

Summary of Crime in Pennsylvania

There were 892,324 actual crimes of all types reported to the UCR Program by Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies. This represents a rate of 7,265.9 crimes per 100,000 population, a decrease of 7.6 percent from last year's total of 966,030 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 320,737 Crime Index offenses were reported and confirmed by Pennsylvania police after investigation. Actually, 328,959 Crime Index offenses were reported, but 2.5 percent or 8,222 were unfounded following investigation, ranging from 11.8 percent unfounded for rape by force to 1.2 percent unfounded for burglary forcible entry. Crime Index offenses decreased by 6.1 percent from last year's total of 341,528. The Crime Index rate this year was 2,611.6.

In addition, 571,544 Part II offenses were reported with a rate of 4,653.9 per 100,000 population. This is a decrease of 8.5 percent from the 624,475 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 47.8 percent of all offenses were cleared; 27.3 percent of the Crime Index offenses and 59.2 percent of all Part II offenses.