

**Table 1. State Laws and Federal Statute Firearm Prohibitions Related to Individuals With Mental Illness or Alcohol/Drug Abuse or the Presence of a Mental Health Database**

Jurisdiction	Title of Law	Presence of Variable in Law				Specific Text of Firearms Law
		Mental Illness	Drug Abuse	Alcohol Abuse	Mental Health Database	
United States	Federal Gun Control Act, 18 U.S.C. § 922 1968 et seq.	yes	yes	no	yes	Title I of the Gun Control Act of 1968 was to ban mail-order sales of firearms and ammunition, confine the purchase of firearms to the buyer's state of residence, and prohibit certain classes of persons from purchasing, receiving or transporting firearms or ammunition in interstate commerce; individuals adjudicated as a mental defective or who has been committed to any mental institution, addicted to or an unlawful user of marijuana, or a stimulant, depressant, or narcotic drug.
Alabama	Ala Code § 13A-11-50 (2004), Criminal Code, Chapter 11, et seq.	yes	yes	yes	no	No state permit is required to possess a rifle, shotgun, or handgun. It is unlawful for a drug addict, "habitual drunkard," or one who has been convicted of a crime of violence to own or possess a handgun. Law enforcement authorities have advised that minors cannot carry or possess a handgun. It is unlawful to sell, give, lend or deliver a handgun to any person under 18, or to a person whom the seller has reasonable cause to believe has been convicted of a crime of violence, is a drug addict, a "habitual drunkard," or of "unsound mind."
Alaska	Alaska Stat §	no	yes	yes	no	It is unlawful to knowingly sell or transfer a

	11.61.190 (2004), et seq; 18.65.710 et seq.					<p>firearm to a person whose physical or mental condition is substantially impaired as a result of an intoxicating liquor or drug, or to sell a firearm to a person less than 18.</p> <p>It is unlawful to possess a firearm while substantially impaired as a result of an intoxicating liquor or drug.</p> <p>A person can obtain a permit to carry a concealed handgun if the person is not currently or has not within 3 years been ordered by a court to complete an alcohol treatment or substance abuse program.</p>
Arizona	Ariz Rev Stat Ann § 13.905 (2004),et seq; 13-3101, et seq.	yes	no	no	yes	<p>It is unlawful for a “prohibited possessor” to possess a firearm. A prohibited possessor includes a person found to constitute a danger to himself or others pursuant to a court order and whose court ordered treatment has not been terminated.</p> <p>The Department of Public Safety “shall issue a permit to carry a concealed weapon” to a resident of the state who is at least 21 years old, a U.S. citizen who satisfactorily completes an approved firearms safety program, submits fingerprints and a fee determined by the Department of Public Safety, and who does not fall into a class of person prohibited to possess a firearm, such as a convicted felon, adjudicated mental incompetent, or illegal alien.</p>
Arkansas	Ark Stat Ann § 5-73-103 (2003), et seq.	yes	no	no	no	<p>No state permit is required for the purchase or possession of a rifle, shotgun, or handgun. Possession or ownership of any firearm is unlawful for any person who has been; adjudicated a “mental defective” or committed</p>

						<p>involuntarily to any mental institution. The director shall issue the license if the applicant meets the following criteria: 1) is a resident of the state for 1 year or longer, 2) is at least 21 years old, 3) does not suffer from a mental or physical infirmity that prevents the safe handling of a handgun and has not threatened or attempted suicide. It is unlawful to issue a license any person who has been: 1) convicted of a felony, 2) adjudicated as a “mental defective,” 3) committed involuntarily to any mental institution, 7) Has not been voluntarily or involuntarily committed to a treatment facility for the abuse of a controlled substance or been found guilty of a crime relating to controlled substances within the previous three years, 8) has not been voluntarily or involuntarily committed as an alcoholic to a treatment facility or has not been convicted of two or more alcohol offenses within the previous 3 years, 9) does not chronically or habitually abuse controlled substances to the extent that his normal faculties are impaired and 11) has not been voluntarily or involuntarily committed to a mental institution or mental health treatment facility.</p>
California	Cal Welf & Inst Code § 8100 (2004), et seq.	yes	yes	yes	yes	It is unlawful for anyone who has been convicted of a felony, who is a drug addict or a present or former mental patient, who was ever committed for mental observations, or was acquitted by reason of insanity to own or possess any firearm.
Colorado	Col Rev Stat § 12-26.1-101 (2004), 18-12-101, et seq; 24-	no	yes	yes	no	A sheriff shall issue a permit to carry a concealed handgun to an applicant who is a legal resident of the state. Does not chronically and habitually

