

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY CRIME IN PENNSYLVANIA

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### ANNUAL UNIFORM CRIME REPORT



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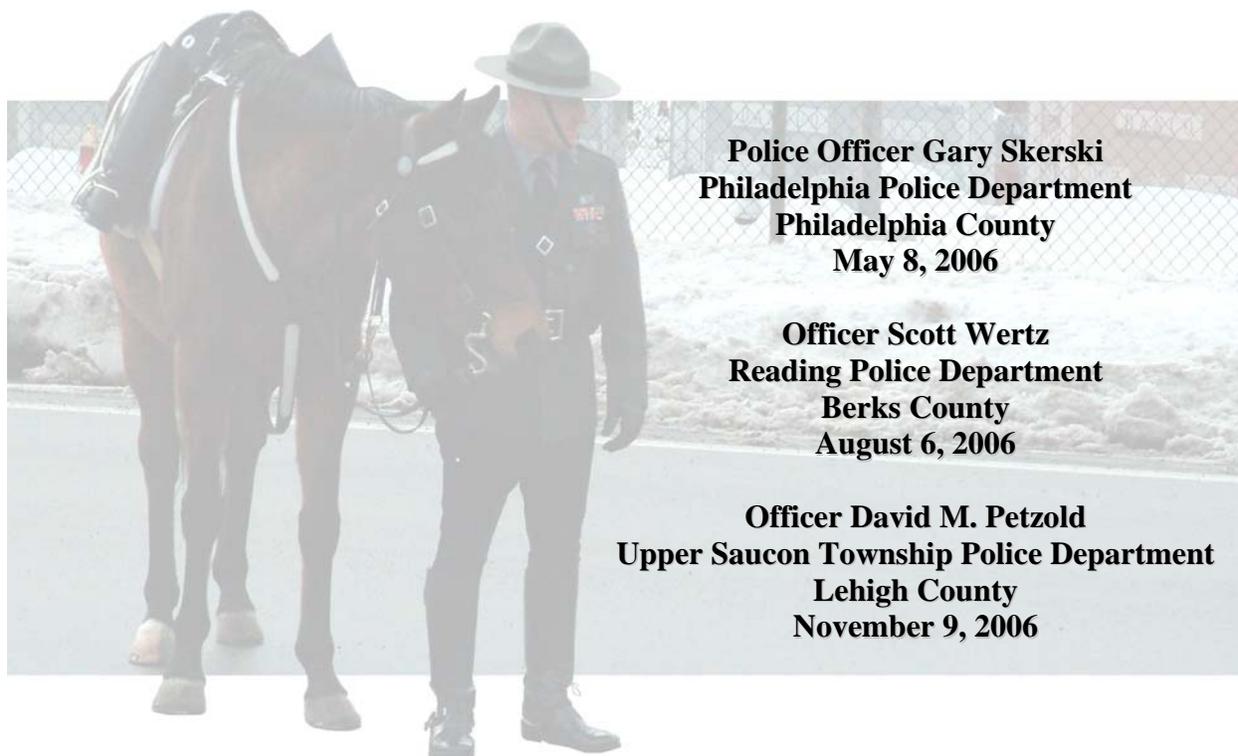
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## DEDICATION

This report is dedicated to all law enforcement officers, and in particular to the police officers who lost their lives in the performance of duty while endeavoring to uphold the laws of this Commonwealth. The following officers gave their lives to this cause in 2006 on the dates specified.



**Police Officer Gary Skerski**  
**Philadelphia Police Department**  
**Philadelphia County**  
**May 8, 2006**

**Officer Scott Wertz**  
**Reading Police Department**  
**Berks County**  
**August 6, 2006**

**Officer David M. Petzold**  
**Upper Saucon Township Police Department**  
**Lehigh County**  
**November 9, 2006**

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## INTRODUCTION

This Executive Summary of the 2006 Annual Uniform Crime Report, Crime in Pennsylvania, is intended to provide readers with a high-level overview of the nature of crime in Pennsylvania. This summary highlights statewide statistics and topics of interest. Detailed statistics and analysis are contained in the complete 2006 Annual Uniform Crime Report, Crime in Pennsylvania, which is available for review on-line through the Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting System (PAUCRS) at <http://ucr.psp.state.pa.us>.

During 2006, the Pennsylvania UCR Program received data for 1,165 jurisdictions. Contributions to the Program may range from the submission of data for one month to the submission of data for the entire year. Individual agencies may have submitted data for multiple jurisdictions. Contributing jurisdictions and the corresponding number of submissions are identified in the complete report.

