

Summary

There were 33,737 full-time law enforcement employees in Pennsylvania in 2012, including the State Police. This is an increase of 1.9 percent from the previous year.

The number of full-time police officers increased by .7 percent. The number of civilian employees increased by 9.3 percent.

Full-time police officers made up 84.5 percent of police agencies, and civilian employees accounted for 15.5 percent. There were 2.64 full-time employees, 2.23 police officers, and .41 civilians per 1,000 population.

In 2012, the 1,198 police jurisdictions contributing employee data (state total less Pennsylvania State Police and Pennsylvania Bureau of Narcotics Investigation and Drug Control) accounted for 24,369 full-time law enforcement employees, or 72.2 percent of the state total. Of these, 87.5 percent or 21,334 were full-time officers, and 12.5 percent or 3,035 were civilians.

In 2012, 49.9 percent of the police agencies contributing employee data to the Pennsylvania UCR Program (598 out of 1,198) employed more than 5 full-time officers; 89.4 percent (1,071) employed 25 or fewer full-time officers; and .3 percent (4) employed more than 200 full-time officers.