

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 2,423 arson offenses reported to Pennsylvania police departments this year, an average of 7 each day, or one every 3 hours and 36 minutes. This is an increase of 13.3 percent from the 2,139 offenses reported last year. Arson comprised .7 percent of the Crime Index and .9 percent of the Property Crime Index. The arson rate was 19.5.

This year 26.2 percent or 635 arsons were cleared, compared to 27.5 percent or 588 clearances last year. This is a decrease in percentage cleared and an increase in the number of clearances from last year.