

Summary

There were 29,335 full-time law enforcement employees in Pennsylvania this year, including the State Police. This is a decrease of 3.3 percent from last year.

The number of full-time police officers decreased by 3.4 percent. The number of civilian employees decreased by 2.8 percent.

Full-time police officers made up 84.0 percent of police departments and civilian employees accounted for 16.0 percent. There were 2.36 full-time employees, 1.99 officers, and .38 civilians per 1,000 population.

This year the 780 police jurisdictions contributing employee data (State total less Pennsylvania State Police and Pennsylvania Bureau of Narcotics Investigation and Drug Control) accounted for 21,267 full-time law enforcement employees, or 72.5 percent of the State total. Of these, 87.5 percent or 18,609 were full-time officers and 12.5 percent or 2,658 were civilians.

This year 60.1 percent of the police departments contributing employee data to the Pennsylvania UCR Program (469 out of 780) employed more than 5 full-time officers; 86.9 percent (678) employed 25 or fewer full-time officers; and .6 percent (5) employed more than 200 full-time officers.