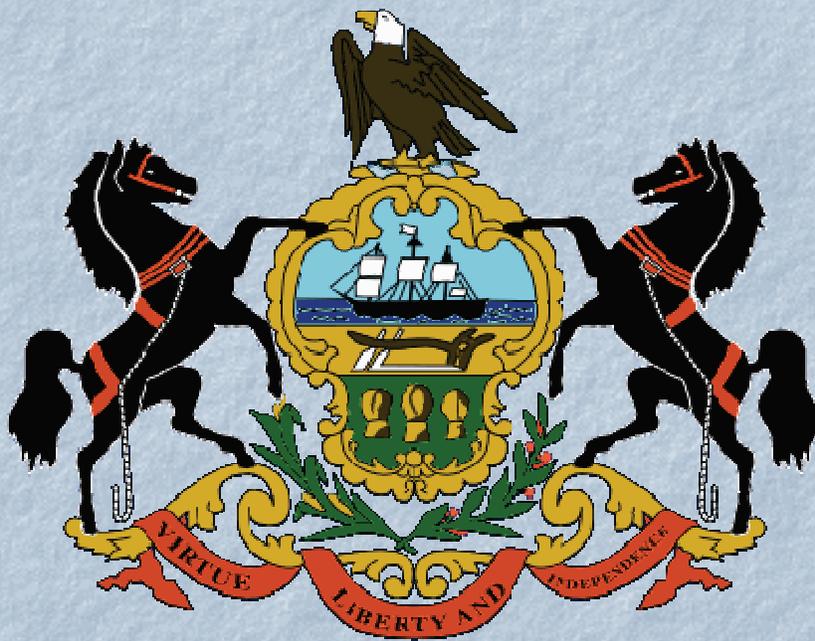


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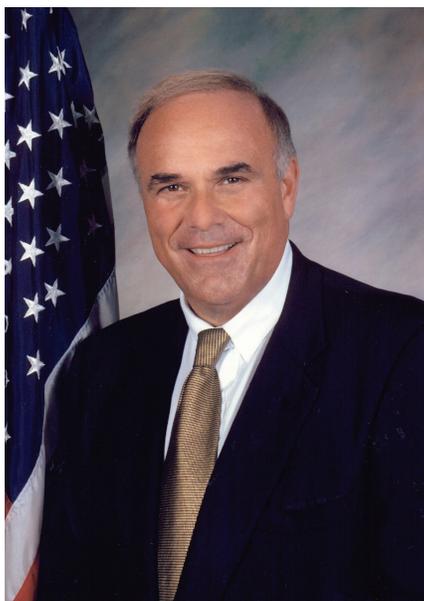
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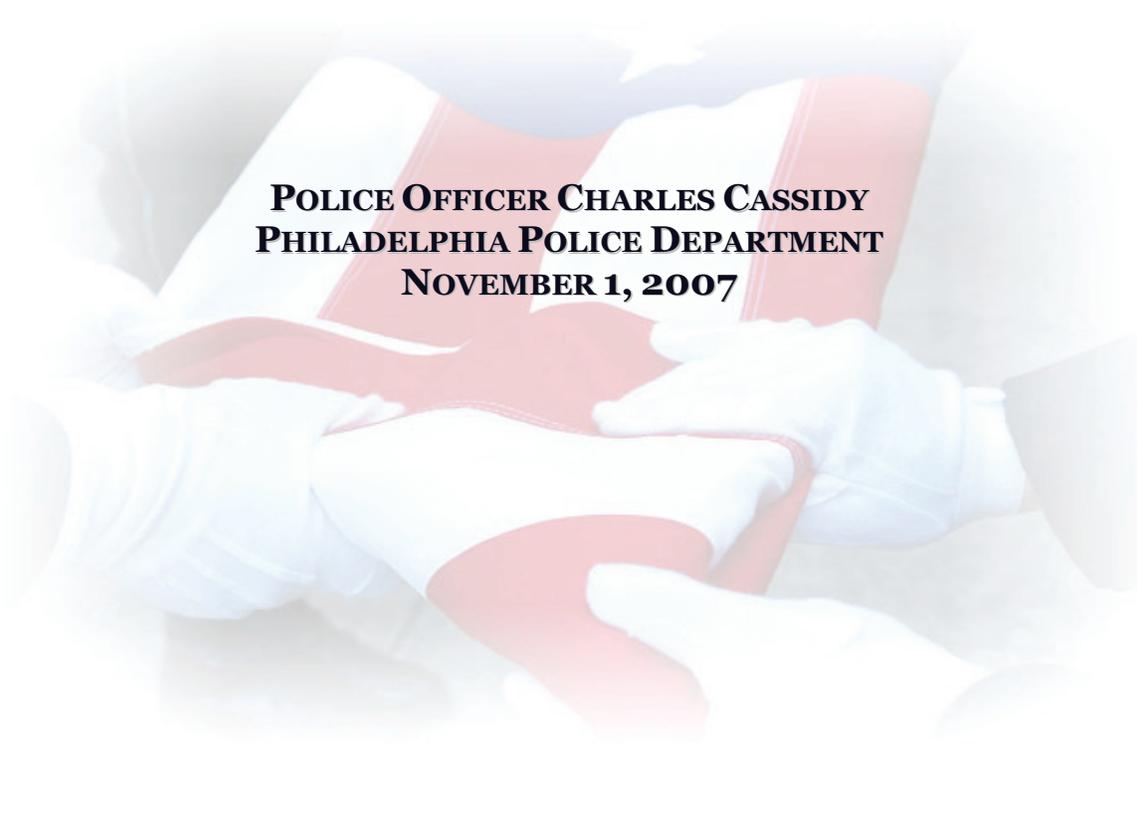
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DEDICATION