Prior to June 1, 2005, reporting of UCR data by Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies was not mandatory. On November 29, 2004, Governor Edward G. Rendell signed Act 180 into law, which mandated UCR reporting for all state, county, and local law enforcement agencies within the Commonwealth.

Information contained in this complete report is based on actual data submitted as of the date of compilation. Analysis is based on data that may have been updated after release of proceeding years' reports.

## SUMMARY OF CRIME IN PENNSYLVANIA

There were 984,187 actual crimes of all types reported to the UCR Program by Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies. This represents a rate of 7,911.1 crimes per 100,000 population, an increase of 2.1 percent from last year's total of 963,657 actual crimes.

Crime Index offenses are considered to be both most serious and most likely to be reported, and are used nationally as the standard base for comparisons. They include: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Manslaughter by negligence is a Part I offense, but is not considered as part of the Crime Index.

This year 339,237 Crime Index offenses were reported and confirmed by Pennsylvania police after investigation. Actually, 346,660 Crime Index offenses were reported, but 2.1 percent or 7,423 were unfounded following investigation, ranging from 11.4 percent unfounded for rape by force to .7 percent unfounded for robbery knife or cutting instrument. Crime Index offenses increased by 1.4 percent from last year's total of 334,596. The Crime Index rate this year was 2,726.8.

In addition, 644,926 Part II offenses were reported with a rate of 5,184.0 per 100,000 population. This is an increase of 2.5 percent from the 629,044 Part II offenses reported last year. Part II offenses include: other assaults, forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property, vandalism, weapons, prostitution, other sex offenses, drug abuse violations, gambling, offenses against the family, driving under the influence, liquor law violation, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, and all other offenses.

This year 48.2 percent of all offenses were cleared; 27.6 percent of the Crime Index offenses and 59.0 percent of all Part II offenses.

### CRIMES REPORTED TO POLICE

<u>Offense Category</u>	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Percent Distribution</u>	<u>Rate per 100,000 Population</u>	<u>Percent Change From 2005</u>	<u>Clearances</u>	<u>Percent Cleared</u>
Part I Offenses	339,261	34.5	2,727.0	1.4	93,561	27.6
Part II Offenses	644,926	65.5	5,184.0	2.5	380,470	59.0
Statewide Total	984,187	100.0	7,911.1	2.1	474,031	48.2
**Crime Index Offenses	339,237	34.5	2,726.8	1.4	93,531	27.6

## CRIMES REPORTED BY POPULATION GROUPING

<u>Population Group</u>	<u>Estimated Population 2006</u>	<u>Crime Index Offenses</u>	<u>Rate per 100,000 Population</u>	<u>Percent Distribution</u>	<u>Part II Offenses</u>	<u>Rate per 100,000 Population</u>	<u>Percent Distribution</u>
MSA Core Cities	2,553,821	143,851	5,632.8	42.4	215,415	8,435.0	33.4
MSA Suburban	7,929,335	158,791	2,002.6	46.8	341,468	4,306.4	52.9
MSA Total	10,483,156	302,642	2,886.9	89.2	556,883	5,312.2	86.3
Non-MSA	933,320	19,216	2,058.9	5.7	52,152	5,587.8	8.1
Rural/State Police	1,024,145	17,379	1,696.9	5.1	35,891	3,504.5	5.6
Non-MSA and Rural Total	1,957,465	36,595	1,869.5	10.8	88,043	4,497.8	13.7
Statewide Total	12,440,621	339,237	2,726.8	100.0	644,926	5,184.0	100.0

**A** Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is composed of an entire county or group of counties with at least one core city, with the whole area meeting criteria of certain metropolitan characteristics established by the United States Bureau of the Census. It should be noted that the crime rate of core city jurisdictions in MSAs continued to be much higher than the suburban jurisdictions. The volume of offenses was higher in suburban jurisdictions than the core jurisdictions and was also the highest among all population groups. No attempt is made throughout this report to correct for the influx of seasonal, temporary residents, and tourists during the year. Crime rates are based upon the permanent population.

### Arrests

Arrests are primarily a measure of success in police investigation in relation to the criminal offenses taking place within a community. Arrest practices, policies, and enforcement emphasis will vary from place to place and from time to time within a community. Arrests do, however, provide a useful indicator as to the age, sex, and race of persons involved in criminal acts, especially for crimes that have high solution rates.

