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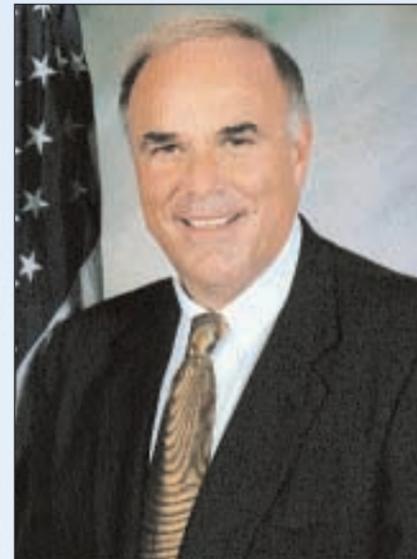
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DEDICATION

This report is dedicated to all law enforcement officers, and in particular to the police officers who lost their lives in the performance of duty while endeavoring to uphold the laws of this Commonwealth. The following officers gave their lives to this cause in 2004 on the dates specified.

Supervisor Joseph E. LeClair, Jr. Philadelphia County Sheriff's Department Philadelphia County March 19, 2004	Chief Douglas A. Shertzer, Sr. Lititz Borough Police Department Lancaster County May 11, 2004
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INTRODUCTION

This Executive Summary of the 2004 Annual Uniform Crime Report, Crime in Pennsylvania, is intended to provide readers with a high-level overview of the nature of crime in Pennsylvania. This summary highlights statewide statistics and topics of interest. Detailed statistics and analysis are contained in the complete 2004 Annual Uniform Crime Report, Crime in Pennsylvania, which is available for review on-line through the Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting System at <http://ucr.psp.state.pa.us>.

During 2004, the Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program received data for 1,056 jurisdictions. Contributions to the Program may range from the submission of data for one month to the submission of data for the entire year. Contributing jurisdictions and the corresponding number of submissions are identified in the complete report.

Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies are not required to submit data to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program; however, on November 29, 2004, Governor Edward G Rendell signed into law Senate Bill 668. This law, effective June 1, 2005, mandates reporting for all state, county, and local law enforcement agencies within the Commonwealth. Individual agencies may have submitted data for multiple jurisdictions. Information contained in this summary and the complete report is based on actual data submitted as of the date of compilation. Analysis is based on data that may have been updated after release of proceeding years' reports.

SUMMARY OF CRIME IN PENNSYLVANIA

There were 951,993 actual crimes of all types reported to the UCR Program by Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies. This represents a rate of 7,673.5 crimes per 100,000 population, an increase of 1.2 percent from last year's total of 941,127 actual crimes.

Crime Index offenses are considered to be both most serious and most likely to be reported, and are used nationally as the standard base for comparisons. They include: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Manslaughter by negligence is a Part I offense, but is not considered as part of the Crime Index.

This year 326,961 Crime Index offenses were reported and confirmed by Pennsylvania police after investigation. Actually, 333,973 Crime Index offenses were reported, but 2.1 percent or 7,012 were unfounded following investigation, ranging from 12.2 percent unfounded for rape by force to 1.1 percent unfounded for assault other dangerous weapon. Crime Index offenses increased by .3 percent from last year's total of 325,891. The Crime Index rate this year was 2,635.4.

In addition, 625,008 Part II offenses were reported with a rate of 5,037.8 per 100,000 population. This is an increase of 1.6 percent from the 615,219 Part II offenses reported last year. Part II offenses include: other assaults, forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property, vandalism, weapons, prostitution, other sex offenses, drug abuse violations, gambling, offenses against the family, driving under the influence, liquor law violation, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, and all other offenses.

This year 48.1 percent of all offenses were cleared; 27.4 percent of the Crime Index offenses and 59.0 percent of all Part II offenses.

