

## 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 (3,735.6) and Erie MSA (2,904.8). The lowest Crime Index rate occurred in the Williamsport MSA (1,076.3).

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:

BETHLEHEM CITY	13,006.5	Suburban Rate:	1,860.9
READING CITY	6,939.1	Suburban Rate:	1,410.9
HARRISBURG CITY	6,455.6	Suburban Rate:	955.5

This year 12 MSAs showed decreases and 2 MSAs showed increases in Crime Index offenses. Erie MSA showed the largest increase, 7.2 percent, from 7,610 offenses last year to 8,158. Sharon MSA showed the largest decrease, 35.0 percent, from 2,350 offenses last year to 1,527.

Pennsylvania MSA Crime Index offenses decreased by 6.2 percent. MSA core city jurisdictions decreased by 3.6 percent; MSA suburban jurisdictions decreased by 8.7 percent; rural jurisdictions decreased by 1.2 percent; and non-MSA jurisdictions decreased by 9.8 percent.