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Connecticut	Conn Gen Stat § 29-27 (2003), et seq; 53-202. et seq; 53a-211, et seq; 17a-500, et seq.	yes	no	no	yes	It is unlawful to possess a handgun by a person who has been discharged from custody within the preceding 20 years after acquittal by reason of mental disease or defect, confined by court order for mental illness within the preceding 12 months.
Delaware	Del Code Ann title xi § 1441 (2004), et seq; title xxii § 904A	yes	yes	yes	yes	The following persons are prohibited from purchasing or possessing any firearm: those who have ever been committed to a mental institution, sanitarium, or hospital for mental disorders and do not possess a certificate of rehabilitation. plus a certificate from a medical doctor or a psychiatrist licensed in the state that the person is no longer suffering a mental disorder that interferes or handicaps the person from handling deadly weapons.
District of Columbia	DC Code Ann § 22-4502 (2004), et seq; 22-4505-4507	yes	no	yes	yes	All rifles and shotguns must be registered with the Metropolitan Police. To obtain a registration certificate, the applicant must not be acquitted of a crime by reason of insanity or adjudicated as an “alcoholic” within the past 5 years, or committed to a mental hospital within the past 5 years.
Florida	Fla Stat § 790.001 (2004), et seq; 493.6115 (2003)	yes	yes	yes	no	The applicant must not be acquitted of a crime by reason of insanity or adjudicated as an alcoholic within the past 5 years. Committed to a mental hospital within the past 5 years It is unlawful for the following persons to own, possess or use any firearm: :drug addicts, alcoholics, mental

						<p>incompetents, and vagrants.”</p> <p>The Department of Agriculture shall issue a license if the applicant has not within a 3-year period preceding submission of the application been convicted of a crime of violence or committed for drug abuse or been convicted of a minor drug offense, has not been adjudicated an incapacitated person unless he has waited 5 years from the date of his court-ordered restoration to capacity, or been committed to a mental institution unless he possesses a psychiatrist’s certificate that he has not suffered from the disability for 5 years and is not a chronic or “habitual drunkard.”</p>
Georgia	Ga Code Ann § 16-11-123 (2004), et seq; 16-11-174, et seq.	yes	no	no	yes	<p>No license will be issued to any person who has been hospitalized for in-patient treatment in any mental hospital or alcohol or drug treatment center within 5 years of the date of application. If the applicant has been hospitalized at a mental hospital or alcohol or drug treatment center within 5 years of his application for a license to carry, the judge has discretion, after considering the recommendation of the superintendent of the hospital or treatment center, to issue or deny the license.</p>
Hawaii	Haw Rev Stat § 134-1, et seq.	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>It is unlawful for a person to own, possess, or control any firearm or ammunition if he is addicted to alcohol, committed to a mental institution or has been diagnosed as having mental disorders unless the person has been medically documented to be no longer adversely affected by the addiction, abuse, dependence or mental illness.</p>