Crime Reported to Police						
Offense Category	Offenses	Percent Distribution	Rate per 100,000 Population	Percent Change From 2003	Clearances	Percent Cleared
Part I Offenses	326,985	34.3	2,635.6	.3	89,542	27.4
Part II Offenses	625,008	65.7	5,037.8	1.6	368,698	59.0
Statewide Total	951,993	100.0	7,673.5	1.2	458,240	48.1
**Crime Index Offenses	326,961	34.3	2,635.4	.3	89,514	27.4

Crimes Reported by Population Grouping

Population Group	Estimated Population 2004	Crime Index Offenses	Rate per 100,000 Population	Percent Distribution	Part II Offenses	Rate per 100,000 Population	Percent Distribution
MSA Core Cities	2,641,717	140,100	5,303.4	42.8	216,992	8,214.1	34.7
MSA Suburban	7,869,198	153,287	1,947.9	46.9	329,561	4,188.0	52.7
MSA Total	10,510,915	293,387	2,791.3	89.7	546,553	5,199.9	87.4
Non-MSA	858,294	16,285	1,897.4	5.0	43,260	5,040.2	6.9
Rural/State Police	1,037,083	17,289	1,667.1	5.3	35,195	3,393.7	5.6
Non-MSA and Rural Total	1,895,377	33,574	1,771.4	10.3	78,455	4,139.3	12.6
Statewide Total	12,406,292	326,961	2,635.4	100.0	625,008	5,037.8	100.0

A Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is composed of an entire county or group of counties with at least one core city, with the whole area meeting criteria of certain metropolitan characteristics established by the United States Bureau of the Census. It should be noted that the crime rate of core city jurisdictions in MSAs continued to be much higher than the suburban