

Analysis of Arrests

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; .6 percent or 2,953 were Other Races; 21.7 percent or 105,931 were under 18 years old; and 51.9 percent or 253,590 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 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.