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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Jim Pillen, Governor

January 31, 2024

Mr. Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Subject: Number of NE Mental Health Commitment Records Submitted

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Attached you will find the biannual report on the number of Nebraska mental health commitment records submitted to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 69-2409.01.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tony Green".

Tony Green
Interim Director, Division of Behavioral Health

Attachment

Division of Behavioral Health

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Neb. Rev. Stat. § 69-2409.01

Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Records Reported to National Instant Criminal Background Check System Status Report

Nebraska State Statute Section 69-2409.01 requires the Department of Health and Human Services and Nebraska State Patrol to report to the Legislature on mental health commitment activities of the state.

69-2409.01 (5) The Nebraska State Patrol and the Department of Health and Human Services shall report electronically to the clerk of the Legislature on a biannual basis the following information about the database (mental health commitments):

- (a) The number of total records of persons unable to purchase or possess firearms because of disqualification or disability shared with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System;
- (b) The number of shared records by category of such persons;
- (c) The change in number of total shared records and change in number of records by category from the previous six months;
- (d) The number of records existing but not able to be shared with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System because the record was incomplete and unable to be accepted by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System; and
- (e) The number of hours or days, if any, during which the database was unable to share records with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and the reason for such inability.

Summary Table for Legislative Questions:

Legislative Request as of:	December 2020	June 2021	December 2021	June 2022	December 2022	June 2023	December 2023
(a)* – Total Shared Records	33,866	34,201	34,600	34,847	35,151	35,501	35,801
(b-1) – From Commitment Boards	19,747	20,030	20,359	20,547	20,741	21,022	21,260
(b-2) – From Regional Centers	14,119	14,171	14,241	14,300	14,410	14,479	14,541
(c) – Change in Total	354	335	399	241	304	350	300
(c-1) – From Commitment Boards	304	283	329	188	194	281	238
(c-2) – From Regional Centers	50	52	70	59	110	69	62
(d) – Incomplete	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(e) – Hours Inoperable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Department of Health and Human Services – December 2023.

*(a) Reflects only those shared with National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Incompletes reported in (d).

**Social Security Number or Date of Birth are required; however, this information has at times been missing or invalid creating an incomplete record.

The report shall also be published on the web sites of the Nebraska State Patrol and the Department of Health and Human Services. Available at: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Mental-Health-Commitment.aspx> and <https://statepatrol.nebraska.gov/services/concealed-handgun-permits>