

The number of Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) who register with the NICS or the NICS E-Check varies from year to year. Once they have registered with us, they do not need to do it again. It is a one-time registration. As new FFLs become licensed dealers they fill out form 1110-0026 to register with us to be able to conduct their firearms checks through us. Some states do their own firearms checks and their FFLs are not registered with us. If that state were to decide that the NICS would do the checks for their particular state instead of the state doing it, all the FFLs in that state would have to obtain the form to register with us. So it largely depends on states's being a point-of-contact to do the checks or not as to whether the FFLs in their state will be required to fill out this form. Based on the volume since the last OMB submission versus what we predict states to do in the future about their status is the reason for the fluctuation.

Also the cost in shipping/postage and materials increased the cost burden.