

## Distribution By Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

Table 4 of Appendix A summarizes the 15 MSAs in Pennsylvania and includes Pike County, which is part of the New York City, New York MSA. A total of 33 counties are involved. Counties in New Jersey which are part of the Philadelphia MSA are not included in this report.

The highest Crime Index rates in 2012 were experienced in the Philadelphia MSA (3,185.8 per 100,000 population) and Pittsburgh MSA (2,623.8 per 100,000 population). The lowest Crime Index rate occurred in the State College MSA (1,533.2 per 100,000 population).

Generally, Crime Index rates within core cities of the MSAs are higher than rates in their suburbs. Listed below are the core cities with the highest rates and their corresponding suburban rates (rates shown are per 100,000 population):

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| HARRISBURG CITY | 6,377.5 | Suburban Rate: | 2,009.3 |
| LANCASTER CITY  | 5,627.1 | Suburban Rate: | 1,690.1 |
| READING CITY    | 5,027.3 | Suburban Rate: | 1,182.4 |

In 2012, 11 MSAs showed decreases and 4 MSAs showed increases in Crime Index offenses. The Lebanon MSA showed the largest increase, 12.3 percent, from 2,530 offenses the previous year to 2,841 in 2012. The Altoona MSA showed the largest decrease, 15.5 percent, from 2,906 offenses the previous year to 2,455 in 2012.

Pennsylvania MSA Crime Index offenses decreased by 2.2 percent in 2012 compared to the previous year. MSA core city jurisdictions decreased by 2.5 percent; MSA suburban jurisdictions decreased by 2.0 percent; rural jurisdictions increased by .5 percent; and non-MSA jurisdictions increased by .2 percent during this period.