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 officer gave his life to this cause in 2007 on the date specified.

A background image showing several pairs of hands in white gloves holding a large, thick book with a red cover. The hands are arranged in a circle, supporting the book from underneath. The image is semi-transparent and serves as a backdrop for the dedication text.

**POLICE OFFICER CHARLES CASSIDY
PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT
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INTRODUCTION

This Executive Summary of the 2007 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 2007 Annual Uniform Crime Report, Crime in Pennsylvania, which is available for review on-line through the Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) System at <http://ucr.psp.state.pa.us>.

During 2007, the Pennsylvania UCR Program received data for 1,600 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 preceding years' reports.

SUMMARY OF CRIME IN PENNSYLVANIA

There were 994,736 actual crimes of all types reported to the UCR Program by Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies. This represents a rate of 8,000.9 crimes per 100,000 population, a decrease of .8 percent from last year's total of 1,002,761 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 337,575 Crime Index offenses were reported and confirmed by Pennsylvania police after investigation. Actually, 345,505 Crime Index offenses were reported, but 2.3 percent or 7,930 were unfounded following investigation, ranging from 12.4 percent unfounded for rape by force to .9 percent unfounded for robbery by firearm. Crime Index offenses decreased by 2.2 percent from last year's total of 345,276. The Crime Index rate this year was 2,715.2.

In addition, 657,124 Part II offenses were reported with a rate of 5,285.4 per 100,000 population. This is a decrease of .1 percent from the 657,459 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 48.8 percent of all offenses were cleared; 28.6 percent of the Crime Index offenses and 59.2 percent of all Part II offenses.

CRIME 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 2006</u>	<u>Clearances</u>	<u>Percent Cleared</u>
Part I Offenses	337,612	33.9	2,715.5	-2.2	96,553	28.6
Part II Offenses	657,124	66.1	5,285.4	-.1	389,083	59.2
Statewide Total	994,736	100.0	8,000.9	-.8	485,636	48.8
**Crime Index Offenses	337,575	33.9	2,715.2	-2.2	96,511	28.6

