

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 2,122 arson offenses reported to Pennsylvania police departments this year, an average of 6 each day, or one every 4 hours and 7 minutes. This is a decrease of 8.7 percent from the 2,325 offenses reported last year. Arson comprised .6 percent of the Crime Index and .8 percent of the Property Crime Index. The arson rate was 17.1.

This year 27.4 percent or 581 arsons were cleared, compared to 25.4 percent or 591 clearances last year. This is an increase in percentage cleared and a decrease in the number of clearances from last year.