

Table 3a. Number of firearm applications received and denied by selected state agencies, 1999-2009

State agencies	2009			1999-2009		
	Applications	Denials	Percent denied	Applications	Denials	Percent denied
Transfer checks or permits						
California	483,874	5,065	1.0 %	4,210,454	42,545	1.0 %
Colorado	208,025	5,421	2.6	1,695,474	61,102	3.6
Connecticut ^a	136,739	152	0.1	...	...	...
Purchase permits	44,535	34	0.1	...	...	...
Instant checks	92,204	118	0.1	704,649	1,637	0.2
Delaware	14,024	522	3.7	116,631	4,958	4.3
Florida	532,094	7,573	1.4	3,719,663	77,703	2.1
Hawaii ^b	12,606	134	1.1	...	...	...
Illinois ^a	551,030	11,282	2.0	4,571,805	86,964	1.9
Purchase permits	326,008	10,222	3.1	2,715,717	74,694	2.8
Instant checks	225,022	1,060	0.5	1,856,088	12,270	0.7
Maryland	43,114	699	1.6 %	330,367	5,998	1.8 %
Nevada	94,322	1,683	1.8	...	...	...
New Hampshire ^c	26,403	204	0.8	174,722	1,696	1.0
New Jersey ^{a,b}	113,274	740	0.7	895,054	9,682	1.1
Purchase permits	55,874	635	1.1	459,688	8,473	1.8
Instant checks	57,400	105	0.2	435,366	1,209	0.3
Oregon	166,873	2,169	1.3	1,367,679	25,128	1.8
Rhode Island ^b	11,226	108	1.0	...	...	...
Tennessee	298,692	12,291	4.1	2,317,399	99,985	4.3
Utah ^d	81,959	2,395	2.9	816,817	23,650	2.9
Virginia	287,462	3,101	1.1	2,389,596	28,120	1.2
Wisconsin ^c	56,470	562	1.0	412,680	5,902	1.4
Exempt carry permits						
Arizona	40,242	1,197	3.0 %	276,407	13,755	5.0 %
Arkansas	33,626	102	0.3	...	...	...
Kentucky	26,204	597	2.3	...	...	...
Minnesota ^{d,e}	22,378	374	1.7	...	...	...
Mississippi	7,233	1	0.0	...	...	...
North Dakota	7,149	8	0.1	...	...	...
South Carolina	46,753	702	1.5	170,248	3,080	1.8
Texas	139,271	503	0.4	...	...	...
Utah	77,237	913	1.2	219,642	3,019	1.4
Wyoming	6,172	120	1.9	21,622	421	1.9

Note: Each listed state reported complete statewide data for applications and denials in 2009.

Pennsylvania reported 469,598 instant checks for 2009, but the number denied is unavailable.

...Not available or not applicable.

^aConnecticut, Illinois, and New Jersey conduct checks on permit or identification card applicants and on firearm transfer applicants.

^bHawaii and New Jersey permit checks and Rhode Island purchase checks are conducted by local agencies, but counts are reported by the states.

^cCounts include only handguns for these states.

^dPermits are only exempt under state law. Other carry permits listed have a federal exemption.

^ePermits are issued locally, but counts are reported by the state.

See also *Methodology*.