

## **Summary**

Information contained in this chapter is derived from Monthly Returns of Arson Offenses. Variations may occur between this chapter and the remainder of the report due to reporting adjustments made by contributing agencies.

There were 2,027 arson offenses reported to Pennsylvania police agencies in 2010, an average of 6 each day, or one every 4 hours and 19 minutes. This is a decrease of 9.2 percent from the 2,232 offenses reported the previous year. Arson comprised .6 percent of the Crime Index and .7 percent of the Property Crime Index. The arson rate was 16.0 per 100,000 population.

In 2010, 26.0 percent or 528 arsons were cleared, compared to 25.4 percent or 566 clearances the previous year. This is an increase in percentage cleared and a decrease in the number of clearances from the previous year.