



CJIS DIVISION

CJIS provides support and service for local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies, including other divisions of the Bureau. There are a wide variety of complex systems, such as the state repository of criminal history records and the system for background checks, which includes mandated checks of potential gun purchasers, teachers, and medical licensure. Additionally, this division is responsible for the development, maintenance, and distribution of information relating to crime, criminals, and criminal activity for the benefit of the public as well as state and local criminal justice agencies in Tennessee. CJIS is mandated to conduct fingerprint-based background checks for areas of employment, such as school personnel and those that assist vulnerable members of the population.

CJIS houses the Tennessee Instant Check System (TICS), the Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS), and the National Data Exchange System (N-DEx). The CJIS Support Center collects data for Use of Force (UoFF) incidents, Law Enforcement Related Deaths (LERD), and Arrest Related Non-Forcible Deaths (ARNFD). CJIS is the hub for law enforcement support operations. The Law Enforcement Support Unit (LESU) is comprised of Tennessee's Information Enforcement System (TIES), which also houses the Tennessee Crime Information Center (TCIC). This unit works twenty-four a day, every day to manage emergency communications and provide technical support for local, state, and federal agencies. TIES trainers also conduct basic certification training. There are several other areas of this division that conduct important work to support law enforcement and the citizens of Tennessee. Some of those are the Biometric Services section, the Data Quality Unit, the Criminal Records Unit and the Fee Programs Unit.

Additional information about the purpose and scope of these units can be found on our website at www.tn.gov/tbi/divisions/cjis-division.html.

CrimeInsight is a statistical analysis tool to gather information and trends from the Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS) on categories of criminal activity in part, or in total for the state of Tennessee. It is a user-friendly feature that allows for searches by year, criminal category, and jurisdiction. To experience CrimeInsight, please visit www.tn.gov/tbi/divisions/cjis-division/tncrimeonline.html.

“Our division focuses on modernizing the existing technology within the CJIS Division to ensure every customer receives accurate, timely, and comprehensive criminal justice information.”

Yeselin Pendleton, Assistant Director



FY 2021-2022 PAST CHALLENGES

- To fill critical employee vacancies within the division
- To educate authorized Non-Criminal Justice Agencies (NCJA) receiving FBI/TBI Criminal History Record Information on the CJIS Security Policy requirements. There are approximately over 2000 active NCJA in the system. This effort involved updating the existing audit program by including educational resources to ensure CJIS compliance

FY 2022-2023 PRESENT WORK

- Working with vendors to upgrade the legacy Automated Fingerprint Information System and TIES Switch. The upgrade also involves migrating the new technology solutions to a CJIS secure cloud environment
- Implementing a new data field to allow Victim-Offender Relationship information to populate on TN criminal history records to enhance turnaround times on gun background checks
- Planning collaboration with the state-approved vendor and local sheriffs to roll out the LiveScan Replacement Project, which involves the delivery of 30 livescans to agencies with units approaching or at the end of their lifespan

- Developing online CJIS Security Awareness Training to Non-Criminal Justice Agencies to ensure the agency meets CJIS Security Compliance requirements set forth by the FBI and TBI

FY 2023-2024 FUTURE OBJECTIVES

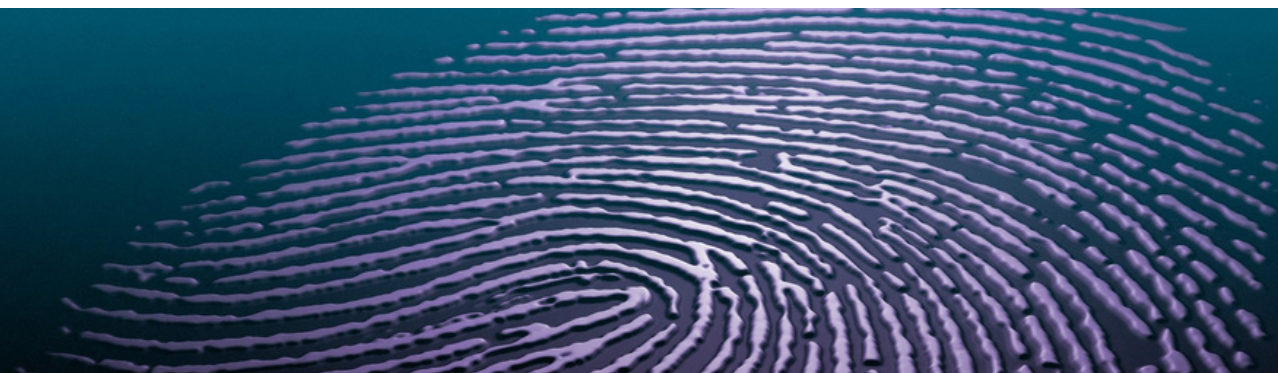
- To seek continued grant funding for current grant-funded projects that aim to improve criminal history record information
- To provide the Governor's Administration and the General Assembly with the expertise and information needed for possible solutions relative to Executive Order 100
- To focus on the development of training material and an audit program to ensure the TBI receives timely, accurate, and complete criminal history record information from local law enforcement agencies and courts

DATA QUALITY UNIT

The Data Quality Unit received 588,721 fingerprint submissions during Fiscal Year 2022-2023, an increase of 4% compared to the 567,440 submissions received during 2021-2022. Less than 1% of the fingerprint submissions received have missing, inaccurate, or incomplete descriptors, arrest data, or otherwise considered unclassifiable. Fingerprints are rejected back to the contributor if unclassifiable or rejected due to missing or incomplete data.

