

On September 11, 2001, the United States of America faced the single most devastating series of terrorist attacks ever carried out on domestic soil. In addition to the attacks in New York, New York and Washington D. C., hijacked United Airlines Flight 93, en route from Newark, New Jersey, to San Francisco, California, crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, approximately 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. Included in this chapter are the 40 victims of Flight 93.

Summary

Information contained in this chapter is derived from Supplemental Homicide Reports. Variations may occur between this chapter and the remainder of the report due to reporting adjustments made by contributing agencies.

There were 646 murder offenses reported to Pennsylvania police departments this year, an average of 2 each day, or one every 13 hours and 33 minutes. This is an increase of 12.0 percent from the 577 offenses reported last year. Murder comprised .2 percent of the Crime Index and 1.4 percent of the Violent Crime Index. The murder rate was 5.3.