CRIMES REPORTED BY POPULATION GROUPING

Population Group	Estimated Population 2007	Crime Index Offenses	Rate per 100,000 Population	Percent Distribution	Part II Offenses	Rate per 100,000 Population	Percent Distribution
MSA Core Cities	2,560,743	137,765	5,379.9	40.8	215,917	8,431.8	32.9
MSA Suburban	7,845,558	161,462	2,058.0	47.8	353,657	4,507.7	53.8
MSA Total	10,406,301	299,227	2,875.4	88.6	569,574	5,473.4	86.7
Non-MSA	947,236	20,990	2,215.9	6.2	53,364	5,633.7	8.1
Rural/State Police	1,079,255	17,358	1,608.3	5.1	34,186	3,167.6	5.2
Non-MSA and Rural Total	2,026,491	38,348	1,892.3	11.4	87,550	4,320.3	13.3
Statewide Total	12,432,792	337,575	2,715.2	100.0	657,124	5,285.4	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 488,328 arrests were made in Pennsylvania, a .3 percent decrease from last year. As indicated in the following table, Part II offense arrests totaled 404,920 or 82.9 percent of all arrests, a .6 percent decrease from last year. Part I offense arrests numbered 83,408 or 17.1 percent of all arrests, increasing by 1.2 percent.

ARRESTS BY OFFENSE CATEGORY

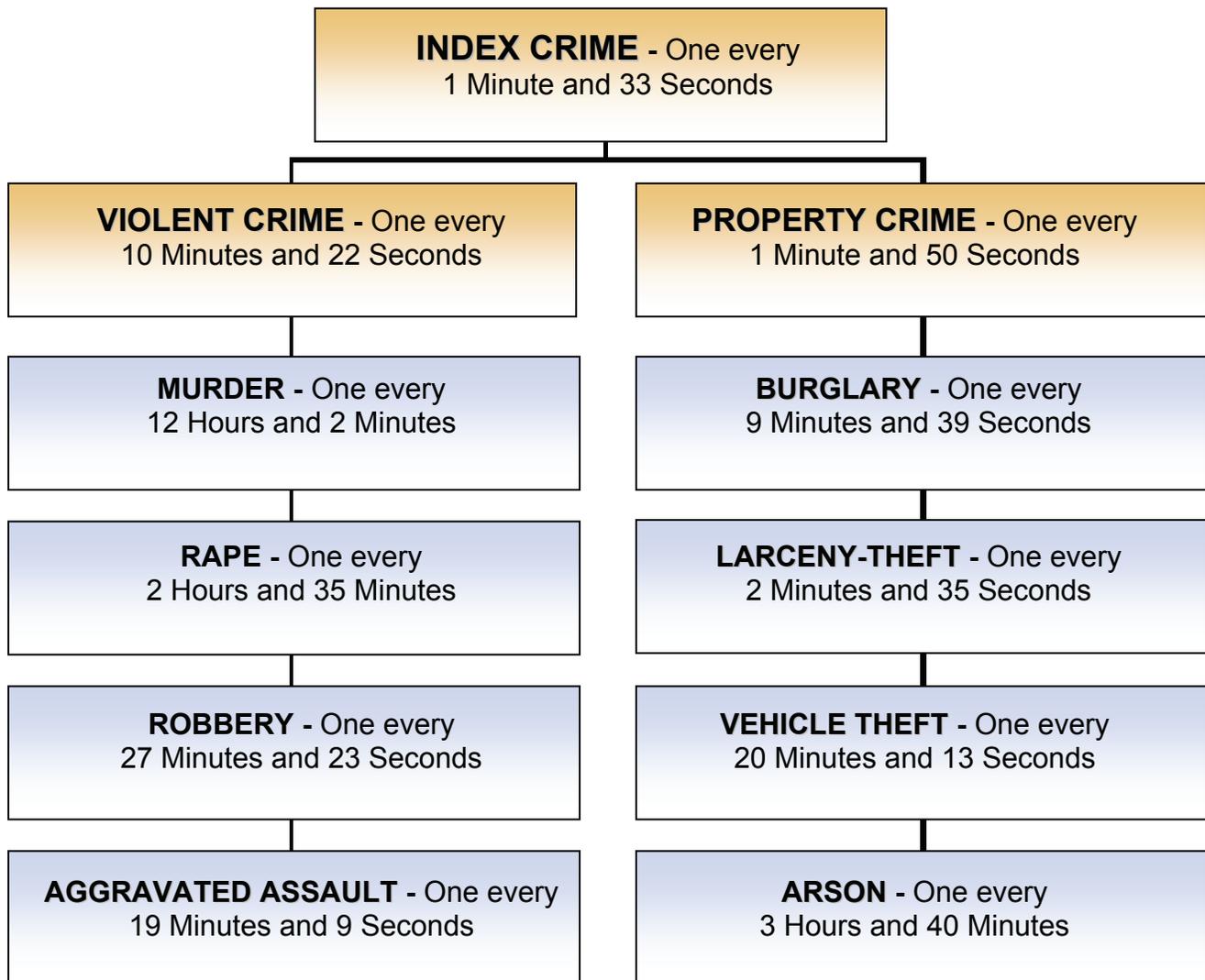
Offense Category	Arrests	Percent Distribution	Rate per 100,000 Population	Percent Change From 2006
Part I Offenses	83,408	17.1	670.9	1.2
Part II Offenses	404,920	82.9	3,256.9	-6
Statewide Total	488,328	100.0	3,927.7	-3
**Crime Index Offenses	83,355	17.1	670.4	1.2

