

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 2,312 arson offenses reported to Pennsylvania police departments this year, an average of 6 each day, or one every 3 hours and 47 minutes. This is a decrease of 5.4 percent from the 2,444 offenses reported last year. Arson comprised .7 percent of the Crime Index and .8 percent of the Property Crime Index. The arson rate was 18.6.

This year 24.7 percent or 571 arsons were cleared, compared to 26.4 percent or 644 clearances last year. This is a decrease in percentage cleared and a decrease in the number of clearances from last year.