

Distribution By Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

Table 4 of appendix A summarizes the 14 MSAs in Pennsylvania. The highest Part II offense rates were produced by the State College MSA (8,121.1) and Philadelphia MSA (6,040.9). The lowest Part II offense rate occurred in the Scranton-WB-Hazleton MSA (3,306.4).

Generally, Part II offense 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:

LANCASTER CITY	14,824.8	Suburban Rate:	3,731.8
HARRISBURG CITY	12,932.8	Suburban Rate:	5,062.4
ALLENTOWN CITY	11,747.4	Suburban Rate:	4,101.3

This year 6 MSAs showed decreases and 8 MSAs showed increases in Part II offenses. Lancaster MSA showed the largest increase, 22.0 percent, from 18,758 offenses last year to 22,892. Williamsport MSA showed the largest decrease, 24.6 percent, from 5,971 offenses last year to 4,504.

Pennsylvania MSA Part II offenses increased by 1.0 percent. MSA core city jurisdictions decreased by 2.4 percent; MSA suburban jurisdictions increased by 3.5 percent; rural jurisdictions increased by 3.9 percent; and non-MSA jurisdictions decreased by .8 percent.