

Distribution By Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

Table 4 of Appendix A summarizes the 14 MSAs in Pennsylvania and includes Pike County, which is part of the Newburgh, New York MSA. A total of 33 counties are involved. Counties in New Jersey which are part of the Philadelphia MSA are not included in this report.

Highest Crime Index rates were produced by the Philadelphia MSA (4,129.2) and Reading MSA (3,191.7). The lowest Crime Index rate occurred in the Scranton-WB-Hazleton MSA (1,311.6).

Generally, Crime Index rates shown by core cities of the MSAs are higher than rates in their suburbs. Listed below, are the core cities with the highest rates and their corresponding suburban rates:

READING CITY	7,940.7	Suburban Rate:	1,929.1
LANCASTER CITY	7,415.2	Suburban Rate:	2,020.8
PHILADELPHIA CITY	6,904.9	Suburban Rate:	2,374.5

This year 7 MSAs showed decreases and 7 MSAs showed increases in Crime Index offenses. Johnstown MSA showed the largest increase, 22.4 percent, from 2,901 offenses last year to 3,552. Williamsport MSA showed the largest decrease, 41.3 percent, from 2,988 offenses last year to 1,755.

Pennsylvania MSA Crime Index offenses decreased by 3.3 percent. MSA core city jurisdictions decreased by 7.3 percent; MSA suburban jurisdictions increased by 1.1 percent; rural jurisdictions increased by 3.4 percent; and non-MSA jurisdictions decreased by .3 percent.