

Analysis of Arrests

Analysis revealed that 77.2 percent or 344,009 arrestees were male; 22.8 percent or 101,648 were female; 72.0 percent or 320,940 were White; 27.3 percent or 121,644 were Black; .7 percent or 3,073 were Other Races; 23.5 percent or 104,742 were under 18 years old; and 54.8 percent or 244,425 were under 25 years old. Arrests of males decreased by .4 percent and arrests of Whites increased by .8 percent, while arrests of juveniles increased by 1.1 percent.

Juvenile arrestees were disposed of as follows: 30.9 percent or 32,393 were handled within the police department and released; 36.3 percent or 38,000 were referred to juvenile court or juvenile probation department; .4 percent or 368 were referred to welfare agencies; .3 percent or 272 were referred to other police agencies; and 32.2 percent or 33,709 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.