Idaho	Idaho Code § 18-310 (2003); 18-3302 et seq.	yes	yes	yes	no	Disqualified persons include anyone who is an unlawful user of—or addicted to—marijuana or any depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug, or any other controlled substance; currently suffering or has been adjudicated as mentally ill, gravely disabled, or otherwise incapacitated or lacking mental capacity.
Illinois	Ill Rev Stat 430:65 (2004), et seq; 720:5/24-1, et seq; 725:5/112A-14	yes	yes	no	yes	Disqualified persons include anyone who is an unlawful user of—or addicted to—marijuana or any depressant, stimulant, or narcotic drug, or any other controlled substance; currently suffering or has been adjudicated as mentally ill; gravely disabled or otherwise incapacitated or lacking mental capacity; has not been a patient in a mental hospital in the preceding 5 years; and is not mentally retarded. It is unlawful for the following persons to possess a firearm or ammunition: 1) is a narcotic addict, 3) within the past 5 years has been a patient in a mental hospital, or 4) is mentally retarded.
Indiana	Ind Code Ann § 35-47-1-5 (2004) et seq.	yes	yes	yes	no	It is unlawful for any person to sell or give a firearm to any person whom he has a reasonable cause to believe is a drug abuser, under the influence of a drug, an alcohol abuser, in a state of intoxication, or mentally incompetent. If a criminal history check indicates that a prospective purchaser or transferee has a disqualifying criminal record or has been acquitted by reason of insanity and committed to the custody of the division of mental health, the state police department has until the end of the next business day of the state police department to advise the dealer that the records indicate the

						buyer or transferee it is prohibited from possessing or transporting a firearm by state or federal law.
Iowa	Iowa Code § 702.7 (2003), et seq; 724.1, et seq.	yes	yes	yes	no	An annual permit to purchase a handgun shall not be issued unless the person is not addicted to the use of alcohol or a controlled substance, reasonably determined by the issuing officer that the applicant does not constitute a danger to any person or has never been judged mentally incompetent.
Kansas	Kansas Stat Ann § 21:4201 (2003), et seq; 75-7b17 et seq.	yes	yes	yes	no	It is unlawful knowingly to sell, give, or otherwise transfer any firearm to any habitual drunkard or narcotics addict. No state permit is required to purchase a rifle, shotgun, or handgun. The following acts are unlawful possession of any firearm by a person who is both addicted to and an unlawful user of a controlled substance.
Kentucky	Ky Rev Stat Ann § 237.110 (2004), et seq; 527.040, et seq.	yes	yes	yes	no	The Department of State Police shall issue a license to carry concealed firearms if the applicant has not been committed to a state or federal facility for the abuse of a controlled substance or been convicted of a misdemeanor relating to controlled substances within 3 years, does not chronically and habitually use alcoholic beverages, has not been adjudicated “an incompetent “or has waited 3 years from the date competency was restored and has not been involuntarily committed to a mental institution unless he possesses a certificate from a psychiatrist stating that he has not suffered from disability for 3 years.
Louisiana	La Rev Stat Ann § 14:95 (2004), et seq;	yes	yes	yes	no	No person shall carry a concealed firearm intentionally without a permit who was not

	40:1379.1, et seq.					suffering from mental illness that prevents the safe handling of a firearm; has not have been committed for the abuse of a controlled substance, or has been found guilty of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere relating to a controlled substance within 5 years; does not chronically and habitually use alcoholic beverages to the extent that normal facilities are impaired; is not be an unlawful user of—or addicted to—marijuana, depressants, stimulants, or narcotic drugs; has not have been adjudicated to be mentally deficient or been committed to a mental institution.
Maine	Me Rev Stat Ann, title 15 § 393 (2003), et seq; 17A.1052 et seq.	yes	yes	no	no	In applying for a concealed carry permit the applicant may be required to provide a photograph, give fingerprints or allow access to mental health records. The applicant must also answer over 30 questions related to both adult and juvenile criminal history, including the following: pending charges, convictions, not-guilty verdicts by mental disease or defects for a wide variety of crimes, including those relating to drugs, weapons, crimes punishable by more than 1 year, imprisonment, and threatened bodily injury; restraining orders; fugitive-from-justice status, drug abuse, drug addiction, or drug dependency; dishonorable discharges from the military; illegal alien status; other good moral character issues; mental disorders that cause a danger to self or others or adjudicated as “mentally incapacitated” without the designation removed.
Maryland	Md Pub Safety Code	yes	yes	yes	no	Possession of a handgun is prohibited by any

