

# NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM

## BACKGROUND CHECKS PERFORMED & ESTIMATED FIREARM SALES

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## 2007

Month/Year	Total Background Checks	Handgun	Long gun	Other	Multiple	Firearm Sales Estimate	U.S. Population	Estimated Firearm Sales per 100,000 people	Percent Change in Estimated Firearm Sales (over same month previous year)
January 2007	894,608	220,351	344,123		24,102	612,678	299890446	204	
February 2007	914,954	243,489	346,770		29,898	650,055	300095558	217	
March 2007	975,806	252,355	378,185		37,213	704,966	300288381	235	
April 2007	840,271	217,941	302,122		32,835	585,733	300511531	195	
May 2007	803,051	203,352	255,251		49,991	558,585	300728176	186	
June 2007	792,943	200,776	261,797		48,052	558,677	300968228	186	
July 2007	757,884	185,607	262,350		38,682	525,321	301231207	174	
August 2007	917,358	209,962	372,925		16,658	616,203	301500377	204	
September 2007	944,889	198,349	409,590		10,471	628,881	301772224	208	
October 2007	1,025,123	207,713	466,026		11,485	696,709	302026271	231	
November 2007	1,079,923	209,034	533,696		11,455	765,640	302287110	253	
December 2007	1,230,525	286,700	637,862		13,559	951,680	302533358	315	

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January 2008	942,556	251,613	340,172		12,595	616,975	302754346	204	0%
February 2008	1,021,130	293,509	366,887		14,661	689,718	302966260	228	5%
March 2008	1,040,863	292,259	383,826		13,987	704,059	303185074	232	-1%
April 2008	940,961	254,774	320,747		12,237	599,995	303381938	198	1%
May 2008	886,183	245,153	287,589		14,125	560,992	303616954	185	-1%
June 2008	819,891	224,084	261,885		11,839	509,647	303847001	168	-10%
July 2008	891,224	228,800	268,417		12,565	522,347	304093966	172	-2%
August 2008	956,872	234,475	359,617		13,590	621,272	304357665	204	0%
September 2008	973,003	216,541	396,165		13,333	639,372	304614210	210	1%
October 2008	1,183,279	266,882	501,959		16,856	802,553	304858602	263	14%
November 2008	1,529,635	408,380	718,920		27,618	1,182,536	305093832	388	53%
December 2008	1,523,426	414,729	701,783		23,673	1,163,858	305298802	381	21%

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January 2009	1,213,885	355,173	415,474		24,035	818,717	305519874	268	31%
February 2009	1,259,078	394,590	427,636		26,462	875,150	305714782	286	26%
March 2009	1,345,096	405,784	469,117		26,724	928,349	305920351	303	31%
April 2009	1,225,980	352,352	400,232		24,723	802,030	306112520	262	32%
May 2009	1,023,102	282,826	314,167		24,031	645,055	306321829	211	14%
June 2009	968,145	252,910	288,478	249	20,191	582,019	306541114	190	13%
July 2009	966,162	251,513	286,545	3,824	14,309	570,500	306771529	186	8%
August 2009	1,074,757	259,533	362,310	3,721	14,465	654,494	307007040	213	4%
September 2009	1,093,230	247,609	405,883	3,414	14,091	685,088	307267930	223	6%
October 2009	1,233,982	275,222	479,436	3,873	15,369	789,269	307518237	257	-3%
November 2009	1,223,252	268,972	515,135	3,637	14,735	817,214	307757459	266	-31%
December 2009	1,407,155	343,120	614,228	4,490	16,550	994,938	307954399	323	-15%

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January 2010	1,119,229	289,444	349,597	4,970	15,966	675,943	308169976	219	-18%
February 2010	1,243,211	360,273	387,244	5,557	18,622	790,318	308375613	256	-10%
March 2010	1,300,100	367,921	421,284	5,789	16,830	828,654	308565817	269	-12%
April 2010	1,233,761	314,326	349,370	4,369	15,419	698,903	308936579	226	-14%
May 2010	1,016,876	275,408	290,452	3,950	12,015	593,840	309117147	192	-9%
June 2010	1,005,876	259,339	279,249	3,737	12,515	567,355	309315042	183	-3%
July 2010	1,069,792	268,987	288,281	3,617	12,930	586,745	309529035	190	2%
August 2010	1,089,374	280,874	367,074	3,872	13,656	679,132	309756160	219	3%
September 2010	1,145,798	275,133	415,323	3,789	13,855	721,955	309982033	233	4%
October 2010	1,368,184	291,203	475,736	4,102	14,735	800,511	310168463	258	1%
November 2010	1,296,223	299,809	558,458	4,117	16,190	894,764	310342825	288	9%
December 2010	1,521,192	395,284	660,116	4,892	17,876	1,096,044	310532785	353	9%

