

Analysis of Arrests

Analysis revealed that 75.2 percent or 371,001 arrestees were male; 24.8 percent or 122,518 were female; 69.6 percent or 343,430 were White; 29.8 percent or 147,002 were Black; .6 percent or 3,065 were Other Races; 21.1 percent or 104,062 were under 18 years old; and 51.6 percent or 254,531 were under 25 years old. Arrests of males decreased by .6 percent and arrests of Whites decreased by .7 percent, while arrests of juveniles decreased by 2.6 percent.

Juvenile arrestees were disposed of as follows: 31.0 percent or 32,251 were handled within the police department and released; 34.2 percent or 35,592 were referred to juvenile court or juvenile probation department; .2 percent or 189 were referred to welfare agencies; .7 percent or 780 were referred to other police agencies; and 33.9 percent or 35,250 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.