	Ann § 5-101 (2004), et seq; 5-118 et seq.					person who is a “habitual drunkard;” is an addict or habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, or amphetamines; suffers from a mental disorder and has a history of violent behavior, or has been confined for more than 30 consecutive days to a mental facility unless the person possesses a physician’s certificate stating that the person is capable of possessing a pistol or revolver without undue danger to the person or others may be issued if not an addict is “an alcoholic” or has ever been convicted of a narcotics offense. Has not, based on the results of the investigation, exhibited a propensity for violence or instability.
Massachusetts	Mass Gen L ch 140 § 129B (2004), et seq; 269-10	yes	yes	yes	only at state hospitals	Firearms and feeding devices for firearms are divided into classes. Depending on the class, a firearm identification card (“card”), a class-A license, or a class-B license is required to possess, purchase, or carry a firearm, ammunition for same, a firearm-feeding device, or a “large-capacity feeding device.” A firearm identification device authorizes a person to possess, purchase, or carry only a nonlarge-capacity rifle or a shotgun and feeding devices and ammunition for same unless the applicant has a disqualifying conviction or juvenile adjudication; been confined for mental illness, or confined or treated for drug addiction or drunkenness.
Michigan	Mich Comp Laws Ann § 28.422 (2004) et seq; 750.222, et seq.	yes	no	no	yes	To obtain a license to carry a concealed pistol, a statement by the applicant regarding whether he or she has a history of mental illness that would disqualify him or her from receiving a license to carry a concealed pistol and authorizing the concealed-weapon licensing board to access the

						mental health records of the applicant relating to his or her mental health history. The applicant should not have been found guilty although he or she is mentally ill of any crime and has not offered a plea of not guilty of—or been acquitted of—any crime by reason of insanity. The applicant has never been subject to an order of involuntary commitment in an inpatient or outpatient setting because of mental illness. The applicant does not have a diagnosed mental illness at the time the application is made, regardless of whether he or she is receiving treatment for that illness. The applicant is not under a court order of legal incapacity.
Minnesota	Minn Stat § 609.66 (2003), et seq; 609.165, et seq; 624.71 et seq.	yes	yes	no	yes	The following persons may not possess a handgun or a “semiautomatic military style assault weapon” or any other firearm: a person who has ever been confined or committed as mentally ill, mentally retarded, or mentally ill and dangerous to the public, unless he or she possesses a doctor’s certificate or other satisfactory proof that he or she is no longer suffering from this disability; a person convicted of a misdemeanor or a gross misdemeanor drug violation or who is or ever has been hospitalized or committed for treatment for the habitual use of a controlled substance, unless he or she possesses a doctor’s certificate or other satisfactory proof that he or she has not abused a controlled substance during the previous 2 years; s person who has been confined or committed to a treatment facility as chemically dependant, unless the person has completed treatment; a peace

						officer who is informally admitted to a treatment facility for chemical dependency, unless the officer has a certificate from the head of the treatment facility discharging the officer from the treatment facility.
Mississippi	Miss Code Ann § 45-9-101 (2004), 97-37-1, et seq.	yes	yes	yes	yes	The Department of Public Safety “shall issue” a license to carry a concealed pistol if the person is not a drug or alcohol abuser and has no mental problems and is not a drug or alcohol abuser. It is unlawful to buy, lease, borrow, exchange, receive, sell, lease, loan, give away, deliver, or otherwise transfer a handgun without a valid permit authorizing such acquisition of the firearm, including the claiming of an inheritance, to purchase a handgun is not publicly known to be habitually in an intoxicated or drugged condition, is not currently judged to be “mentally incompetent,” and has not been committed to a mental health facility.
Missouri	Mo Rev Stat § 471.090 (2004)	yes	yes	yes	no	The applicant is not publicly known to be habitually in an intoxicated or drugged condition, is not currently judged to be “mentally incompetent” and has not been committed to a mental health facility. If, at the court hearing, the applicant shows that he or she is entitled to the permit, the court will issue an order to cause the issuance of the permit. It is unlawful for a fugitive from justice, a “habitually intoxicated or drugged person,” or a person currently judged to be “mentally incompetent” to possess a concealable firearm. A concealed carry endorsement cannot be issued to any person who is or has been in a “habitually drugged” or

