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**Table 3a. Number of firearm applications received and denied by selected state agencies, 1999-2008**

	2008			1999-2008		
	Applications	Denials	Percent denied	Applications	Denials	Percent denied
<b>Transfer checks or permits</b>						
California	425,263	3,936	1.9 %	3,726,580	37,480	1.0 %
Colorado	203,210	5,792	2.9 %	1,487,449	55,681	3.7 %
Connecticut <sup>a</sup>	112,901	147	0.1	...	...	...
Purchase permits	33,342	17	0.1	...	...	...
Instant checks	79,559	130	0.2	612,445	1,519	0.2
Delaware	12,107	577	4.8	102,607	4,436	4.3
Florida	482,060	7,721	1.6	3,187,569	70,130	2.2
Hawaii <sup>b</sup>	10,527	112	1.1	...	...	...
Illinois <sup>a</sup>	468,109	9,536	2.0	4,020,775	75,682	1.9
Purchase permits	278,374	8,622	3.1	2,386,709	64,472	2.7
Instant checks	189,735	914	0.5	1,631,066	11,210	0.7
Maryland	37,182	809	2.2	287,253	5,299	1.8
Nevada	84,458	1,575	1.9	...	...	...
New Hampshire <sup>c</sup>	20,704	154	0.7	148,319	1,492	1.0
New Jersey <sup>a,b</sup>	81,272	993	1.2	781,780	8,942	0.1
Purchase permits	39,040	897	2.3	403,814	7,838	1.9
Instant checks	42,232	96	0.2	377,966	1,104	0.3
Oregon	163,103	2,169	1.3	1,200,806	22,959	1.9
Rhode Island <sup>b</sup>	9,263	59	0.6	...	...	...
Tennessee	271,852	11,464	4.2	2,018,707	87,694	4.3
Utah <sup>d</sup>	89,555	2,524	2.8	734,858	21,255	2.9
Virginia	268,138	2,777	1.0	2,102,134	25,019	1.2
Wisconsin <sup>c</sup>	47,373	591	1.2	356,210	5,340	1.5
<b>Exempt carry permits</b>						
Arizona	40,630	3,130	7.7 %	236,165	12,558	5.3 %
Arkansas	24,358	170	0.7	...	...	...
Kentucky	16,504	424	2.6	...	...	...
Minnesota <sup>d,e</sup>	21,646	269	1.2	...	...	...
North Dakota	3,847	4	0.1	...	...	...
South Carolina	26,012	358	1.4	123,495	2,378	1.9
Utah	37,898	455	1.2	142,405	2,106	1.5
Wyoming	4,276	73	1.7	15,450	301	1.9

Note: Each listed state reported complete statewide data for applications and denials in 2008. Pennsylvania reported 441,049 instant checks for 2008, but the number denied is unavailable. ... Not available or Not applicable.

<sup>a</sup>Connecticut, Illinois, and New Jersey conduct checks on permit or identification card applicants and on firearm transfer applicants.

<sup>b</sup>Hawaii and New Jersey permit checks and Rhode Island purchase checks are conducted by local agencies, but counts are reported by the state.

<sup>c</sup>Counts include handguns only for these states.

<sup>d</sup>Permits are only exempt under state law. Other carry permits listed have a federal exemption.

<sup>e</sup>Permits are issued locally but counts are reported by the state.

See also **Methodology**