jurisdictions. The volume of offenses was higher in suburban jurisdictions than the core jurisdictions and was also the highest among all population groups. No attempt is made throughout this report to correct for the influx of seasonal, temporary residents, and tourists during the year. Crime rates are based upon the permanent population.

Arrests

Arrests are primarily a measure of success in police investigation in relation to the criminal offenses taking place within a community. Arrest practices, policies, and enforcement emphasis will vary from place to place and from time to time within a community. Arrests do, however, provide a useful indicator as to the age, sex, and race of persons involved in criminal acts, especially for crimes that have high solution rates.

A total of 465,148 arrests were made in Pennsylvania, a 2.7 percent increase from last year. As indicated in the following table, Part II offense arrests totaled 384,891 or 82.7 percent of all arrests, a 2.7 percent increase from last year. Part I offense arrests numbered 80,257 or 17.3 percent of all arrests, increasing by 2.8 percent.

Arrests by Offense Category

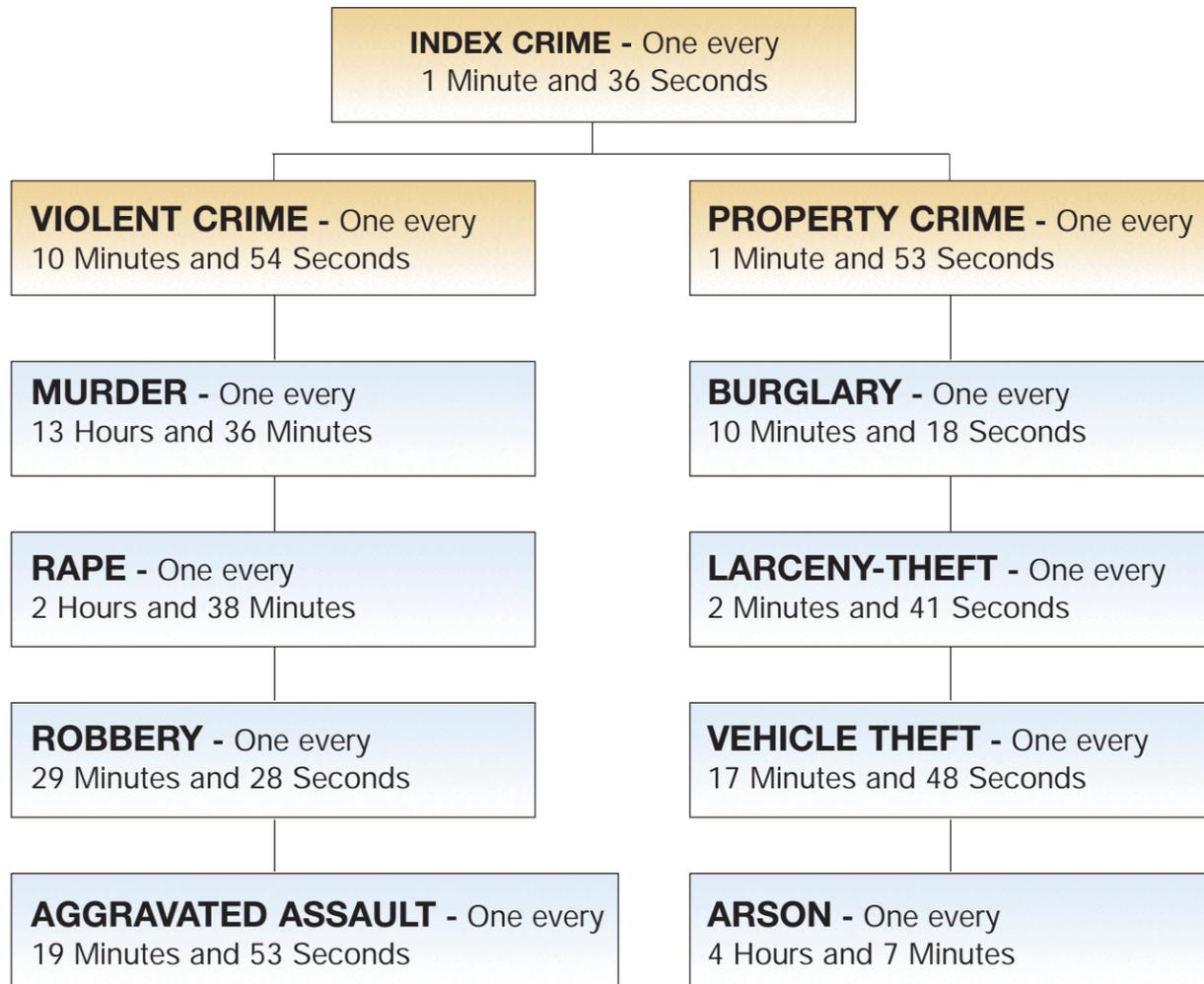
Offense Category	Arrests	Percent Distribution	Rate per 100,000 Population	Percent Change From 2003
Part I Offenses	80,257	17.3	646.9	2.8
Part II Offenses	384,891	82.7	3,102.4	2.7
Statewide Total	465,148	100.0	3,749.3	2.7
**Crime Index Offenses	80,217	17.2	646.6	2.8

