

Summary

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There were 648 murder offenses reported to Pennsylvania police agencies in 2009, an average of 2 each day, or one every 13 hours and 31 minutes. This is a decrease of 8.0 percent from the 704 offenses reported the previous year. Murder comprised .2 percent of the Crime Index and 1.3 percent of the Violent Crime Index. The murder rate was 5.2 per 100,000 population.