A total of 481,552 arrests were made in Pennsylvania, a 2.3 percent increase from last year. As indicated in the following table, Part II offense arrests totaled 400,338 or 83.1 percent of all arrests, a 2.8 percent increase from last year. Part I offense arrests numbered 81,214 or 16.9 percent of all arrests, decreasing by .4 percent.

### Arrests by Offense Category

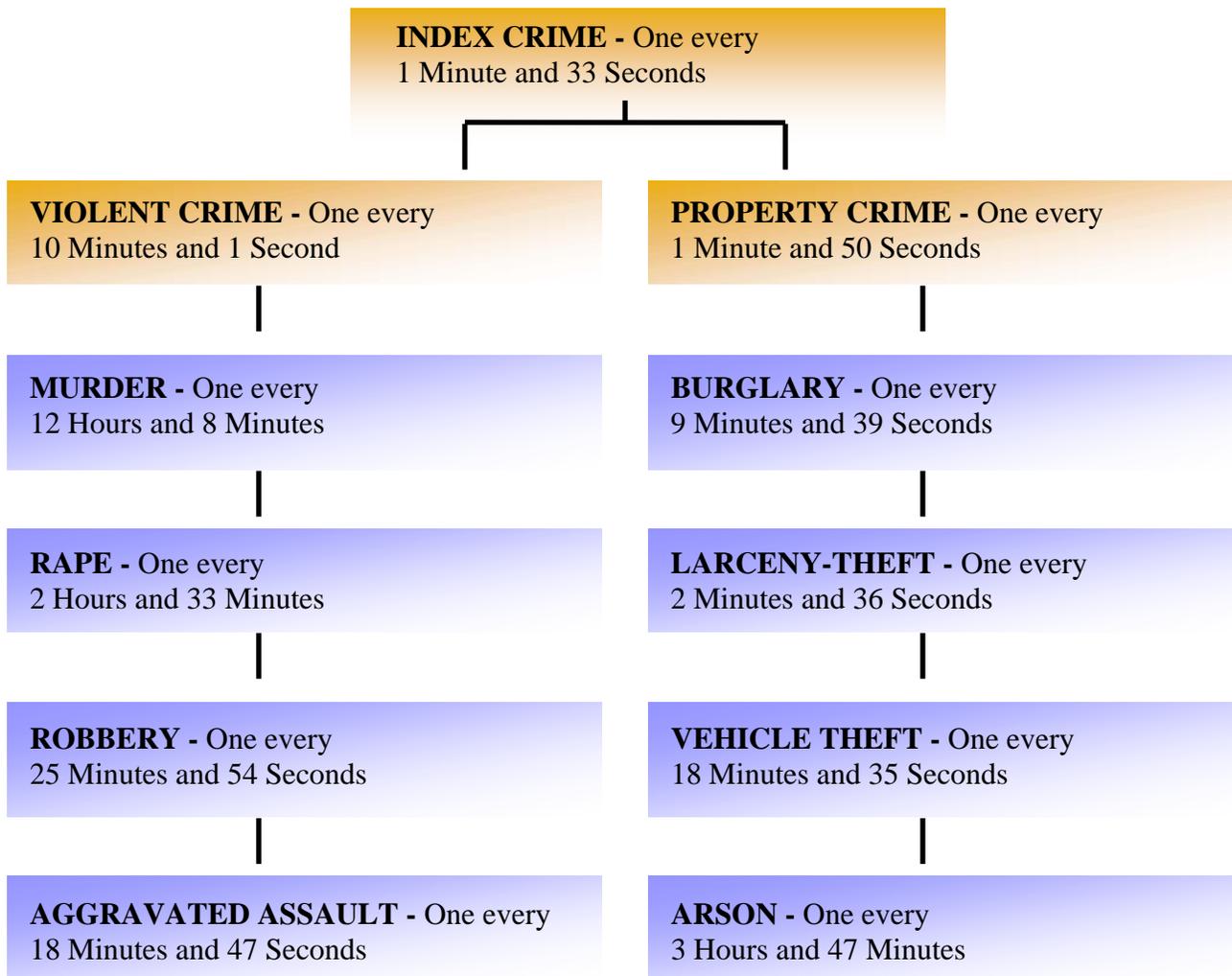
<u>Offense Category</u>	<u>Arrests</u>	<u>Percent Distribution</u>	<u>Rate per 100,000 Population</u>	<u>Percent Change From 2005</u>
Part I Offenses	81,214	16.9	652.8	-.4
Part II Offenses	400,338	83.1	3,218.0	2.8
Statewide Total	481,552	100.0	3,870.8	2.3
**Crime Index Offenses	81,178	16.9	652.5	-.4

**A**nalysis revealed that 76.1 percent or 366,344 arrestees were male; 23.9 percent or 115,208 were female; 69.7 percent or 335,650 were White; 29.7 percent or 142,890 were Black; and .6 percent or 2,995 were Other Races; 23.1 percent or 111,315 of the arrestees were under 18 years old; and 53.4 percent or 257,229 of the arrestees were under 25 years old. Arrests of males increased by 2.2 percent and arrests of Whites increased by 1.0 percent, while arrests of juveniles increased by 3.3 percent.

