

## **Summary**

Information contained in this chapter is derived from Monthly Returns of Arson Offenses. Variations may occur between this chapter and the remainder of the report due to reporting adjustments made by contributing agencies.

There were 1,924 arson offenses reported by Pennsylvania police agencies in 2014, an average of five each day, or one every 4 hours and 33 minutes. This is an increase of 14.1 percent from the 1,686 offenses reported the previous year. Arson offenses comprised .7 percent of the Crime Index and .8 percent of the Property Crime Index. The arson rate was 15.0 per 100,000 population.

In 2014, 25.3 percent or 486 arsons were cleared, compared to 26.2 percent or 441 clearances the previous year. This is a decrease in percentage cleared and an increase in the number of clearances from the previous year.