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Appendix table 1. Agencies conducting firearm background checks, December 31, 2008

Jurisdiction	Names or description of checking agencies	
	Purchase check or permit	Exempt carry permit ^a
United States	Federal Bureau of Investigation	---
Alabama	---	---
Alaska	---	---
Arizona	---	Department of Public Safety
Arkansas	---	State Police
California	Department of Justice Firearms Division	---
Colorado	Bureau of Investigation Insta-Check Unit	---
Connecticut	State Police Special Licensing & Firearms	---
Delaware	State Police Bureau of Identification	Three county superior courts
Florida	Department of Law Enforcement	---
Georgia	---	159 county probate courts
Hawaii	Four police departments	---
Idaho	---	44 county sheriffs
Illinois	State Police FOID and FTIP units	---
Indiana	---	---
Iowa	Dept. of Public Safety / 99 county sheriffs	Dept. of Public Safety / 99 county sheriffs
Kansas	---	---
Kentucky	---	State Police
Louisiana	---	---
Maine	---	---
Maryland	State Police Firearms Enforcement Division	---
Massachusetts	351 police departments	351 police departments
Michigan	595 sheriffs and police departments	County licensing boards
Minnesota	568 sheriffs and police departments	87 county sheriffs
Mississippi	---	Department of Public Safety
Missouri	---	---
Montana	---	56 county sheriffs
Nebraska	95 sheriffs and police departments	---
Nevada ^b	Department of Public Safety	---
New Hampshire	Department of Safety	---
New Jersey	State Police / 505 local police departments	---
New Mexico	---	---
New York ^c	58 county sheriffs; some police departments	---
North Carolina	100 county sheriffs	100 county sheriffs
North Dakota	---	Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Ohio	---	---
Oklahoma	---	---
Oregon	State Police Firearms Unit	---
Pennsylvania	State Police Firearms Division	---
Rhode Island	39 police departments	---
South Carolina	---	Law Enforcement Division
South Dakota	---	---
Tennessee	Bureau of Investigation Instant Check	---
Texas	---	Department of Public Safety
Utah	Bureau of Criminal Identification	Bureau of Criminal Identification
Vermont	---	---
Virginia	State Police Firearm Transaction Program	---
Washington	291 sheriffs and police departments	---
West Virginia	---	---
Wisconsin	Department of Justice Handgun Hotline	---
Wyoming	---	Wyoming Attorney General

--- FBI conducts purchase checks or jurisdiction has no exempt permits.

^aAgencies listed issue carry permits that may be used to waive a purchase check.

^bAs of July 1, 2008, the state's carry permit is no longer an alternative to a NICS check.

^cLicense required for purchase may also allow carrying.