

Summary of Crime in Pennsylvania

There were 927,271 actual crimes of all types reported to the UCR Program by Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies in 2011. This represents a rate of 7,276.8 crimes per 100,000 population, a decrease of .7 percent from the previous year's total of 934,248 actual crimes.

Crime Index offenses are considered to be both most serious and most likely to be reported, and are used nationally as the standard base for comparisons. They include: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Manslaughter by negligence is a Part I offense, but is not considered part of the Crime Index.

In 2011, 329,627 Crime Index offenses were reported and confirmed by Pennsylvania police after investigation. Overall, 336,863 Crime Index offenses were reported, but 2.1 percent or 7,236 were unfounded following investigation, ranging from 12.3 percent unfounded for arson, to 1.1 percent unfounded for robbery firearm. Crime Index offenses increased by 2.1 percent from the previous year's total of 322,927. The Crime Index rate in 2011 was 2,586.8 per 100,000 population.

In addition, 597,627 Part II offenses were reported in 2011, with a rate of 4,689.9 per 100,000 population. This is a decrease of 2.2 percent from the 611,302 Part II offenses reported the previous year. Part II offenses include: other assaults, forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property, vandalism, weapons, prostitution, other sex offenses, drug abuse violations, gambling, offenses against the family, driving under the influence, liquor law violations, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, and all other offenses.

In 2011, 48.2 percent of all offenses were cleared (29.0 percent of the Crime Index offenses, and 58.7 percent of all Part II offenses).