants for fugitive from justice to the NICS Indices.

Unlawful User/Addicted to a Controlled Substance—Persons who are unlawful users of or addicted to any controlled substance are potential candidates for the NICS Indices. This prohibitor may be found in III when there is a qualifying conviction. For controlled substance charges without a qualifying conviction, it must be established that the substance was a controlled substance (e.g., positive drug test or self-admitted use). Information, such as an incident/arrest report showing drug test results, often not found within III, may necessitate an entry into the NICS Indices. Since this is a temporary prohibition (one year), an expiration date is required to be established in the NICS Indices.

Adjudicated Mental Health—Information on persons adjudicated as a mental defective or involuntarily committed to a mental institution for treatment may be entered into the NICS Indices. Criminal cases with “Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity” qualify for entry into III. If this information is not made available to III, entry into the NICS Indices is an alternative. Civil cases would not be available on III and may qualify for entry into the NICS Indices. Documents relevant to this prohibitor include judgment and commitment orders, sentencing orders, and court agency records of adjudications of the individual’s inability to manage his or her own affairs if such adjudication is based on marked subnormal intelligence or mental illness, incompetency, condition, or disease. Medical records containing mental health information are not required for this prohibitor.

Illegal/Unlawful Alien—Information on persons who are illegally or unlawfully in the United States may be entered into the NICS Indices and are typically made by ICE and CBP. Therefore, entry by other federal agencies or the states would be minimal to nonexistent in this category, unless additional information was discovered during research.

Dishonorable Discharge—Information on persons whose separation from the U.S. Armed Forces resulting from a dishonorable discharge or a dismissal adjudged by a general court martial is either found on III or typically entered into the NICS Indices by DoD or the appropriate branch of the military. Therefore, entry by other federal agencies or the states would be minimal to nonexistent in this category, unless additional information was discovered during research.

Renounced U.S. Citizenship—Persons who, having been a U.S. citizen, have renounced their U.S. citizenship either before a diplomatic consular officer of the United States in a foreign state or before an officer designated by the attorney general when the United States is in a state of war may be entered into the NICS Indices. Entries in this category are typically made by DOS. Therefore, entry by other federal agencies or the states would be minimal to nonexistent in this category.

Protection/Restraining Order for Domestic Violence—Persons subject to a court order that restrains them from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner or child of such intimate partner, or from engaging in other conduct that would place the partner or child in reasonable fear of bodily injury may be entered into NCIC; however, if all NCIC requirements are unable to be met, entry into the NICS Indices is an alternative and may include an expiration date. If a state submits protection/restraining order information to NCIC, the NICS Indices entry is not necessary, therefore there may be a low number or no entries in this category. It should be noted that some states choose to make an entry to both NCIC and NICS Indices, which is encouraged.

MCDV—In order to determine the prohibition for MCDV, the convicting statute, subsection, and qualifying relationship of the individual to the victim are required. This information may be posted to III. When the information is unable to be posted to III, entry into the NICS Indices is an alternative. If an agency posts the final disposition and relationship information to III, there may be a low number or no entries in this NICS Indices category. However, if it is difficult to post this information (especially the relationship) to III, the NICS Indices is an alternative, which in turn may increase the number of entries in this category.

State Prohibitor or Court-Ordered Firearm Restriction—These prohibitors include individuals who are prohibited based on state law only. This category is unique to each state/territory and dependent upon state law. Also entered in this file are individuals who have a court order that prohibit firearm possession.