Juvenile arrestees were disposed of as follows: 33.6 percent or 37,363 were handled within the police department and released; 33.1 percent or 36,848 were referred to juvenile court or juvenile probation department; .2 percent or 244 were referred to welfare agencies; .5 percent or 582 were referred to other police agencies; and 32.6 percent or 36,278 were referred to criminal or adult court, usually the district magistrate for specified petty crimes such as underage drinking and shoplifting.

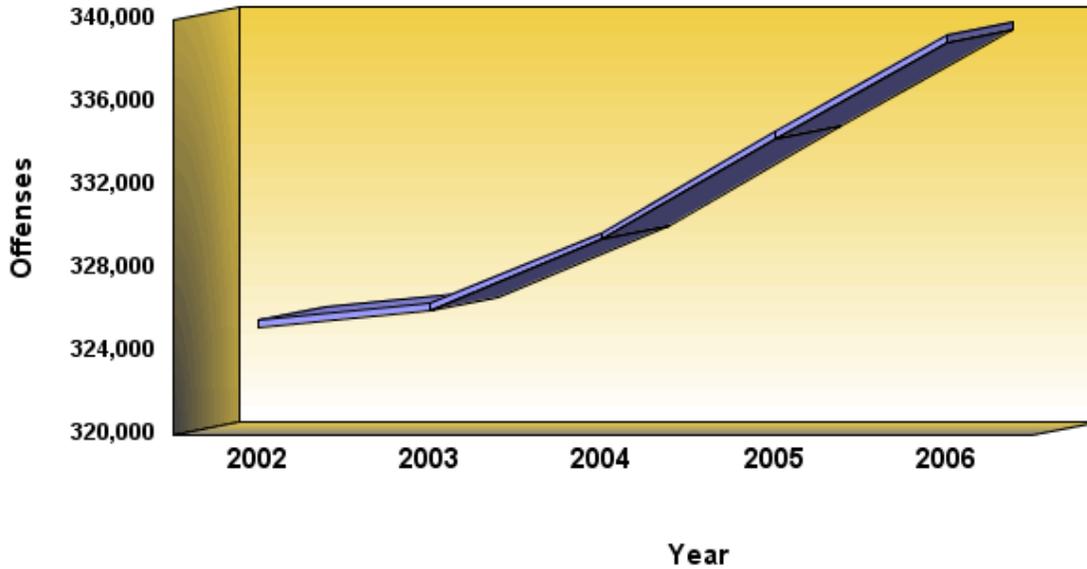
Adults arrested and counted for UCR purposes in Pennsylvania are those who are formally charged with a crime. Crime suspects who are questioned and released are not counted as arrested. Juveniles are counted as arrested when circumstances are such that if they were adults an arrest would be tallied.

## FREQUENCY OF CRIME



NOTE: This information is not intended to suggest Crime Index offenses occur at regular intervals, but represents an average rate of occurrence.

## CRIME INDEX OFFENSES



**Definition:** Crime Index offenses are crimes that are considered by law enforcement to be the most serious crimes that readily come to the attention of police and occur with a frequency great enough to be reported as a separate classification. Crime Index offenses are used nationally as a basis for comparison of criminal activity.

<u>Crime Index Offenses</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Number Of Offenses	325,538	326,362	329,747	334,596	339,237
Percent Change from Previous	.0	.3	1.0	1.5	1.4
Percent Change from Base	.0	.3	1.3	2.8	4.2

