

Summary

There were 32,982 full-time law enforcement employees in Pennsylvania in 2011, including the State Police. This is a decrease of 1.3 percent from the previous year.

The number of full-time police officers decreased by 1.7 percent. The number of civilian employees increased by 1.1 percent.

Full-time police officers made up 85.6 percent of police agencies, and civilian employees accounted for 14.4 percent. There were 2.59 full-time employees, 2.22 police officers, and .37 civilians per 1,000 population.

In 2011, the 1,168 police jurisdictions contributing employee data (state total less Pennsylvania State Police and Pennsylvania Bureau of Narcotics Investigation and Drug Control) accounted for 24,094 full-time law enforcement employees, or 73.1 percent of the state total. Of these, 88.2 percent or 21,243 were full-time officers, and 11.8 percent or 2,851 were civilians.

In 2011, 51.1 percent of the police agencies contributing employee data to the Pennsylvania UCR Program (597 out of 1,168) employed more than 5 full-time officers; 89.3 percent (1,043) employed 25 or fewer full-time officers; and .3 percent (3) employed more than 200 full-time officers.