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Hello!

This month's update will be 'Fun with Statistics!' Ok, we realize that statistics may not be everyone's favorite subject, but we think you'll be amazed at just how many firearm related background checks are completed in our state each day...

We've been tracking the daily statistics since August 1, 2021 to help us ensure we know just how much work needs to be done, when we are fully operational and conducting checks.

In case you weren't aware, not only do firearm transfers/purchases require a background check, but also Concealed Pistol Licenses (CPL) and when a law enforcement agency releases a firearm from evidence or safekeeping. The numbers presented here today, include those checks as well, but the majority of checks conducted are for firearm transfers.

Here's a few stats to get us started:

*Average number of checks per day conducted statewide: 2050*

*Days with more than 3000 checks: 41*

To dig a little deeper, we look at the '3<sup>rd</sup> quartile' number. This what is known as a 'statistically significant number' and is approximately 75% of the maximum number in the range. We look at this to see how many days are 'significantly' higher than the average day.

*3<sup>rd</sup> Quartile: 2707*

*Over 3<sup>rd</sup> Quartile: 250 days*

These numbers might be a bit surprising to you: 250 days have had more than 2707 checks each day. It's only been 334 days since 8/1/2021, which means almost 75% of the time, over 2700 checks per day are being processed!

Finally, it's interesting to see how geopolitical events and changes in laws affect the public where firearms are concerned. In late February 2022 we saw a string of 3000+ days because of the events in Ukraine. More recently, the past week has been the busiest since we started tracking, with 9 days since June 7<sup>th</sup> being over 3000 checks per day. In fact, we had our highest day since 8/1/2021, occur on 6/22/2022, when 4147 checks were processed.

In closing, what do all these numbers tell us? Simple...the FFLs (and the folks that process the checks) have been busy!!!!

Thank you,

Kevin

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