

Distribution By Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

Table 4 of Appendix A summarizes the 15 MSAs in Pennsylvania and includes Pike County, which is part of the New York City, New York MSA. A total of 33 counties are involved. Counties in New Jersey which are part of the Philadelphia MSA are not included in this report.

The highest Crime Index rates in 2009 were experienced in the Philadelphia MSA (3,322.1 per 100,000 population) and Pittsburgh MSA (2,821.8 per 100,000 population). The lowest Crime Index rate occurred in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre MSA (1,658.5 per 100,000 population).

Generally, Crime Index rates shown by core cities of the MSAs are higher than rates in their suburbs. Listed below are the core cities with the highest rates and their corresponding suburban rates (rates shown are per 100,000 population):

HARRISBURG CITY	6,409.4	Suburban Rate:	2,064.7
LANCASTER CITY	6,141.6	Suburban Rate:	1,675.6
YORK CITY	6,138.6	Suburban Rate:	1,949.8

In 2009, 14 MSAs showed decreases, and 1 MSA showed an increase in Crime Index offenses. The State College MSA showed the largest increase, 6.8 percent, from 2,712 offenses the previous year to 2,897 in 2009. The Philadelphia MSA showed the largest decrease, 8.8 percent, from 141,718 offenses the previous year to 129,264 in 2009.

Pennsylvania MSA Crime Index offenses decreased by 6.7 percent in 2009 compared to the previous year. MSA core city jurisdictions decreased by 9.4 percent; MSA suburban jurisdictions decreased by 4.5 percent; rural jurisdictions decreased by 10.5 percent; and non-MSA jurisdictions decreased by 1.7 percent during this period.