

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 (7,723.3) and Allen-Beth-Easton MSA (5,820.6). The lowest Part II offense rate occurred in the Sharon MSA (2,785.7).

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:

BETHLEHEM CITY	22,129.4	Suburban Rate:	3,894.6
HARRISBURG CITY	14,185.9	Suburban Rate:	2,051.2
ALLENTOWN CITY	11,219.0	Suburban Rate:	3,894.6

This year 13 MSAs showed decreases and 1 MSA showed an increase in Part II offenses. York MSA showed the largest increase, 2.2 percent, from 14,000 offenses last year to 14,301. Sharon MSA showed the largest decrease, 34.2 percent, from 5,091 offenses last year to 3,351.

Pennsylvania MSA Part II offenses decreased by 9.1 percent. MSA core city jurisdictions decreased by 5.9 percent; MSA suburban jurisdictions decreased by 11.2 percent; rural jurisdictions increased by 2.4 percent; and non-MSA jurisdictions decreased by 10.5 percent.