Analysis revealed that 76.5 percent or 355,828 arrestees were male; 23.5 percent or 109,320 were female; 70.9 percent or 330,015 were White; 28.4 percent or 132,197 were Black; and .6 percent or 2,936 were Other Races; 23.4 percent or 108,653 of the arrestees were under 18 years old; and 53.8 percent or 250,024 of the arrestees were under 25 years old. Arrests of males increased by 2.3 percent and arrests of Whites increased by 1.5 percent, while arrests of juveniles decreased by 1.2 percent.

Juvenile arrestees were disposed of as follows: 31.7 percent or 34,422 were handled within the police department and released; 35.0 percent or 37,981 were referred to juvenile court or juvenile probation department; .2 percent or 228 were referred to welfare agencies; .2 percent or 256 were referred to other police agencies; and 32.9 percent or 35,766 were referred to criminal or adult court, usually the district magistrate for specified petty crimes such as underage drinking and shoplifting.

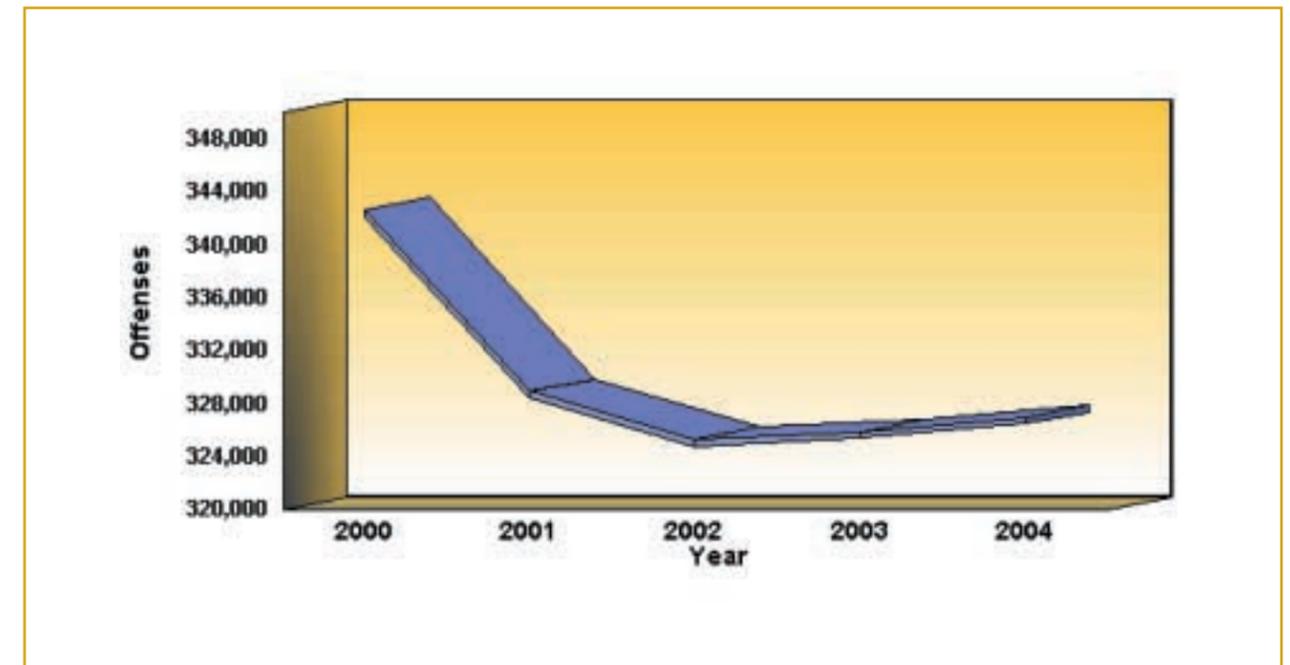
Adults arrested and counted for UCR purposes in Pennsylvania are those who are formally charged with a crime. Crime suspects who are questioned and released are not counted as arrested. Juveniles are counted as arrested when circumstances are such that if they were adults an arrest would be tallied.

FREQUENCY OF CRIME



NOTE: This information is not intended to suggest Crime Index offenses occur at regular intervals, but represents an average rate of occurrence.

CRIME INDEX OFFENSES



Definition: Crime Index offenses are crimes that are considered by law enforcement to be the most serious crimes that readily come to the attention of police and occur with a frequency great enough to be reported as a separate classification. Crime Index offenses are used nationally as a basis for comparison of criminal activity.

Crime Index Offenses	2000	2001	2000	2003	2004
Number Of Offenses	342,611	328,909	325,314	325,891	326,961
Percent Change from Previous	.0	-4.0	-1.1	.2	.3
Percent Change from Base	.0	-4.0	-5.0	-4.9	-4.6

