

Summary of Crime in Pennsylvania

There were 954,548 actual crimes of all types reported to the UCR Program by Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies. This represents a rate of 7,958.5 crimes per 100,000 population, a decrease of .3 percent from last year's total of 957,660 actual crimes.

Crime Index offenses are considered to be both most serious and most likely to be reported, and are used nationally as the standard base for comparisons. They include: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Manslaughter by negligence is a Part I offense, but is not considered as part of the Crime Index.

This year 337,822 Crime Index offenses were reported and confirmed by Pennsylvania police after investigation. Actually, 345,721 Crime Index offenses were reported, but 2.3 percent or 7,899 were unfounded following investigation, ranging from 13.3 percent unfounded for burglary attempted forcible entry to 1.0 percent unfounded for assault knife or cutting instrument. Crime Index offenses decreased by 2.8 percent from last year's total of 347,567. The Crime Index rate this year was 2,816.6.

In addition, 616,699 Part II offenses were reported with a rate of 5,141.7 per 100,000 population. This is an increase of 1.1 percent from the 610,061 Part II offenses reported last year. Part II offenses include: other assaults, forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property, vandalism, weapons, prostitution, other sex offenses, drug abuse violations, gambling, offenses against the family, driving under the influence, liquor law violation, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, and all other offenses.

This year 46.2 percent of all offenses were cleared; 26.7 percent of the Crime Index offenses and 56.9 percent of all Part II offenses.