The Missouri Automated Criminal History Site

MACHS

Tutorial of Service
This document will serve as a tutorial for those interested in utilizing the MACHS service for name-based criminal history checks.

MACHS was created in response to the need to provide open record criminal history searches to the public in an electronic and automated fashion.

Since the records contained within MACHS are open record, this service may be utilized by anyone, for any purpose.

Open record information includes convictions, charges pending, initial arrest information for 30 days, and Suspended Imposition of Sentence data while the subject is on probation.

Closed record information in which subject of the search was not convicted due to the charges being dropped, dismissed, or nolle prossed, or after having completed the probation period associated with a Suspended Imposition of Sentence will not be available.
MACHS Overview

- MACHS is operated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division.
- Pursuant to Missouri Statute, CJIS serves as the central repository for all criminal history information within the State of Missouri.
- The CJIS Division charges a fee of $14.00 for each individual searched through MACHS.
- Collector Solutions, the State Payment Portal, also charges a payment processing fee for this service. If you are conducting background checks on three individuals or less the payment processing fee will be $1.25. A full payment processing schedule is available via the MACHS FAQ.
Creating a MACHS Account

All MACHS users must initially create an account to utilize the service. Click on the icon labeled “New to this Site? Click here to get started.”
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The confirmation screen will provide you an overview of what your account will provide you. Click the icon entitled “Yes – Continue” to proceed.
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To create an account you must enter your requestor information on this screen. If you are running background checks for a business purpose, be sure to select the business icon at the top of the screen.
Your e-mail address will serve as your userid to access MACHS. Be sure to enter a password that will be easy for you to remember. You will also be required to select a security question should you ever forget your password. If you forget your password in the future you will be able to answer your security question to recover your password. Once you have entered the required information designated by * click submit to create your account.
You have now created your account and may begin conducting record checks through MACHS. You will be required to enter a first name and last name, as well as either a date of birth and/or a social security number for each individual searched. You may also choose to enter up to two additional first and last names to account for any maiden or alias names the individual has used. Once you have entered the required information you may click the icon entitled “Add to Shopping Cart” to continue with the process.
As you can see, the shopping cart icon in the top right hand corner of the screen has now updated to show that you have one request in your shopping cart. If you have more individuals to search you may continue to enter their information now. When you are ready to check-out you may click the shopping cart icon in either the top right or bottom right corners of the page. If for any reason you should need to log-out of your account, the requests that are in your shopping cart will be saved until you return.
The MACHS shopping cart screen provides an overview of the individuals that you will be searching through the site. You may remove a name from your shopping cart at anytime by clicking on the icon entitled “Remove”. If you would like to go back to the search screen and add more names to your account you may click on the “Add More Names to Your Shopping Cart” link at the bottom of the page. Lastly, please notice the cost subtotal of the names in your shopping cart. This subtotal includes only the fee for the name searches and does not include the payment processing fee collected by the State Payment Portal. Once you are ready to proceed you may click the icon entitled “Submit” to be taken to the Payment Portal.
On the initial Payment Portal screen the method of payment is defaulted to credit card, which also allows the use of a debit card. Credit/Debit cards are the only method of payment available through MACHS. The State Payment Portal accepts all major credit cards including MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express. If at anytime you would like to return to MACHS click “Cancel” otherwise, to proceed with payment click “Check Out.”
To Proceed with payment please enter your billing information on this screen and click “Continue.”
To Proceed with payment please enter your credit card information. Collector Solutions is the official vendor for electronic payments for the State of Missouri. All information collected for payment is kept strictly confidential and Collector Solutions meets all security requirements for conducting e-commerce transactions. Select “Continue” to be taken to the payment verification screen.
The Payment verification screen provides an overview of the payment information you have supplied. The Payment information in the top right corner provides an itemized cost breakdown regarding the processing fees collected by the Payment Portal.

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Once you have reviewed your payment information you may click “Submit” to be taken back to MACHS to view your receipt and the status of your request. Please note that there are no refunds for requests made via MACHS.
This page details the receipt associated with your submission. You may print this screen for your records. Your receipt information will also be stored in your account for 30 days. Click the link entitled “Click HERE to view the Status of your Submission” to continue.
Your Purchase History page details the results of all of your submissions for the past 30 days.

**Submission ID**: the tracking number associated with each shopping cart submitted via MACHS

**Date Submitted**: the date that each shopping cart was requested through MACHS.

**Submitted/Completed**: Identifies the total number of criminal record checks requested within each cart, compared to those that have been completed and returned.
Your Purchase History page details the results of all of your submissions for the past 30 days.

**No Record of Convictions:** Identifies the number of requests in a shopping cart that were returned with having no record of conviction on file. If there are items in this queue you may click “View” to view and or print the associated responses.

**Record:** Identifies the number of requests in a shopping cart that were returned with criminal history information attached. If there are items in this queue you may click “View” to view and or print the associated responses.

**Pending:** Identifies the number of requests in a shopping cart that are still being processed by MACHS personnel. On average MACHS personnel complete requests within two business days so check back often.
Your Purchase History page details the results of all of your submissions for the past 30 days.

**Full Report**: this option allows you to export the results of a shopping cart submission to a tab delimited text file for upload into a database or program such as Microsoft Excel.

**View Receipt**: This option allows you to view and or print the receipt associated with your shopping cart submission.
You may reach your Account Home Screen at any time by clicking on the “My Account” link at the top of each page. From this screen you may:

Create a New Shopping Cart or Finish a previously saved Cart

View Results of your Previous Submissions, or check the status of Pending requests

Update your Account Information (name, e-mail address, security question, etc.)

Change your Password
Thank you for using MACHS

Thank you for utilizing the MACHS Service. Should you have any questions or suggestions for improvement do not hesitate to contact us at 573–526–6153 or machs@mshp.dps.mo.gov