

Analysis of Arrests

Analysis revealed that 77.8 percent or 339,482 arrestees were male; 22.2 percent or 96,606 were female; 71.7 percent or 312,629 were White; 27.6 percent or 120,465 were Black; .7 percent or 2,994 were Other Races; 23.4 percent or 101,993 were under 18 years old; and 54.1 percent or 236,091 were under 25 years old. Arrests of males decreased by 3.7 percent and arrests of Whites decreased by 5.0 percent, while arrests of juveniles decreased by 4.7 percent.

Juvenile arrestees were disposed of as follows: 28.4 percent or 28,986 were handled within the police department and released; 38.0 percent or 38,763 were referred to juvenile court or juvenile probation department; .5 percent or 490 were referred to welfare agencies; .2 percent or 205 were referred to other police agencies; and 32.9 percent or 33,549 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 who 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.