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This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 3, 2020, and received by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) on the same day, in which you requested records sufficient to show the following data, broken down by each non-POC state on an annual basis, for each year from 2000 to 2020; specifically, the number of delayed federal NICS transactions that were referred to ATF because a prohibited person was in possession of a firearm. We apologize for the delay in our response as we are currently working through a backlog of FOIA requests.

In response to your request, I am providing you with the requested information. Your request is granted in full. We are releasing 1 pages in full. I hope you find this information helpful.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaisons, [REDACTED] for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request.

Sincerely,

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Chief
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Enclosure

Total NICS Denials Received as Delayed Denials by State

Calendar Years 2005-2020*

State	2005**	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Alaska	30	45	32	30	21	15	15	20	9	28	32	26	50	44	25	48
Alabama	80	202	160	134	186	190	171	198	146	143	122	124	147	118	131	314
Arkansas	54	153	86	104	106	81	104	129	94	94	83	97	145	107	80	133
Arizona	146	312	177	164	181	173	219	246	209	170	205	275	340	289	225	468
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Delaware	7	11	6	12	13	9	3	9	14	13	22	11	3	4	4	4
Florida	16	33	21	23	27	21	38	31	25	32	5	9	10	7	0	0
Georgia	150	312	208	235	275	250	268	282	277	232	299	326	362	340	232	519
Guam	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0
Iowa	15	28	19	7	14	12	13	12	10	9	8	18	15	14	9	24
Idaho	46	97	84	56	53	41	44	66	46	49	52	74	80	61	65	109
Indiana	53	158	133	140	147	149	196	237	179	159	158	190	207	165	90	257
Kansas	56	119	123	103	102	96	119	97	87	117	182	150	215	163	102	199
Kentucky	46	160	168	181	151	174	190	212	146	121	193	185	228	171	121	519
Louisiana	177	252	194	182	186	189	167	227	212	247	234	302	247	145	144	287
Massachusetts	0	3	7	7	5	7	8	19	26	18	15	22	17	16	11	15
Maryland	23	44	15	23	22	22	14	16	15	14	16	31	45	25	30	40
Maine	13	17	10	21	11	21	20	24	23	24	34	38	40	31	31	51
Michigan	37	73	61	34	47	47	46	44	123	89	116	157	132	77	57	225
Marianna Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Minnesota	35	100	63	33	40	30	36	50	37	34	43	82	66	55	49	63
Missouri	53	120	110	191	155	156	222	221	205	183	274	268	337	270	223	333
Mississippi	66	92	64	76	50	65	81	96	114	109	145	150	175	195	155	329
Montana	40	65	50	52	69	47	31	48	70	64	44	66	64	41	44	60
Nebraska	7	11	11	5	6	4	6	5	3	4	10	5	4	9	1	5
North Carolina	38	61	79	71	57	58	64	65	49	47	51	79	90	88	73	75
North Dakota	12	9	12	9	16	10	12	29	28	29	28	26	17	28	24	19
New Hampshire	4	7	14	12	13	17	6	12	7	7	8	17	14	4	4	9
New Mexico	39	63	84	60	38	30	46	51	54	50	69	92	108	85	86	116
New York	50	56	56	70	63	64	70	74	75	42	62	62	58	70	24	19
Ohio	64	210	150	159	135	125	119	142	106	112	178	214	224	197	143	341
Oklahoma	56	109	79	81	86	89	111	130	140	121	128	105	161	137	111	148
Puerto Rico	3	6	3	2	4	5	1	2	3	2	3	4	3	4	5	6
Rhode Island	1	2	8	3	5	3	7	4	4	2	3	11	3	2	3	12
South Carolina	59	158	109	100	99	90	64	78	69	57	65	72	129	116	79	106
South Dakota	8	24	19	20	18	23	17	21	21	13	34	34	27	28	19	24
Texas	166	305	254	271	288	281	318	425	388	374	448	560	665	679	529	737
Virgin Islands	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	2			
Vermont	5	3	2	5	2	8	10	10	12	10	5	9	14	16	9	15
Washington	85	162	139	143	130	124	133	134	126	110	127	150	164	104	84	32
Wisconsin	47	79	78	62	81	85	70	88	106	71	47	61	64	33	35	22
West Virginia	25	90	93	95	79	92	60	100	54	56	79	86	90	62	54	80
Wyoming	18	33	23	12	24	22	14	30	37	24	39	27	35	39	25	42
Total	1830	3785	3006	2989	3005	2925	3138	3684	3349	3081	3666	4218	4798	4041	3139	5807

* 2020 = January 1, 2020 through November 12, 2020

** NICS started using retrieval codes on 07/17/2005

Totals do not include retrieval codes of 17 or 99

Totals do not include POC denials