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Table 4. Reasons for denial of firearm transfer applications by checking agencies, 2008

Reason for denial	2008		
	FBI ^a	State	Local
Total	100 %	100 %	100 %
Felony indictment/conviction	55.9	45.7	23.8
State law prohibition	6.8	10.5	5.4
Domestic violence			
Misdemeanor conviction	7.3	9.9	14.4
Restraining order	4.1	4.0	2.2
Fugitive	13.4	8.6	1.1
Illegal alien	1.4	0.5	0.5
Mental illness or disability	1.1	3.7	5.3
Drug user/addict	9.5	3.1	12.9
Local law prohibition	...	0.0	4.7
Other prohibitions ^b	0.6	13.9	29.7

Note: Reasons for denials are based on 18 U.S.C. 922 and state laws.

... Not available or Not applicable.

^aDuring 2008 the FBI began a new classification system and reclassified all denials from 1999 to 2008. Thus, comparisons with cumulative totals in prior editions of this bulletin are not possible.

^bIncludes juveniles, persons dishonorably discharged from the Armed Services, persons who have renounced their U. S. citizenship, and other unspecified persons.

See also **Methodology**