						intoxicated condition, adjudicated “mentally incompetent” at the time of application or 5 years before the application, or has not been committed to a mental institution.
Montana	Mont Code Ann § 45-8-321 (2004)	yes	yes	yes	no	A permit may not be denied unless the applicant has been adjudicated to be an unlawful user of an intoxicating substance. A permit may be denied based on a reasonable cause to believe that the applicant is mentally ill, defective, or disabled or otherwise may be a threat to the peace and good order of the community. The applicant must have been adjudicated to be an unlawful user of an intoxicating substance and is under a court order of imprisonment or other incarceration, probation, suspended or deferred sentence, treatment or education, or other condition of release or is otherwise under state supervision; or has been adjudicated to be mentally ill, defective, or disabled and is still subject to a disposition order of that court.
Nebraska	Neb Rev Stat § 28-1201 (1991), et seq; 69-2401, et seq.	no	no	no	yes	none
Nevada	Nev Rev Stat § 202.253 (2004); et seq; 202.360 et seq.	yes	yes	yes	no	The sheriff shall deny or revoke a permit if he determines that the applicant has been admitted to a mental health facility within the previous 5 years and has been judicially declared incompetent or insane, or has habitually used intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance to the extent that his normal faculties are impaired within the previous 5 years.
New Hampshire	N H Rev Stat Ann § 159:1 (2004), et seq.	no	no	no	no	No state permit to purchase, register, or license owners is required.

New Jersey	NJ Rev Stat § 2C:39-1 (2004), et seq; 2C:58-1, et seq.	yes	yes	yes	yes	Applications for a permit to purchase a firearm or a firearm identification card shall state whether the applicant is a citizen, “an alcoholic, a habitual drunkard,” a drug-dependent person; whether he or she has ever been confined or committed to a mental institution or hospital for treatment or observation of a mental or psychiatric condition on a temporary, interim, or permanent basis; whether he or she has been attended, treated, or observed by any doctor or psychiatrist or at any hospital or mental institution on an inpatient or outpatient basis for any mental or psychiatric condition. No permit to purchase a firearm or to apply for a firearm identification card shall be issued to any drug-dependent person or a person who is confined for a mental disorder to a hospital, mental institution or sanitarium, or to a habitual drunkard.” No person may possess, control, own, or purchase any firearm if he has ever been committed for a mental disorder to any hospital, mental institution, or sanitarium unless he possesses a certificate from a medical doctor or psychiatrist licensed in New Jersey or other satisfactory proof that he is no longer suffering from a mental disorder that interferes with or handicaps him in the handling of a firearm.
New Mexico	NM Stat Ann § 30-7-2 (2004), et seq.	no	no	no	no	The Department of Public Safety shall issue a concealed handgun license to an applicant who has not been adjudicated “mentally incompetent” or committed to a mental institution and is not addicted to alcohol or controlled substances.
New York	NY Law Crim Proc § 265.00 (2004), et seq;	yes	no	no	yes	It is unlawful for any person convicted of a felony, another serious offense, or who been

