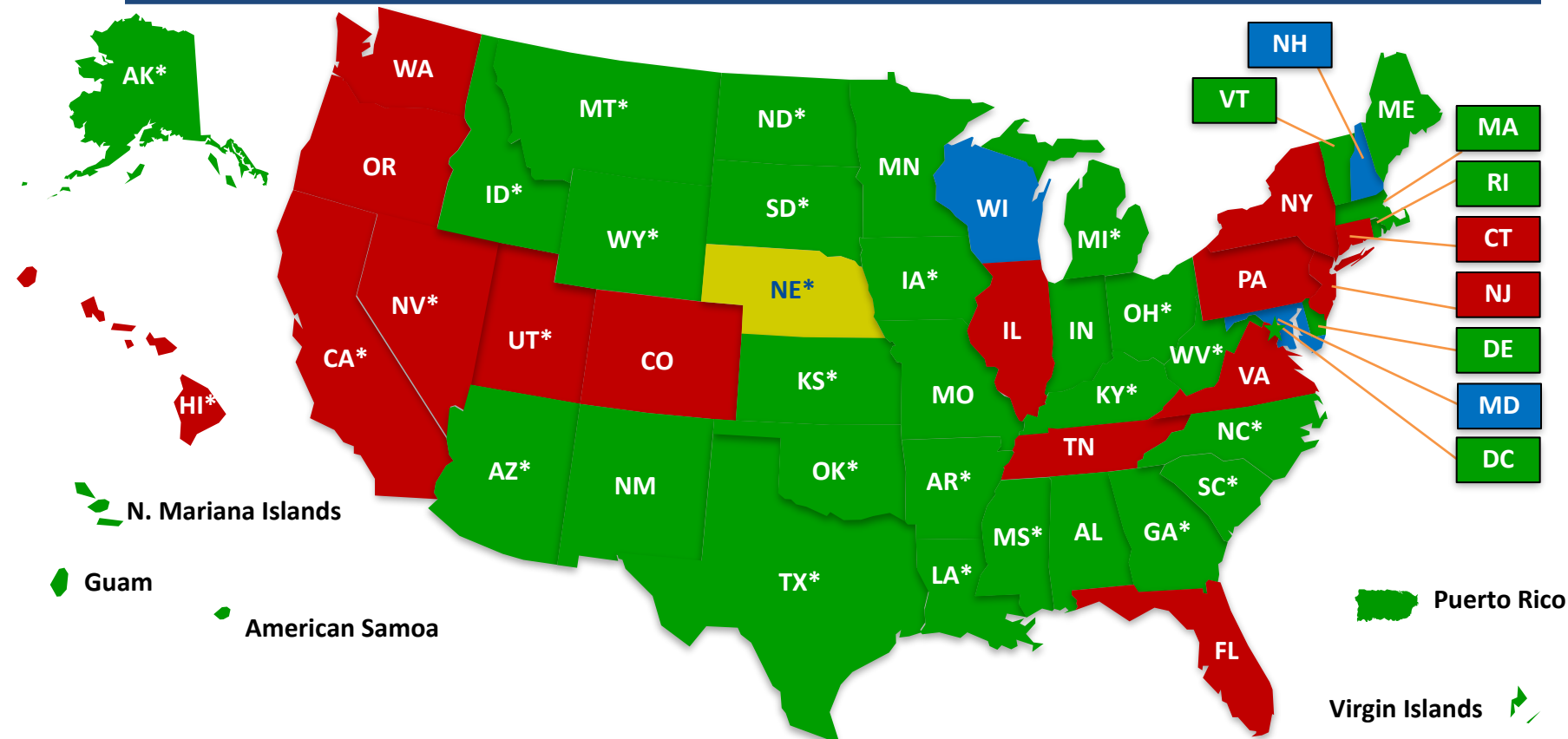




# NICS Participation Map



## 37 Non Point-of-Contact (POC) States

Federal firearms licensees (FFL) contact FBI for all firearm background checks

## 15 Full POC States

FFLs contact state for all firearm background checks

## 3 Partial POC States

FFLs contact state for handguns, and contact FBI for long gun background checks

## 1 Partial POC State

State-issued handgun permit is used for handguns, and FFLs contact FBI for long gun background checks

\*26 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Qualified Alternate Permits issued by state or local agencies

Please refer to the latest Permanent Brady Permit Chart for specific permit details.

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Thirty-seven Non Point-of-Contact (POC) states/territories do not have POC status. Federal Firearm Licensees (FFL) rely on the FBI for all firearm background checks by electronically accessing NICS.

- *Non POC states/territories: Alabama, Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Guam, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Ohio, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Virgin Islands, West Virginia, and Wyoming.*

Fifteen Full POC states have agencies acting on behalf of NICS in a Full POC capacity. These POC states have designated agencies to conduct firearm background checks for FFLs in their respective state by electronically accessing NICS.

- *Full POC states: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and Washington.*

Four states are currently sharing responsibility with the FBI by acting as partial POCs. Partial POC states have agencies designated to conduct checks for handguns and/or handgun permits, while the FBI handles the processing of the state transactions for long gun transfers.

- *Three Partial POC states conduct handgun background checks, and the FFLs contact the FBI for long gun background checks: Maryland, New Hampshire, and Wisconsin.*
- *One Partial POC state issues handgun permits used for handgun background checks, and the FFLs contact the FBI for long gun background checks: Nebraska.*

Twenty-six states have at least one Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)-qualified alternate permit, issued by a state or local agency.

- *ATF-qualified alternate permit states: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming.*

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