

Analysis of Arrests

Analysis revealed that 78.1 percent or 348,121 arrestees were male; 21.9 percent or 97,697 were female; 72.8 percent or 324,481 were White; 26.7 percent or 118,920 were Black; .5 percent or 2,417 were Other Races; 23.7 percent or 105,740 were under 18 years old; and 54.7 percent or 243,731 were under 25 years old. Arrests of males decreased by 1.9 percent and arrests of Whites decreased by 1.0 percent, while arrests of juveniles decreased by 1.7 percent.

Juvenile arrestees were disposed of as follows: 25.7 percent or 54,051 were handled within the police department and released; 34.7 percent or 73,024 were sent to juvenile court or juvenile probation department; .5 percent or 1,049 were referred to welfare agencies; .2 percent or 411 were referred to other police agencies; and 38.9 percent or 81,871 were referred to criminal or adult court, usually the district magistrate for specified petty crimes such as underage drinking, shoplifting, etc.

Adults arrested and counted for UCR purposes in Pennsylvania are those that are formally charged with a crime. Crime suspects who are questioned and released are not counted as arrested. Juveniles are counted as arrested when circumstances are such that if they were adults an arrest would be tallied.