Criminal arrest fingerprints made up 53% (313,982) of the submissions received, compared to 308,579 received during the previous Fiscal Year, an increase of 2%. Fee and Law Enforcement Applicant fingerprints accounted for the remaining 47% (274,739) of the fingerprint submissions received, compared to 258,861 during the previous Fiscal Year, a 6% increase.

Also, during Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) 20+ year old Legacy System was upgraded and replaced with a new Idemia cloud-based MBIS5 system in May 2023. The LiveScan Device was also upgraded and replaced at TBI Headquarters and all regional offices.



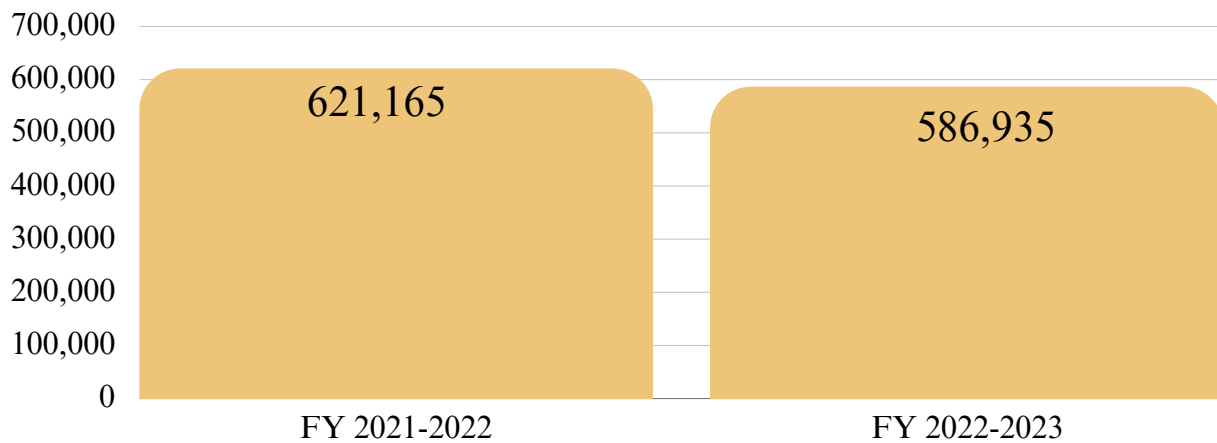
TENNESSEE INSTANT CHECK SYSTEM

The Tennessee Instant Check System (TICS) began operation on November 1, 1998. The requirements of the Brady Handgun Violence Protection Act (18 U.S.C. 922t) were incorporated into the Tennessee gun transfer statute with an amendment to T.C.A. 39-17-1316. The amendment required TBI to establish and maintain a background check system that meets or exceeds the requirements of the Brady Act for continuing recipient background checks on all firearms transactions except those specifically excluded by law.

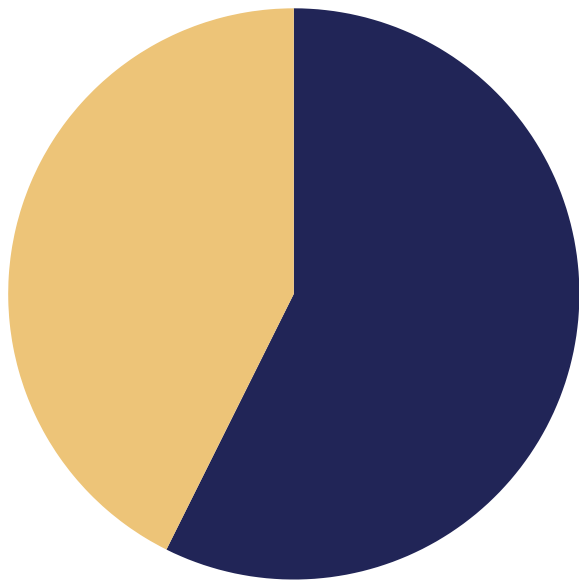
To meet those requirements, TICS accesses all databases in the reference chart below when processing the necessary TICS and National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) background check on any person who desires to purchase a firearm from a licensed firearm dealer or to redeem a firearm from pawn from a licensed dealer. In TICS, 78.5% of all firearm transactions are processed in less than five minutes.

Database Accessed	Description
Tennessee Criminal History Repository	This file is kept by TBI and is supported by (TCHR) arrest fingerprint cards. Persons who are convicted felons cannot legally possess a firearm.
National Crime Information Center (NCIC)	This database keeps files on wanted persons, protection orders, deported felons, persons who may pose a threat to the President or others afforded protection by the U.S. Secret Service, foreign fugitives, SENTRY File (persons under supervision of the Federal Bureau of Prisons), Convicted Person on Supervised Release file and the Convicted Sexual Offender.
Interstate Identification Index (III)	This is the national repository for criminal history record information.
National Instant Check System (NICS)	The federal instant background check system maintained by the FBI. It houses databases on Denied Person, Illegal/Unlawful Aliens, Controlled Substance Abusers, Dishonorable Discharges, Citizenship renunciants and Mental Defectives/Commitments.

AT-A-GLANCE: TICS TRANSACTIONS



FY 2022-2023 EXPENDITURES & FUNDING



OPERATIONS

\$11,328,846

SALARIES

\$5,121,662

TOTAL: \$16,450,508

For more information about the Criminal Justice Information Services Division, please visit www.tn.gov/tbi/divisions/cjis-division.html.