

Table 4. Reasons for denial of firearm transfer applications, by type of checking agency, 1999–2009

Reason for denial	2009			1999-2009		
	FBI ^a	State	Local	FBI ^a	State	Local
Total	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Felony indictment/conviction	48.5	39.4	21.7	64.5	52.8	26.4
State law prohibition	11.2	10.7	6.3	2.6	7.7	12.4
Domestic violence	11.5	13.5	15.8	16.0	13.6	13.5
Misdemeanor conviction	7.2	10.2	13.9	11.6	10.1	11.6
Restraining order	4.3	3.3	1.9	4.4	3.5	1.9
Fugitive	16.8	7.1	1.0	6.6	6.8	1.3
Illegal alien	1.0	0.3	0.7	1.3	0.4	0.5
Mental illness or disability	1.4	6.2	5.3	0.6	2.5	4.4
Drug user/addict	9.3	1.6	15.2	7.7	1.1	8.9
Local law prohibition	1.5	5.1
Other prohibitions^b	0.3	21.2	32.5	0.7	15.1	27.5

Note: Reasons for denials are based on 18 U.S.C. 922 and state laws.

...Not available or Not applicable

^aDuring 2008 the FBI began a new classification system and reclassified all denials from 1999 to 2008. Thus, cumulative totals are not comparable with those in prior editions of this bulletin.

^bIncludes juveniles, persons dishonorably discharged from the Armed Services, persons who have renounced U. S. citizenship, and other unspecified persons.

See also *Methodology*.