	400.00, et seq.					certified as not suitable to possess a rifle or shotgun (“mentally incompetent”) to possess a firearm.
North Carolina	NC Gen Stat § 14-269.7 (2004), et seq; 14-402 et seq.	yes	yes	yes	no	A permit or license may not be issued to a person who is an unlawful user of or addicted to a drug; who has been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or has been committed to any mental institution. It is unlawful to carry concealed about one’s person a handgun, or other deadly weapon of like kind, except on one’s own premises, or if the person has a concealed handgun permit. The sheriff shall issue a permit within 90 days after receipt of a complete application from an applicant who does not suffer from a physical or mental infirmity that prevents the safe handling of a handgun, is not currently or has not been adjudicated or administratively determined to be lacking mental capacity or is mentally ill; is an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana, alcohol, or any depressant, stimulant, or other controlled substance; is or has not been adjudicated guilty or has received a judgment for continued or suspended sentence for a violent misdemeanor.
North Dakota	ND Cent Code § 62.1-01-01 (2004), et seq.	yes	no	no	no	Possession or ownership of a firearm is prohibited by a person diagnosed and confined or committed (by a court of competent jurisdiction) as mentally ill and is prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm, but this does not apply to a person who has not suffered from the disability for the previous 3 years.
Ohio	Ohio Rev Code Ann § 2923.11 (2004), et	yes	yes	yes	no	It is unlawful for the following persons to knowingly acquire, have, carry, or use any

	seq.					firearm: “alcoholics,” drug-dependent persons, and adjudicated mental incompetents.
Oklahoma	Okla Stat title 21 § 1271.1 (2004), et seq.	yes	yes	yes	no	It is unlawful to carry or use firearms while under the influence of alcohol, any unprescribed drug, or any prescribed drug that could cause abnormal behavior. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation is authorized to issue a Concealed Carry License. (Disqualifications for eligibility for a license are the following: adjudication as a “mentally incompetent person;” any involuntary commitment for mental illness, condition, or disorder, any attempted suicide or other condition relating to or indicating mental instability; and current treatment for mental illness. The following are disqualifications for a period of 3 years: treatment for a mental illness, condition, or disorder that requires medication or supervision; inpatient treatment for substance abuse; and two or more convictions of public intoxication.
Oregon	Or Rev Stat § 166.170 (2004), et seq.	yes	no	no	yes	A person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor, involving violence or found guilty, except by reason of insanity within the previous 4 years, shall be issued within 45 days of application a concealed handgun license if the person has never been convicted or found guilty of a felony, except for insanity; has not been convicted of or found guilty, except by reason of insanity, of a misdemeanor, within the last 4 years; has not been found to be mentally ill and is not subject to an order that the person be prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm.
Pennsylvania	18 Pa Cons Stat §	yes	yes	yes	yes	The following are disqualifications for applying

	6101 (2004), et seq.					for a license to carry a firearm for a period of 3 years: treatment for a mental illness, condition, or disorder that requires medication or supervision; inpatient treatment for substance abuse; or two or more convictions of public intoxication. It is unlawful for the following to possess any firearm: an individual who has been convicted of a controlled-substance offense punishable by more than 2 years in prison, who has been adjudicated to be “mentally incompetent, or involuntarily committed to a mental institution. The state code lists several factors that preclude issuance of a license, including, but not limited to, being a habitual drunkard or abuser of controlled substances, being of unsound mind, or having been involuntarily committed to a mental institution.
Puerto Rico	PR Laws Ann title 25 § 412 (2002), et seq; 427, et seq.	yes	yes	yes	no	No person who has been declared addicted to narcotic drugs may obtain and has been declared addicted to narcotic drugs may obtain a license.
Rhode Island	RI Gen Laws § 11-47-2 (2004), et seq.	yes	yes	yes	no	The following persons are prohibited from owning, possessing, or controlling any firearm: any person who is under guardianship, treatment, or confinement for being mentally incompetent; any person who has been adjudicated or is under treatment or confinement as a drug addict or is a “habitual drunkard,” unless he or she has been pronounced “cured” for at least 5 years and can produce an affidavit from a “competent medical authority” stating that he or she is a proper person to possess firearms.
South Carolina	SC Codified Laws § 16-23-10 (2004), et	yes	yes	yes	no	It is unlawful for the following persons to possess a handgun: any person who is a “habitual

