

## **Summary**

Information contained in this chapter is derived from Monthly Returns of Arson Offenses. Variations may occur between this chapter and the remainder of the report due to reporting adjustments made by contributing agencies.

There were 2,601 arson offenses reported to Pennsylvania police departments this year, an average of 7 each day, or one every 3 hours and 22 minutes. This is an increase of 7.5 percent from the 2,420 offenses reported last year. Arson comprised .8 percent of the Crime Index and 1.0 percent of the Property Crime Index. The arson rate was 21.2.

This year 18.6 percent or 484 arsons were cleared, compared to 19.4 percent or 470 clearances last year. This is a decrease in percentage cleared and an increase in the number of clearances from last year.