Analysis revealed that 75.7 percent or 369,662 arrestees were male; 24.3 percent or 118,666 were female; 70.0 percent or 341,773 were White; 29.4 percent or 143,586 were Black; and .6 percent or 2,953 were Other Races; 21.7 percent or 105,931 of the arrestees were under 18 years old; and 51.9 percent or 253,590 of the arrestees were under 25 years old. Arrests of males decreased by .8 percent and arrests of Whites decreased by .1 percent, while arrests of juveniles decreased by 6.1 percent.

Juvenile arrestees were disposed of as follows: 31.2 percent or 33,024 were handled within the police department and released; 34.2 percent or 36,243 were referred to juvenile court or juvenile probation department; .3 percent or 283 were referred to welfare agencies; .6 percent or 663 were referred to other police agencies; and 33.7 percent or 35,718 were referred to criminal or adult court, usually the district judge for specified petty crimes such as underage drinking and shoplifting.

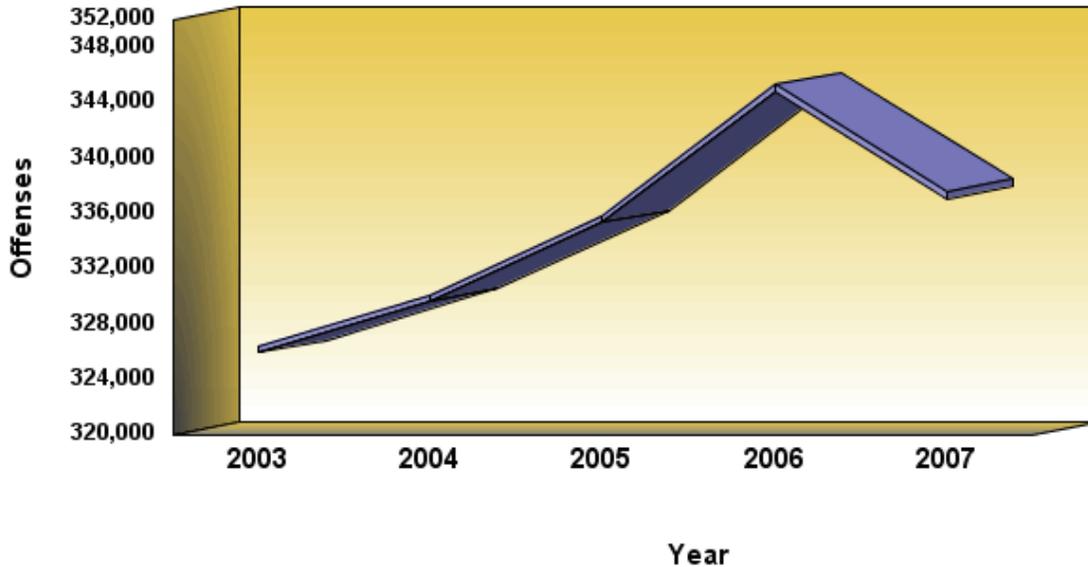
Adults arrested and counted for UCR purposes in Pennsylvania are those who are formally charged with a crime. Crime suspects who are questioned and released are not counted as arrested. Juveniles are counted as arrested when circumstances are such that if they were adults an arrest would be tallied.