	seq; 23-31-110, et seq.					drunkard” or “drug addict” or who has been adjudicated as “mentally incompetent.”
South Dakota	SD Codified Laws § 16-23-19 (2004), et seq; 23-31-110, et seq.	yes	yes	yes	no	The permit shall be issued if the applicant is not a “habitual drunkard” or a drug user, and is not currently judged to be “mentally incompetent” or has not been found in the previous 10 years to be mentally ill.
Tennessee	Tenn Penal Code Ann § 39-17-1301 (2004), et seq.	no	yes	yes	no	It is unlawful for a person to possess a handgun while under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance regardless of whether he or she has a lawful permit to carry the handgun.
Texas	Tex Penal Code Ann § 46.01 (2004) et seq.	yes	yes	yes	no	The eligibility requirements include no record of addictions or mental illness.
Utah	Utah Code Ann § 53-5-704 (2004), et seq; 76-10-501 (2004), et seq.	yes	yes	no	yes	No state permit is required to possess a firearm unless the individual is an unlawful user of a controlled substance, has been adjudicated as “mentally defective,” or has been committed to a mental institution; has been found guilty by reason of insanity for a felony offense; or has been found mentally incompetent to stand trial for a felony.
Vermont	Vt Stat Ann § 13-4004, (2004) et seq.	no	no	no	no	
Virginia	VA Code Ann § 18.2-279 (2004), et seq; 76-10-501, et seq.	yes	yes	yes	yes	It is unlawful for anyone adjudicated as legally incompetent, “mentally incapacitated,” or involuntarily committed to purchase, possess, or transport a firearm. It is unlawful to transfer a firearm to such persons.
Washington	Wash Rev Code Ann § 9.41.010 (2004), et seq.	yes	no	no	yes	It is unlawful to own, possess, or have in control any firearm by a person who has ever been committed by a court because of mental illness.
West Virginia	W Va Code § 61-7-2 (2004), et seq.	yes	yes	yes	no	Possession is denied individuals judged to be “mentally incompetent,” involuntarily committed

						to a mental institution, addicts, or unlawful users of alcohol or controlled substances. Applicants for a license to carry should not be addicted to or unlawful users of alcohol or controlled substances, be physically and mentally competent to carry such weapon, and not have been adjudicated to be mentally incompetent.
Wisconsin	Wis Stat § 175.30 (2003), et seq; 941.20, et seq.	yes	no	no	yes	It is unlawful for a person to possess a firearm if convicted of a felony or found not guilty of a felony by reason of mental illness, committed to a mental institution, and ordered not to possess a firearm.
Wyoming	Wyo Stat § 6-8-101 (2004), et seq.	yes	yes	no	no	A permit shall be issued to an applicant to carry a concealed firearm unless the applicant has been committed to a facility for the abuse of a controlled substance or convicted of a violation of any state or federal controlled substances acts, the applicant chronically or habitually uses alcoholic beverages to the extent that the applicants' normal faculties are impaired, or reasonable grounds exist to the belief that the applicant has been or is reasonably likely to be a danger to himself or others, or to the community at large as a result of the applicant's mental or psychological state, as demonstrated by a past pattern or practice of behavior, or participation in incidents involving a controlled substance, alcohol abuse, violence, or threats of violence.

**Table 2. Comparison of Firearms Restrictions by Federal Statute and State Laws for Individuals With Mental Illness or Drug/Alcohol Abuse or the Presence of a Mental Health Database**

	<a href="#">Presence of Variable in Law</a>
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	Mental Illness	Drug Abuse	Alcohol Abuse	Mental Health Database
Federal law	yes	yes	no	yes
State statutes	Forty-three states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico	Thirty-six states and Puerto Rico	Thirty-one states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia	Twenty states and the District of Columbia