

Distribution By Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

Table 4 of Appendix A summarizes the 15 MSAs in Pennsylvania. The highest Part II offense rates were produced by the State College MSA (8,440.8) and Allen-Beth-Easton MSA (5,971.4). The lowest Part II offense rate occurred in the Erie MSA (4,065.4).

Generally, Part II offense 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:

LANCASTER CITY	15,230.4	Suburban Rate:	3,629.4
HARRISBURG CITY	15,054.5	Suburban Rate:	4,566.8
ALLENTOWN CITY	11,030.3	Suburban Rate:	4,761.2

This year 7 MSAs showed decreases and 8 MSAs showed increases in Part II offenses. Youngstown-Warren-Boardman MSA showed the largest increase, 12.6 percent, from 4,711 offenses last year to 5,304. York-Hanover MSA showed the largest decrease, 6.8 percent, from 23,039 offenses last year to 21,478.

Pennsylvania MSA Part II offenses increased by 2.1 percent. MSA core city jurisdictions increased by 1.4 percent; MSA suburban jurisdictions increased by 2.5 percent; rural jurisdictions increased by 3.0 percent; and non-MSA jurisdictions increased by 7.2 percent.