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January 2011	1,323,336	342,341	364,202	5,149	16,586	744,864	310688503	240	9%
February 2011	1,473,513	424,139	423,556	6,057	22,494	898,740	310827185	289	13%
March 2011	1,449,724	438,614	466,407	7,302	20,362	953,047	311003445	306	14%
April 2011	1,351,255	362,119	404,033	6,119	18,054	808,379	311,177,655	260	15%
May 2011	1,230,953	307,919	320,995	4,784	15,565	664,828	311,345,784	214	11%
June 2011	1,168,322	298,380	307,659	4,758	15,225	641,247	311,550,018	206	12%
July 2011	1,157,041	291,310	312,214	4,896	15,803	640,026	311,757,799	205	8%
August 2011	1,310,041	319,519	413,312	5,302	16,801	771,735	311,990,012	247	13%
September 2011	1,253,752	316,724	464,594	5,595	18,650	824,213	312,200,826	264	13%
October 2011	1,340,273	328,762	522,471	5,618	17,680	892,211	312,391,146	286	11%
November 2011	1,534,414	359,660	642,790	6,079	19,679	1,047,887	312,582,044	335	16%
December 2011	1,862,327	511,902	803,733	8,478	22,719	1,369,551	312,780,363	438	24%

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January 2012	1,377,301	402,183	431,649	9,504	15,936	875,208	312,928,247	280	17%
February 2012	1,749,903	568,133	555,414	12,295	24,046	1,183,934	313,106,269	378	31%
March 2012	1,727,881	535,661	556,028	13,234	17,925	1,140,773	313,277,839	364	19%
April 2012	1,427,343	416,260	438,214	10,195	14,576	893,821	313,441,333	285	10%
May 2012	1,316,226	376,246	384,767	9,670	13,467	797,617	313,628,340	254	19%
June 2012	1,302,660	370,436	389,413	9,232	13,853	796,787	313,824,437	254	23%
July 2012	1,300,704	377,343	393,993	9,924	14,094	809,448	314,041,821	258	26%
August 2012	1,526,206	426,573	510,406	12,662	17,560	984,761	314,275,291	313	27%
September 2012	1,459,363	389,994	521,050	11,666	16,859	956,428	314,491,017	304	15%
October 2012	1,614,032	410,260	597,561	13,338	18,390	1,057,939	314,688,767	336	18%
November 2012	2,006,919	533,201	863,265	19,386	25,126	1,466,104	314,866,570	466	39%
December 2012	2,783,765	876,673	1,224,465	31,717	38,438	2,209,731	315,030,598	701	60%

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January 2013	2,495,440	881,038	788,328	26,137	31,029	1,757,561	315,156,282	558	99%
February 2013	2,309,393	770,872	703,223	22,709	31,163	1,559,130	315,296,790	494	31%
March 2013	2,209,407	683,266	700,873	23,817	23,878	1,455,712	315,458,942	461	27%
April 2013	1,714,433	533,674	554,003	21,136	18,624	1,146,061	315,603,037	363	27%
May 2013	1,435,917	445,522	436,674	15,605	16,057	929,915	315,800,488	294	16%
June 2013	1,281,351	394,363	392,866	13,555	14,526	829,836	315,987,488	263	3%
July 2013	1,283,912	391,016	376,846	12,468	14,339	809,008	316,195,496	256	-1%
August 2013	1,419,088	428,058	497,092	13,486	17,092	972,820	316,425,945	307	-2%
September 2013	1,401,562	413,380	523,292	14,005	16,018	982,713	316,649,209	310	2%
October 2013	1,687,599	422,005	578,973	14,272	17,954	1,051,158	316,869,189	332	-1%
November 2013	1,813,643	458,889	732,270	15,898	19,436	1,245,929	317,049,659	393	-16%
December 2013	2,041,528	565,419	844,358	19,688	21,244	1,471,953	317,237,413	464	-34%



