

Summary

There were 3,620 forcible rape offenses reported to Pennsylvania police agencies in 2009, an average of 10 each day, or one every 2 hours and 25 minutes. This is an increase of 4.9 percent from the 3,452 offenses reported the previous year. Forcible rape comprised 1.1 percent of the Crime Index and 7.5 percent of the Violent Crime Index. The forcible rape rate was 29.1 per 100,000 population.

It should be noted that in March 2009, the Pennsylvania State Police, Lamar Station, reported 95 rape offenses for their jurisdiction. Through investigation it was learned that 90 involved the continuous rape of a child over a five-year period by a family member. In May 2009, the Pennsylvania State Police, Skippack Station, reported 241 rape offenses for their jurisdiction. Through investigation it was learned that 240 involved the continuous rape of a child over a five-year period. Included in this chapter are the additional 330 rapes reported by these Pennsylvania State Police stations.