

Summary

Information contained in this chapter is derived from Monthly Returns of Arson Offenses. Variations may occur between this chapter and the remainder of the report due to reporting adjustments made by contributing agencies.

There were 5,090 arson offenses reported to Pennsylvania police departments this year, an average of 14 each day, or one every 1 hour and 43 minutes. This is a decrease of 11.5 percent from the 5,751 offenses reported last year. Arson comprised 1.5 percent of the Crime Index and 1.7 percent of the Property Crime Index. The arson rate was 42.4.

This year 13.8 percent or 701 arsons were cleared, compared to 18.5 percent or 1,064 clearances last year. This is a decrease in percentage cleared and a decrease in the number of clearances from last year.