

Analysis of Arrests

Analysis revealed that 76.8 percent or 343,259 arrestees were male; 23.2 percent or 103,511 were female; 71.8 percent or 320,754 were White; 27.6 percent or 123,088 were Black; .7 percent or 2,928 were Other Races; 24.4 percent or 108,795 were under 18 years old; and 55.0 percent or 245,891 were under 25 years old. Arrests of males decreased by 1.3 percent and arrests of Whites decreased by 1.2 percent, while arrests of juveniles increased by 3.1 percent.

Juvenile arrestees were disposed of as follows: 30.2 percent or 32,833 were handled within the police department and released; 36.6 percent or 39,857 were referred to juvenile court or juvenile probation department; .3 percent or 376 were referred to welfare agencies; .3 percent or 307 were referred to other police agencies; and 32.6 percent or 35,422 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.