

Summary

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There were 706 murder offenses reported to Pennsylvania police agencies in 2012, an average of 2 each day, or one every 12 hours and 24 minutes. This is an increase of 10.5 percent from the 639 offenses reported the previous year. Murder offenses comprised .2 percent of the Crime Index and 1.6 percent of the Violent Crime Index. The murder rate was 5.5 per 100,000 population.