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January 2014	1,660,355	439,383	430,930	21,903	15,871	923,958	317,403,648	291	-48%
February 2014	2,086,863	633,688	470,225	23,455	26,496	1,180,360	317,558,497	372	-25%
March 2014	2,488,842	629,802	482,924	25,849	19,790	1,178,155	317,725,053	371	-20%
April 2014	1,742,946	508,468	382,976	22,299	16,528	946,799	317,908,821	298	-18%
May 2014	1,485,259	454,630	323,738	19,976	16,045	830,434	318,099,606	261	-11%
June 2014	1,382,975	410,871	304,023	18,467	14,167	761,695	318,294,500	239	-9%
July 2014	1,402,228	408,767	310,767	18,445	15,073	768,125	318,531,799	241	-6%
August 2014	1,546,497	460,119	416,385	19,898	17,986	932,374	318,766,758	292	-5%
September 2014	1,456,032	452,702	461,827	18,898	18,390	970,207	318,997,779	304	-2%
October 2014	1,603,469	512,279	535,601	21,857	20,141	1,110,019	319,214,945	348	5%
November 2014	1,803,397	548,303	662,356	24,513	20,957	1,277,086	319,405,756	400	2%
December 2014	2,309,684	740,231	761,619	32,703	24,031	1,582,615	319,589,056	495	7%

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January 2015	1,772,794	543,627	394,539	28,123	18,209	1,002,707	319,729,690	314	8%
February 2015	1,859,584	677,197	448,579	29,014	25,757	1,206,304	319,884,997	377	1%
March 2015	2,012,488	631,154	446,107	27,997	19,582	1,144,422	320,058,134	358	-4%
April 2015	1,711,340	525,804	361,842	24,085	16,521	944,773	320,238,509	295	-1%
May 2015	1,580,980	500,558	320,023	21,993	15,791	874,156	320,424,501	273	5%
June 2015	1,529,057	483,021	305,401	21,556	15,133	840,244	320,628,341	262	10%
July 2015	1,600,832	513,206	325,206	22,637	16,726	894,501	320,849,995	279	16%
August 2015	1,745,410	514,414	409,417	23,568	17,786	982,971	321,072,860	306	5%
September 2015	1,795,102	506,877	446,564	24,340	19,352	1,016,485	321,303,307	316	4%
October 2015	1,976,759	564,873	511,525	26,664	20,444	1,143,950	321,496,386	356	2%
November 2015	2,243,030	671,330	636,903	26,597	23,015	1,380,860	321,496,386	430	7%
December 2015	3,314,594	1,201,747	873,335	52,925	34,059	2,196,125	321,859,136	682	38%

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January 2016	2,545,802	789,552	449,324	42,279	20,985	1,323,125	322,029,995	411	31%
February 2016	2,613,074	848,215	468,229	35,535	28,741	1,409,461	322,190,830	437	16%
March 2016	2,523,265	736,630	430,837	33,504	20,547	1,242,065	322,362,914	385	8%
April 2016	2,145,865	613,965	385,241	29,516	18,185	1,065,092	322,542,302	330	12%
May 2016	1,870,000	512,406	315,716	27,969	15,726	887,543	322,728,141	275	1%
June 2016	2,131,485	582,821	423,697	49,220	20,854	1,097,446	322,934,405	340	30%
July 2016	2,197,169	628,725	440,345	53,334	21,420	1,165,244	323,136,970	361	29%
August 2016	1,853,815	611,575	471,095	41,026	20,452	1,164,600	323,339,899	360	18%
September 2016	1,992,219	533,709	486,524	40,501	19,800	1,100,334	323,554,057	340	7%
October 2016	2,333,539	634,504	576,371	56,125	22,101	1,311,202	323,737,512	405	14%
November 2016	2,561,281	748,430	745,659	65,418	25,369	1,610,245	323,901,968	497	16%
December 2016	2,771,159	844,966	795,473	111,710	23,543	1,799,235	324,070,652	555	-19%

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January 2017	2,043,184	562,597	366,099	31,788	15,817	992,118	324,203,942	306	-26%
February 2017	2,234,817	717,930	421,678	33,386	26,698	1,226,390	324,337,977	378	-14%
March 2017	2,433,092	751,866	461,273	38,684	22,396	1,296,615	324,475,585	400	4%
April 2017	2,045,564	623,448	376,484	32,577	18,813	1,070,135	324,631,504	330	0%
May 2017	1,942,677	552,018	328,157	29,372	16,969	943,485	324,796,538	290	6%
June 2017	1,901,768	569,149	331,152	29,730	17,076	964,183	324,979,417	297	-13%
July 2017	1,742,546	480,124	322,264	26,898	15,721	860,728	325,153,232	265	-27%
August 2017	1,925,146	507,489	396,950	27,631	18,261	968,592	325,334,008	298	-17%
September 2017	1,967,104	478,082	417,305	26,924	17,638	957,587	325,502,196	294	-13%
October 2017	2,030,391	519,980	480,203	37,445	18,920	1,075,468	325,658,308	330	-18%
November 2017	2,382,788	680,029	635,407	39,297	24,403	1,403,539	325,797,437	431	-13%
December 2017	2,586,138	784,267	697,785	46,261	23,455	1,575,223	325,923,198	483	-13%