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>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Number Of Offenses	326,424	330,128	335,839	345,276	337,575
Percent Change from Previous	.0	1.1	1.7	2.8	-2.2
Percent Change from Base	.0	1.1	2.9	5.8	3.4

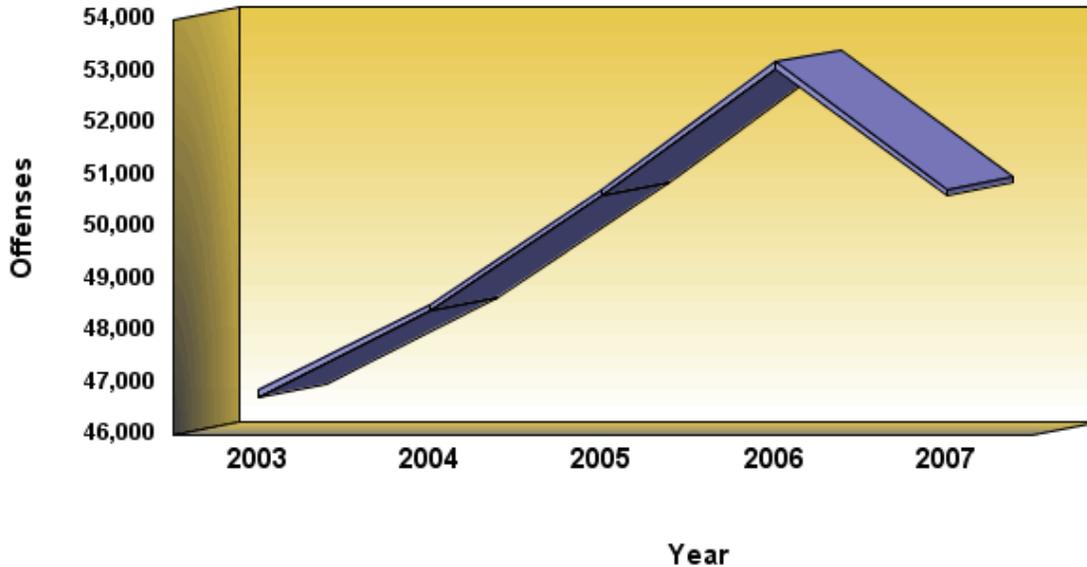
Summary

There were 337,575 Crime Index offenses reported to Pennsylvania police departments this year, an average of 925 each day, or one every 1 minute and 33 seconds. This is a 2.2 percent decrease from the 345,276 Crime Index offenses reported last year. The Crime Index rate was 2,715.2.

Arrests

There were 83,355 arrests this year for Crime Index offenses. This is a 1.2 percent increase from the 82,375 arrests last year. Persons arrested for Crime Index offenses were predominantly male (72.3 percent), White (62.9 percent), and under 25 years of age (52.6 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>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Number Of Offenses	46,862	48,516	50,734	53,176	50,735
Percent Change from Previous	.0	3.5	4.6	4.8	-4.6
Percent Change from Base	.0	3.5	8.3	13.5	8.3

