

Distribution By Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

Table 4 of Appendix A summarizes the 15 MSAs in Pennsylvania and includes Pike County, which is part of the New York City, New York MSA. A total of 33 counties are involved. Counties in New Jersey which are part of the Philadelphia MSA are not included in this report.

Highest Crime Index rates were produced by the Philadelphia MSA (3,408.8) and Reading MSA (2,987.0). The lowest Crime Index rate occurred in the Erie MSA (1,733.6).

Generally, Crime Index rates shown by core cities of the MSAs are higher than rates in their suburbs. Listed below, are the core cities with the highest rates and their corresponding suburban rates:

READING CITY	7,511.2	Suburban Rate:	1,870.6
YORK CITY	6,822.4	Suburban Rate:	2,255.1
HARRISBURG CITY	6,600.3	Suburban Rate:	2,021.0

This year 6 MSAs showed decreases and 9 MSAs showed increases in Crime Index offenses. Altoona MSA showed the largest increase, 11.3 percent, from 2,882 offenses last year to 3,208. Erie MSA showed the largest decrease, 8.8 percent, from 7,169 offenses last year to 6,538.

Pennsylvania MSA Crime Index offenses increased by .4 percent. MSA core city jurisdictions increased by .6 percent; MSA suburban jurisdictions increased by .2 percent; rural jurisdictions increased by 1.8 percent; and non-MSA jurisdictions increased by 9.0 percent.