

## **Summary**

Information contained in this chapter is derived from Supplemental Homicide Reports. Variations may occur between this chapter and the remainder of the report due to reporting adjustments made by contributing agencies.

There were 749 murder offenses reported to Pennsylvania police departments this year, an average of 2 each day, or one every 11 hours and 41 minutes. This is an increase of 15.8 percent from the 647 offenses reported last year. Murder comprised .2 percent of the Crime Index and 1.5 percent of the Violent Crime Index. The murder rate was 6.0.

The statistics for homicide published in this chapter represent the true number of homicides reported to the Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting System during 2005. The homicide of a police officer, killed in the line of duty, while in another jurisdiction, required reporting in both jurisdictions by FBI regulations. This resulted in the over reporting of one homicide in some sections of the annual report.