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January 2018	2,030,530	501,638	337,597	35,971	15,732	906,670	326,028,369	278	-9%
February 2018	2,333,193	661,699	434,373	46,931	26,554	1,196,111	326,137,080	367	-3%
March 2018	2,767,699	781,452	540,979	68,192	26,890	1,444,403	326,256,522	443	11%
April 2018	2,223,213	563,601	375,946	45,929	19,349	1,024,174	326,387,948	314	-5%
May 2018	2,002,992	488,120	300,466	36,560	16,437	858,020	326,528,706	263	-10%
June 2018	1,935,691	474,159	291,522	35,114	23,823	848,441	326,682,359	260	-12%
July 2018	1,835,318	436,969	276,793	31,233	14,973	774,941	326,845,105	237	-10%
August 2018	2,073,296	478,723	361,705	31,818	17,149	906,544	327,006,449	277	-7%
September 2018	1,956,681	434,660	370,532	31,624	16,410	869,636	327,165,233	266	-10%
October 2018	2,086,895	460,017	417,788	32,649	18,020	946,494	327,305,815	289	-12%
November 2018	2,393,043	582,708	568,336	45,593	38,028	1,272,693	327,427,094	389	-10%
December 2018	2,543,385	712,365	640,496	52,685	23,723	1,452,992	327,536,552	444	-8%

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January 2019	2,165,094	514,319	345,768	46,084	17,326	940,823	327,632,404	287	3%
February 2019	2,053,886	601,380	355,744	43,426	23,882	1,048,314	327,730,043	320	-13%
March 2019	2,644,851	727,226	435,698	50,103	24,825	1,262,677	327,839,467	385	-13%
April 2019	2,334,249	536,754	334,097	42,132	18,511	950,005	327,960,711	290	-8%
May 2019	2,349,309	491,319	291,121	41,707	21,465	867,077	328,091,258	264	1%
June 2019	2,312,309	492,915	291,049	49,057	23,773	880,567	328,234,721	268	3%
July 2019	2,030,661	444,568	267,906	35,207	15,131	777,943	328,404,060	237	0%
August 2019	2,366,824	573,323	390,432	46,154	21,020	1,051,949	328,572,570	320	15%
September 2019	2,207,312	486,169	398,239	42,654	18,923	964,908	328,738,510	294	10%
October 2019	2,393,609	516,978	451,337	41,737	20,275	1,050,602	328,886,268	319	10%
November 2019	2,574,752	637,123	557,445	46,165	25,408	1,291,549	329,014,704	393	1%
December 2019	2,936,894	780,093	625,462	59,112	25,985	1,516,637	329,131,338	461	4%

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## 2020

Month/Year	Total Background Checks	Handgun	Long gun	Other	Multiple	Firearm Sales Estimate	U.S. Population	Estimated Firearm Sales per 100,000 people	Percent Change in Estimated Firearm Sales (over same month previous year)
January 2020	2,702,702	643,323	380,300	57,080	20,352	1,121,407	329,234,352	341	19%
February 2020	2,802,467	719,327	400,040	57,887	26,769	1,230,792	329,339,255	374	17%
March 2020	3,740,688	1,392,677	758,073	79,129	57,328	2,344,535	329,455,737	712	85%
April 2020	2,911,128	984,872	508,122	68,746	34,779	1,631,298	329,584,132	495	71%
May 2020	3,091,455	955,275	485,131	67,410	29,010	1,565,836	329,721,848	475	80%
June 2020	3,931,607	1,371,811	625,791	88,307	39,977	2,165,863	329,872,465	657	145%
July 2020	3,639,224	1,120,768	557,716	80,581	33,394	1,825,853	330,042,041	553	134%
August 2020	3,115,063	951,623	579,238	72,464	28,316	1,659,957	330,210,552	503	57%
September 2020	2,892,115	880,168	599,658	65,350	27,534	1,600,244	330,376,491	484	65%
October 2020	3,305,465	935,918	666,613	69,970	29,759	1,732,019	330,524,249	524	64%
November 2020	3,626,335	975,298	801,156	76,556	34,858	1,922,726	330,652,685	581	48%
December 2020	3,937,066	966,461	771,026	71,356	31,738	1,872,319	330,769,318	566	23%