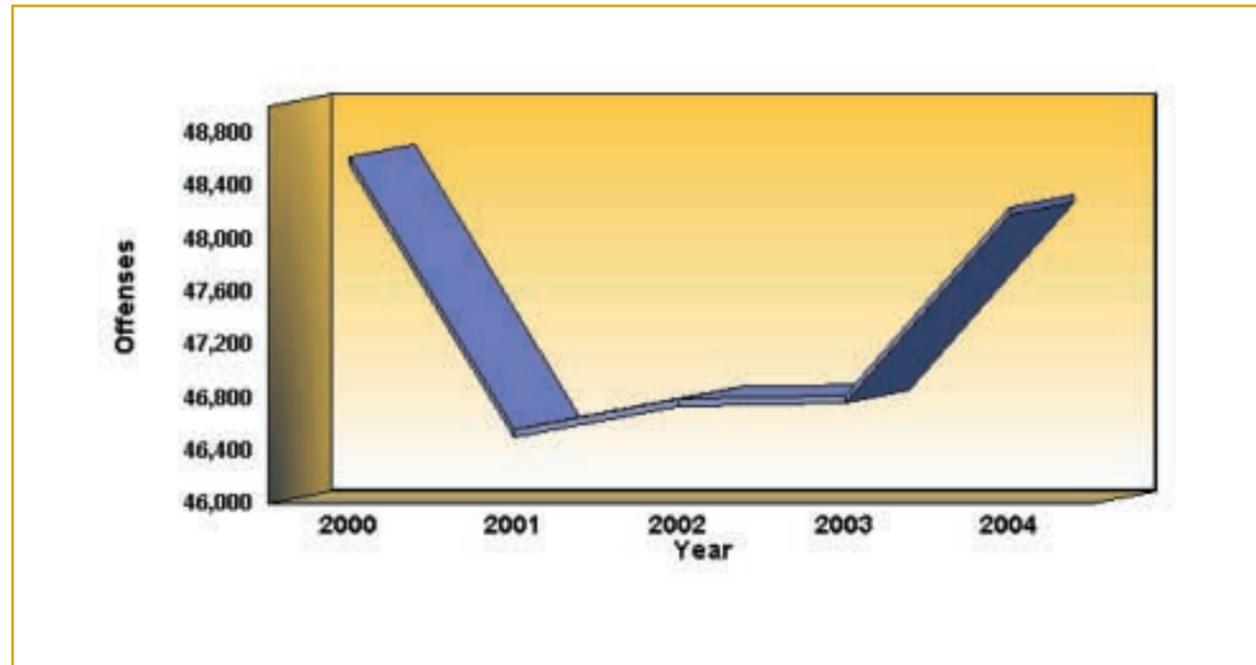
Summary

There were 326,961 Crime Index offenses reported to Pennsylvania police departments this year, an average of 896 each day, or one every 1 minute and 36 seconds. This is a .3 percent increase from the 325,891 Crime Index offenses reported last year. The Crime Index rate was 2,635.4.

Arrests

There were 80,217 arrests this year for Crime Index offenses. This is a 2.8 percent increase from the 78,030 arrests last year. Persons arrested for Crime Index offenses were predominantly male (74.6 percent), White (63.3 percent), and under 25 years of age (54.9 percent).

VIOLENT CRIME



Definition: The Crime Index offenses of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault comprise the general category of Violent Crime.

Violent Crime Offenses	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Number Of Offenses	48,616	46,554	46,788	46,809	48,230
Percent Change from Previous	.0	-4.2	.5	.0	3.0
Percent Change from Base	.0	-4.2	-3.8	-3.7	-.8

