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Table 1. Number of applications and estimates of denials for firearm transfers or permits since the inception of the Brady Act, 1994-2008

	Number of applications		Percent denied
	Received	Denied	
Total	97,080,000	1,778,000	1.8 %
Brady interim period^a			
1994-1998	12,740,000	312,000	2.4
Permanent Brady^b	84,340,000	1,466,000	1.8
1998 ^c	893,000	20,000	2.2
1999	8,621,000	204,000	2.4
2000	7,699,000	153,000	2.0
2001	7,958,000	151,000	1.9
2002	7,806,000	136,000	1.7
2003	7,831,000	126,000	1.6
2004	8,084,000	126,000	1.6
2005	8,278,000	132,000	1.6
2006	8,612,000	135,000	1.6
2007	8,658,000	136,000	1.6
2008	9,901,000	147,000	1.5

Note: Counts are rounded to the nearest 1,000.

^aFrom March 1, 1994 to November 29, 1998 background checks on applicants were conducted by state and local agencies, mainly on handgun transfers. See *Presale Handgun Checks, the Brady Interim Period, 1994-98 (NCJ 175034)* <<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/phc98.htm>>.

^bThe National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) began operations. Checks on handgun and long gun transfers are conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and by state and local agencies. Totals combine Firearm Inquiry Statistics (FIST) estimates for state and local agencies with transactions and denials reported by the FBI.

^cNovember 30 to December 31, 1998. Counts are from the NICS operations report for the period and may include multiple transactions for the same application.

See also **Methodology**