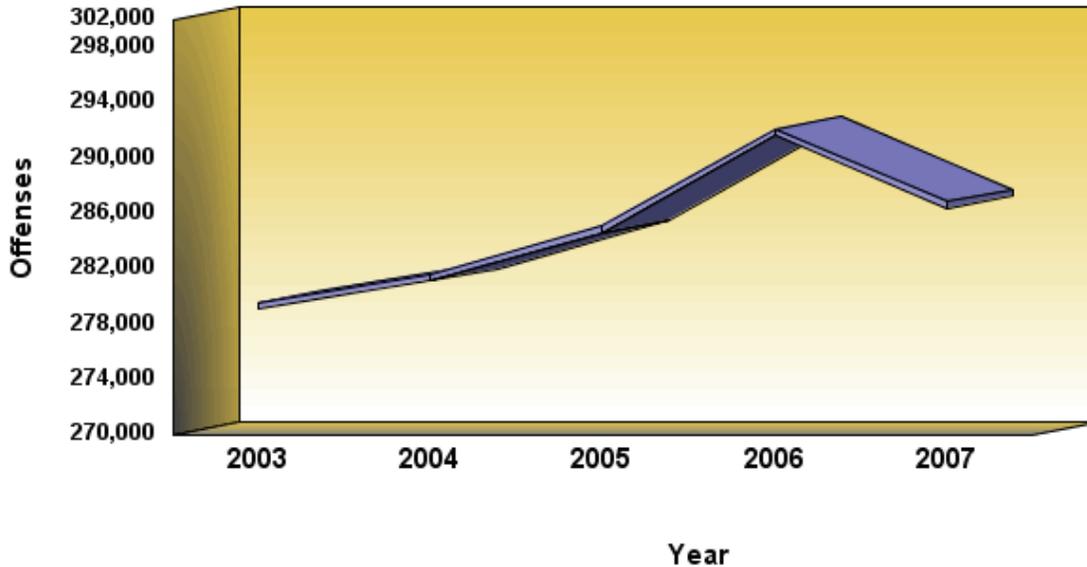
Summary

There were 50,735 Violent Crime offenses reported to Pennsylvania police departments this year, an average of 139 each day, or one every 10 minutes and 22 seconds. This is a 4.6 percent decrease from the 53,176 Violent Crime offenses reported last year. The Violent Crime rate was 408.1.

Arrests

There were 25,439 arrests this year for Violent Crime offenses. This is a 3.3 percent decrease from the 26,312 arrests last year. Persons arrested for Violent Crime offenses were predominantly male (81.3 percent), Black (52.1 percent), and under 25 years of age (50.7 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>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Number Of Offenses	279,562	281,612	285,105	292,100	286,840
Percent Change from Previous	.0	.7	1.2	2.5	-1.8
Percent Change from Base	.0	.7	2.0	4.5	2.6

Summary

There were 286,840 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 1.8 percent decrease from the 292,100 Property Crime offenses reported last year. The Property Crime rate was 2,307.1.

Arrests

There were 57,916 arrests this year for Property Crime offenses. This is a 3.3 percent increase from the 56,063 arrests last year. Persons arrested for Property Crime offenses were predominantly male (68.4 percent), White (69.7 percent), and under 25 years of age (53.5 percent).

ETHNIC INTIMIDATION AND HATE CRIME

Ethnic 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 118 persons were the victims of 136 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>	<u>Number of Victims</u>	
		<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
RACE	Asian/Pacific Islander	4	3.4
	Black	39	33.1
	Unknown	15	12.7
	White	60	50.8
Total RACE		118	100.0
ETHNICITY	Hispanic	3	2.5
	Not of Hispanic Origin	96	81.4
	Unknown	19	16.1
Total ETHNICITY		118	100.0
SEX	Female	38	32.2
	Male	65	55.1
	Unknown	15	12.7
Total SEX		118	100.0

Bias Motivation Data

<u>Code</u>	<u>Bias Motivation</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>	
		<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
11	Anti-White	7	5.1
12	Anti-Black	48	35.3
14	Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	3	2.2
15	Anti-Multiple Races, Group	4	2.9
21	Anti-Jewish	29	21.3
24	Anti-Islamic (Muslim)	2	1.5
25	Anti-Other Religion	2	1.5
32	Anti-Hispanic	2	1.5
33	Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin	5	3.7
41	Anti-Male Homosexual (Gay)	9	6.6
42	Anti-Female Homosexual (Lesbian)	1	.7
43	Anti-Homosexual (Gay and Lesbian)	7	5.1
45	Anti-Bisexual	1	.7
99	Unknown	16	11.8
TOTAL		136	100.0

DEATHS OF AND ASSAULTS ON PENNSYLVANIA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

<u>Assaults on Officers</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Number Of Offenses	2,559	2,867	2,973	3,127	3,120
Percent Change from Previous	.0	12.0	3.7	5.2	-.2
Percent Change from Base	.0	12.0	16.2	22.2	21.9

Summary

This year 1 law enforcement officer was killed while performing his official duties. Over the 5-year period from 2003 to 2007, a total of 18 officers were killed while performing their official duties.

There were 3,120 assaults on police officers this year, representing a .2 percent decrease from the 3,127 assaults reported last year. The assault rate per 100 officers decreased to 11.9 from 12.1 last year.

Pittsburgh experienced the highest assault rate (51.8). Statewide, 4 of the population groups had higher rates than last year.



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