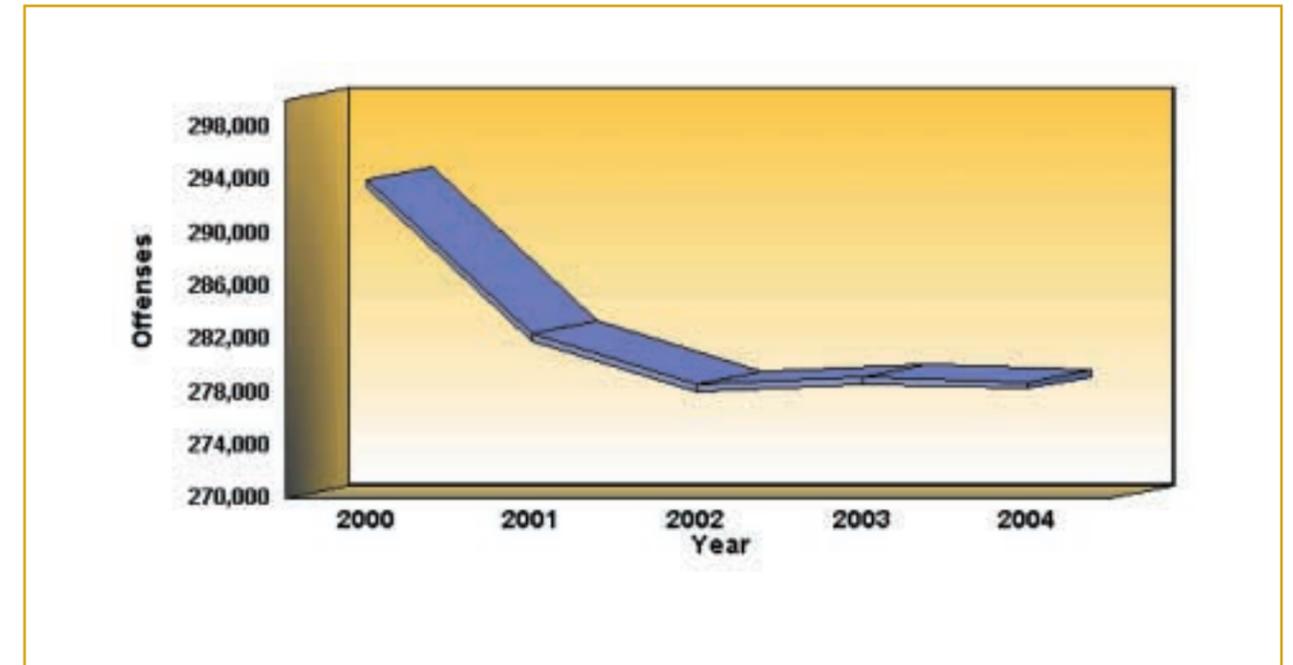
Summary

There were 48,230 Violent Crime offenses reported to Pennsylvania police departments this year, an average of 132 each day, or one every 10 minutes and 54 seconds. This is a 3.0 percent increase from the 46,809 Violent Crime offenses reported last year. The Violent Crime rate was 388.8.

Arrests

There were 24,438 arrests this year for Violent Crime offenses. This is a 4.1 percent increase from the 23,470 arrests last year. Persons arrested for Violent Crime offenses were predominantly male (81.4 percent), Black (51.1 percent), and under 25 years of age (50.7 percent).

PROPERTY CRIME



Definition: The Crime Index categories of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson comprise the general category of Property Crime.

Property Crime Offenses	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Number Of Offenses	293,995	282,355	278,526	279,082	278,731
Percent Change from Previous	.0	-4.0	-1.4	.2	-.1
Percent Change from Base	.0	-4.0	-5.3	-5.1	-5.2

Summary

There were 278,731 Property Crime offenses reported to Pennsylvania police departments this year, an average of 764 each day, or one every 1 minute and 53 seconds. This is a .1 percent decrease from the 279,082 Property Crime offenses reported last year. The Property Crime rate was 2,246.7.

Arrests

There were 55,779 arrests this year for Property Crime offenses. This is a 2.2 percent increase from the 54,560 arrests last year. Persons arrested for Property Crime offenses were predominantly male (71.6 percent), White (69.9 percent), and under 25 years of age (56.8 percent).

ETHNIC INTIMIDATION AND HATE CRIME

Ethnic intimidation is defined by 18 Pa.C.S., Subsection 2710, as any crime against the person or an arson, criminal mischief, and other property destruction (except institutional vandalism), criminal trespass or harassment by communication or address that is committed “. . . with malicious intention toward the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity of another individual or group of individuals. . . .”

Summary

This year a total of 150 persons were the victims of 136 hate crime incidents. Multiple victims and/or offenses may be reported within a single incident. The following tables depict hate crime data by victim and bias motivation.

Victim Data			
	Victims	Number of Victims	Percent
RACE	Black	66	44.0
	Unknown	4	2.7
	White	80	53.3
Total RACE		150	100.0
ETHNICITY	Hispanic	6	4.0
	Not of Hispanic Origin	134	89.3
	Unknown	10	6.7
Total ETHNICITY		150	100.0
SEX	Female	61	40.7
	Male	85	56.7
	Unknown	4	2.7
Total SEX		150	100.0

Bias Motivation Data			
Code	Bias Motivation	Number of Incidents	Percent
11	Anti-White	17	12.5
12	Anti-Black	65	47.8
14	Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	1	.7
15	Anti-Multiple Races, Group	7	5.1
21	Anti-Jewish	14	10.3
24	Anti-Islamic (Muslim)	1	.7
26	Anti-Multiple Religions, Group	1	.7
32	Anti-Hispanic	3	2.2
33	Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin	2	1.5
41	Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)	15	11.0
42	Anti-Female Homosexual (Lesbian)	3	2.2
43	Anti-Homosexual (Gay and Lesbian)	7	5.1
TOTAL		136	100.0

DEATHS OF AND ASSAULTS ON PENNSYLVANIA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Assaults on Officers	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Number Of Offenses	3,252	2,926	2,605	2,559	2,865
Percent Change from Previous	.0	-10.0	-11.0	-1.8	12.0
Percent Change from Base	.0	-10.0	-19.9	-21.3	-11.9

Summary

This year 7 law enforcement officers were killed while performing their official duties. Over the 5-year period from 2000 to 2004, a total of 17 officers were killed while performing their official duties.

There were 2,865 assaults on police officers this year, representing a 12.0 percent increase from the 2,559 assaults reported last year. The assault rate per 100 officers increased to 11.6 from 10.0 last year.

Pittsburgh experienced the highest assault rate (31.0). Statewide, 7 of the population groups had higher rates than last year.