

Distribution By Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

Table 4 of Appendix A summarizes the 15 MSAs in Pennsylvania. The highest Part II offense rates in 2012 were experienced in the State College MSA (6,053.3 per 100,000 population) and the Pittsburgh MSA (5,489.8 per 100,000 population). The lowest Part II offense rate occurred in the Reading MSA (3,082.3 per 100,000 population).

Generally, Part II offense 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):

HARRISBURG CITY	10,618.5	Suburban Rate:	4,323.5
LANCASTER CITY	10,215.3	Suburban Rate:	3,087.4
WILLIAMSPORT CITY	10,083.8	Suburban Rate:	3,931.1

In 2012, 11 MSAs showed decreases and 4 MSAs showed increases in Part II offenses. The Williamsport MSA showed the largest increase, 11.9 percent, from 5,737 offenses the previous year to 6,417 in 2012. The State College MSA showed the largest decrease, 3.6 percent, from 9,732 offenses the previous year to 9,381 in 2012.

Pennsylvania MSA Part II offenses decreased by .7 percent in 2012 compared to the previous year. MSA core city jurisdictions decreased by .8 percent; MSA suburban jurisdictions decreased by .7 percent; rural jurisdictions increased by .1 percent; and non-MSA jurisdictions decreased by 1.8 percent.