

Summary of Crime in Pennsylvania

There were 955,669 actual crimes of all types reported to the UCR Program by Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies in 2009. This represents a rate of 7,677.1 crimes per 100,000 population, a decrease of 5.4 percent from the previous year's total of 1,010,703 actual crimes. Crime Index offenses are considered to be both the 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 part of the Crime Index.

In 2009, 325,743 Crime Index offenses were reported and confirmed by Pennsylvania police after investigation. Overall, 333,541 Crime Index offenses were reported, but 2.3 percent or 7,798 were unfounded following investigation, ranging from 14.0 percent unfounded for assault to rape - attempts to 1.2 percent unfounded for burglary forcible entry. Crime Index offenses decreased by 6.5 percent from the previous year's total of 348,548. The Crime Index rate this year was 2,616.9 per 100,000 population.

In addition, 629,893 Part II offenses were reported in 2009, with a rate of 5,060.1 per 100,000 population. This is a decrease of 4.9 percent from the 662,140 Part II offenses reported the previous 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 violations, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, and all other offenses.

In 2009, 50.9 percent of all offenses were cleared (31.3 percent of the Crime Index offenses, and 61.1 percent of all Part II offenses).