

# NICS Firearm Background Checks: Month/Year

November 30, 1998 - June 30, 2017

| Year | Jan       | Feb       | Mar       | Apr       | May       | Jun       | Jul       | Aug       | Sep       | Oct       | Nov       | Dec       | Totals     |
|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1998 |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 21,196    | 871,644   | 892,840    |
| 1999 | 591,355   | 696,323   | 753,083   | 646,712   | 576,272   | 569,493   | 589,476   | 703,394   | 808,627   | 945,701   | 1,004,333 | 1,253,354 | 9,138,123  |
| 2000 | 639,972   | 707,070   | 736,543   | 617,689   | 538,648   | 550,561   | 542,520   | 682,501   | 782,087   | 845,886   | 898,598   | 1,000,962 | 8,543,037  |
| 2001 | 640,528   | 675,156   | 729,532   | 594,723   | 543,501   | 540,491   | 539,498   | 707,288   | 864,038   | 1,029,691 | 983,186   | 1,062,559 | 8,910,191  |
| 2002 | 665,803   | 694,668   | 714,665   | 627,745   | 569,247   | 518,351   | 535,594   | 693,139   | 724,123   | 849,281   | 887,647   | 974,059   | 8,454,322  |
| 2003 | 653,751   | 708,281   | 736,864   | 622,832   | 567,436   | 529,334   | 533,289   | 683,517   | 738,371   | 856,863   | 842,932   | 1,008,118 | 8,481,588  |
| 2004 | 695,000   | 723,654   | 738,298   | 642,589   | 542,456   | 546,847   | 561,773   | 666,598   | 740,260   | 865,741   | 890,754   | 1,073,701 | 8,687,671  |
| 2005 | 685,811   | 743,070   | 768,290   | 658,954   | 557,058   | 555,560   | 561,358   | 687,012   | 791,353   | 852,478   | 927,419   | 1,164,582 | 8,952,945  |
| 2006 | 775,518   | 820,679   | 845,219   | 700,373   | 626,270   | 616,097   | 631,156   | 833,070   | 919,487   | 970,030   | 1,045,194 | 1,253,840 | 10,036,933 |
| 2007 | 894,608   | 914,954   | 975,806   | 840,271   | 803,051   | 792,943   | 757,884   | 917,358   | 944,889   | 1,025,123 | 1,079,923 | 1,230,525 | 11,177,335 |
| 2008 | 942,556   | 1,021,130 | 1,040,863 | 940,961   | 886,183   | 819,891   | 891,224   | 956,872   | 973,003   | 1,183,279 | 1,529,635 | 1,523,426 | 12,709,023 |
| 2009 | 1,213,885 | 1,259,078 | 1,345,096 | 1,225,980 | 1,023,102 | 968,145   | 966,162   | 1,074,757 | 1,093,230 | 1,233,982 | 1,223,252 | 1,407,155 | 14,033,824 |
| 2010 | 1,119,229 | 1,243,211 | 1,300,100 | 1,233,761 | 1,016,876 | 1,005,876 | 1,069,792 | 1,089,374 | 1,145,798 | 1,368,184 | 1,296,223 | 1,521,192 | 14,409,616 |
| 2011 | 1,323,336 | 1,473,513 | 1,449,724 | 1,351,255 | 1,230,953 | 1,168,322 | 1,157,041 | 1,310,041 | 1,253,752 | 1,340,273 | 1,534,414 | 1,862,327 | 16,454,951 |
| 2012 | 1,377,301 | 1,749,903 | 1,727,881 | 1,427,343 | 1,316,226 | 1,302,660 | 1,300,704 | 1,526,206 | 1,459,363 | 1,614,032 | 2,006,919 | 2,783,765 | 19,592,303 |
| 2013 | 2,495,440 | 2,309,393 | 2,209,407 | 1,714,433 | 1,435,917 | 1,281,351 | 1,283,912 | 1,419,088 | 1,401,562 | 1,687,599 | 1,813,643 | 2,041,528 | 21,093,273 |
| 2014 | 1,660,355 | 2,086,863 | 2,488,842 | 1,742,946 | 1,485,259 | 1,382,975 | 1,402,228 | 1,546,497 | 1,456,032 | 1,603,469 | 1,803,397 | 2,309,684 | 20,968,547 |
| 2015 | 1,772,794 | 1,859,584 | 2,012,488 | 1,711,340 | 1,580,980 | 1,529,057 | 1,600,832 | 1,745,410 | 1,795,102 | 1,976,759 | 2,243,030 | 3,314,594 | 23,141,970 |
| 2016 | 2,545,802 | 2,613,074 | 2,523,265 | 2,145,865 | 1,870,000 | 2,131,485 | 2,197,169 | 1,853,815 | 1,992,219 | 2,333,539 | 2,561,281 | 2,771,159 | 27,538,673 |
| 2017 | 2,043,184 | 2,234,817 | 2,433,092 | 2,045,564 | 1,942,677 | 1,901,768 |           |           |           |           |           |           | 12,601,102 |
| 2018 |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            |

TOTAL 265,818,267

**NOTE:** These statistics 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.