

Analysis of Arrests

Analysis revealed that 74.7 percent or 352,429 arrestees were male; 25.3 percent or 119,458 were female; 70.0 percent or 330,322 were White; 29.3 percent or 138,483 were Black; .6 percent or 3,045 were Other Races; 19.4 percent or 91,768 were under 18 years old; and 50.9 percent or 240,130 were under 25 years old. Arrests of males decreased by 5.2 percent and arrests of Whites decreased by 4.0 percent, while arrests of juveniles decreased by 11.9 percent.

Juvenile arrestees were disposed of as follows: 32.2 percent or 29,510 were handled within the police department and released; 34.6 percent or 31,717 were referred to juvenile court or juvenile probation departments; .2 percent or 188 were referred to welfare agencies; 1.0 percent or 902 were referred to other police agencies; and 32.1 percent or 29,451 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 arrests. Juveniles are counted as arrested when circumstances are such that if they were adults, an arrest would be tallied.