

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 2,298 arson offenses reported to Pennsylvania police departments this year, an average of 6 each day, or one every 3 hours and 48 minutes. This is a decrease of 13.2 percent from the 2,647 offenses reported last year. Arson comprised .7 percent of the Crime Index and .8 percent of the Property Crime Index. The arson rate was 18.6.

This year 25.2 percent or 578 arsons were cleared, compared to 19.2 percent or 509 clearances last year. This is an increase in percentage cleared and an increase in the number of clearances from last year.