

Distribution By Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

Table 4 of Appendix A summarizes the 15 MSAs in Pennsylvania. The highest Part II offense rates in 2009 were produced by the State College MSA (6,698.4 per 100,000 population) and the Pittsburgh MSA (5,790.3 per 100,000 population). The lowest Part II offense rate occurred in the Youngstown-Warren-Boardman MSA (3,533.6 per 100,000 population).

Generally, Part II offense rates within core cities of the MSAs are higher than rates in their suburbs. Listed below, are the core cities with the highest Part II offense rates and their corresponding suburban rates:

HARRISBURG CITY	13,058.7	Suburban Rate:	4,557.0
YORK CITY	12,846.5	Suburban Rate:	4,352.5
LANCASTER CITY	12,578.1	Suburban Rate:	3,364.7

In 2009, 12 MSAs showed decreases and 3 MSAs showed increases in Part II offenses. The Scranton-Wilkes-Barre MSA showed the largest increase, 2.5 percent, from 34,601 offenses the previous year to 35,460 in 2009. The Reading MSA showed the largest decrease, 9.7 percent, from 22,512 offenses the previous year to 20,331 in 2009.

Pennsylvania MSA Part II offenses decreased by 5.2 percent in 2009 compared to the previous year. MSA core city jurisdictions decreased by 6.1 percent; MSA suburban jurisdictions decreased by 4.7 percent; rural jurisdictions decreased by .4 percent; and non-MSA jurisdictions decreased by 3.9 percent.