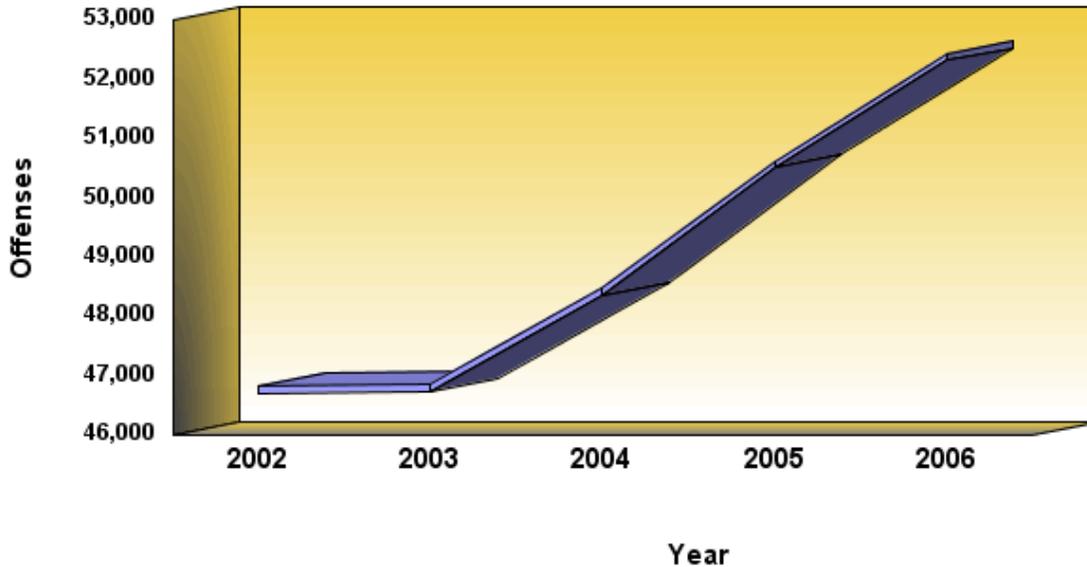
### Summary

There were 339,237 Crime Index offenses reported to Pennsylvania police departments this year, an average of 929 each day, or one every 1 minute and 33 seconds. This is a 1.4 percent increase from the 334,596 Crime Index offenses reported last year. The Crime Index rate was 2,726.8.

### Arrests

There were 81,178 arrests this year for Crime Index offenses. This is a .4 percent decrease from the 81,480 arrests last year. Persons arrested for Crime Index offenses were predominantly male (74.3 percent), White (62.8 percent), and under 25 years of age (52.8 percent).

## VIOLENT CRIME



**Definition:** The Crime Index offenses of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault comprise the general category of Violent Crime.

<u>Violent Crime Offenses</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Number Of Offenses	46,813	46,851	48,461	50,621	52,432
Percent Change from Previous	.0	.1	3.4	4.5	3.6
Percent Change from Base	.0	.1	3.5	8.1	12.0

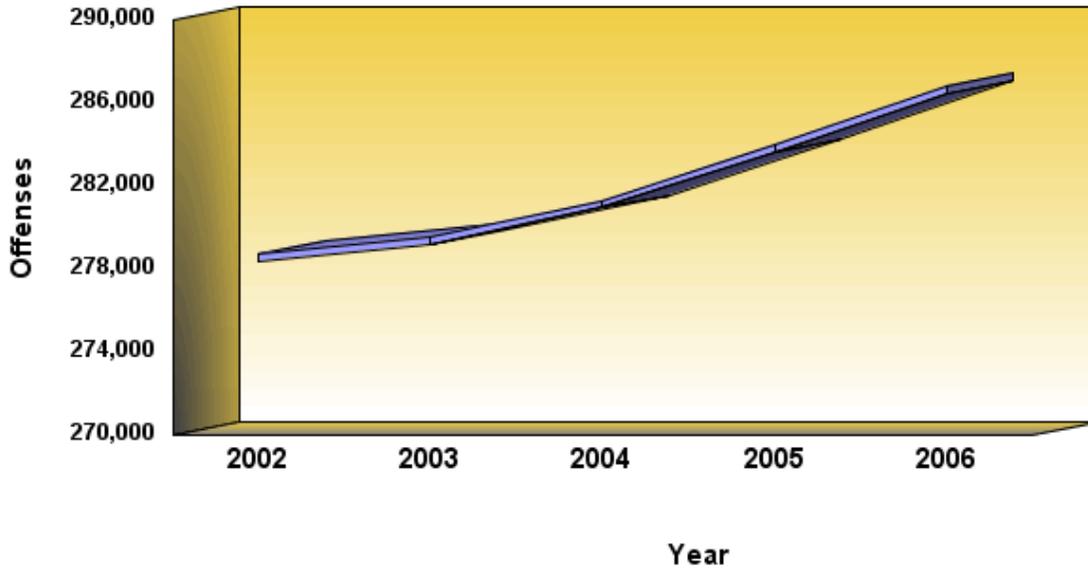
### Summary

There were 52,432 Violent Crime offenses reported to Pennsylvania police departments this year, an average of 144 each day, or one every 10 minutes and 1 second. This is a 3.6 percent increase from the 50,621 Violent Crime offenses reported last year. The Violent Crime rate was 421.5.

