

# NICS Firearm Background Checks: Month/Year

**November 30, 1998 - December 31, 2023**

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Grand Total
<b>1998</b>											21,196	871,644	<b>892,840</b>
<b>1999</b>	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	<b>9,138,123</b>
<b>2000</b>	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	<b>8,543,037</b>
<b>2001</b>	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	<b>8,910,191</b>
<b>2002</b>	665,803	694,668	714,665	627,745	569,247	518,351	535,594	693,139	724,123	849,281	887,647	974,059	<b>8,454,322</b>
<b>2003</b>	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	<b>8,481,588</b>
<b>2004</b>	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	<b>8,687,671</b>
<b>2005</b>	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	<b>8,952,945</b>
<b>2006</b>	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	<b>10,036,933</b>
<b>2007</b>	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	<b>11,177,335</b>
<b>2008</b>	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	<b>12,709,023</b>
<b>2009</b>	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	<b>14,033,824</b>
<b>2010</b>	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	<b>14,409,616</b>
<b>2011</b>	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	<b>16,454,951</b>
<b>2012</b>	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	<b>19,592,303</b>
<b>2013</b>	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	<b>21,093,273</b>
<b>2014</b>	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	<b>20,968,547</b>
<b>2015</b>	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	<b>23,141,970</b>
<b>2016</b>	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	<b>27,538,673</b>
<b>2017</b>	2,043,184	2,234,817	2,433,092	2,045,564	1,942,677	1,901,768	1,742,546	1,925,146	1,967,104	2,030,391	2,382,788	2,586,138	<b>25,235,215</b>
<b>2018</b>	2,030,530	2,333,193	2,767,699	2,223,213	2,002,992	1,935,691	1,835,318	2,073,296	1,956,681	2,086,895	2,393,043	2,543,385	<b>26,181,936</b>
<b>2019</b>	2,165,094	2,053,886	2,644,851	2,334,249	2,349,309	2,312,309	2,030,661	2,366,824	2,207,312	2,393,609	2,574,752	2,936,894	<b>28,369,750</b>
<b>2020</b>	2,702,702	2,802,467	3,740,688	2,911,128	3,091,455	3,931,607	3,639,224	3,115,063	2,892,115	3,305,465	3,626,335	3,937,066	<b>39,695,315</b>
<b>2021</b>	4,317,804	3,442,777	4,691,738	3,514,070	3,222,105	3,054,726	2,882,676	2,715,223	2,626,389	2,593,168	2,717,458	3,098,539	<b>38,876,673</b>
<b>2022</b>	2,591,588	2,554,912	3,081,724	2,728,802	2,340,383	2,570,608	2,404,332	2,518,132	2,470,462	2,511,034	2,788,138	3,036,531	<b>31,596,646</b>
<b>2023</b>	2,673,921	2,565,607	3,036,667	2,860,074	2,551,747	2,262,750	2,015,789	2,143,982	2,104,825	2,255,089	2,652,870	2,730,855	<b>29,854,176</b>

**TOTAL: 473,026,876**

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.