### Arrests

There were 26,050 arrests this year for Violent Crime offenses. This is a 3.0 percent increase from the 25,293 arrests last year. Persons arrested for Violent Crime offenses were predominantly male (81.2 percent), Black (52.0 percent), and under 25 years of age (51.3 percent).

## PROPERTY CRIME



**Definition:** The Crime Index categories of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson comprise the general category of Property Crime.

<u>Property Crime Offenses</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Number Of Offenses	278,725	279,511	281,286	283,975	286,805
Percent Change from Previous	.0	.3	.6	1.0	1.0
Percent Change from Base	.0	.3	.9	1.9	2.9

### Summary

There were 286,805 Property Crime offenses reported to Pennsylvania police departments this year, an average of 786 each day, or one every 1 minute and 50 seconds. This is a 1.0 percent increase from the 283,975 Property Crime offenses reported last year. The Property Crime rate was 2,305.4.

### Arrests

There were 55,128 arrests this year for Property Crime offenses. This is a 1.9 percent decrease from the 56,187 arrests last year. Persons arrested for Property Crime offenses were predominantly male (71.1 percent), White (70.1 percent), and under 25 years of age (53.5 percent).

## ETHNIC INTIMIDATION AND HATE CRIME

**E**thnic intimidation is defined by Title 18 Pa. C.S. Subsection 2710, as any crime against the person or an arson, criminal mischief, and other property destruction (except institutional vandalism), criminal trespass or harassment by communication or address that is committed “. . . with malicious intent toward the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity of another individual or group of individuals. . . .”

### Summary

This year a total of 129 persons were the victims of 128 hate crime incidents. Multiple victims and/or offenses may be reported within a single incident. The following tables depict hate crime data by victim and bias motivation.

#### VICTIM DATA

	<u>Victims</u>	Number of	
		<u>Victims</u>	<u>Percent</u>
<b>RACE</b>	Asian/Pacific Islander	5	3.9
	Black	45	34.9
	Unknown	20	15.5
	White	59	45.7
<b>Total RACE</b>		<b>129</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>ETHNICITY</b>	Hispanic	6	4.7
	Not of Hispanic Origin	96	74.4
	Unknown	27	20.9
<b>Total ETHNICITY</b>		<b>129</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>SEX</b>	Female	48	37.2
	Male	67	51.9
	Unknown	14	10.9
<b>Total SEX</b>		<b>129</b>	<b>100.0</b>

#### BIAS MOTIVATION DATA

<u>Code</u>	<u>Bias Motivation</u>	Number of	
		<u>Incidents</u>	<u>Percent</u>
11	Anti-White	13	10.2
12	Anti-Black	57	44.5
13	Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	.8
14	Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	4	3.1
15	Anti-Multiple Races, Group	4	3.1
21	Anti-Jewish	16	12.5
24	Anti-Islamic (Muslim)	1	.8
25	Anti-Other Religion	3	2.3
26	Anti-Multiple Religions, Group	1	.8
32	Anti-Hispanic	4	3.1
33	Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin	2	1.6
41	Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)	12	9.4
42	Anti-Female Homosexual (Lesbian)	3	2.3
43	Anti-Homosexual (Gay and Lesbian)	3	2.3
99	Unknown	4	3.1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>128</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## DEATHS OF AND ASSAULTS ON PENNSYLVANIA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

<u>Assaults on Officers</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Number Of Offenses	2,605	2,559	2,867	2,970	3,120
Percent Change from Previous	.0	-1.8	12.0	3.6	5.1
Percent Change from Base	.0	-1.8	10.1	14.0	19.8

### Summary

**T**his year 3 law enforcement officers were killed while performing their official duties. Over the 5-year period from 2002 to 2006, a total of 19 officers were killed while performing their official duties.

There were 3,120 assaults on police officers this year, representing a 5.1 percent increase from the 2,970 assaults reported last year. The assault rate per 100 officers increased to 12.3 from 12.0 last year.

Jurisdictions with populations of 100,000 to 249,999 experienced the highest assault rate (40.9). Statewide, 7 of the population groups had higher rates than last year.



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