

Crime Trends in Pennsylvania

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Pennsylvania's **crime rates** have declined over the last decade.

From 2016 to 2025, the **total crime rate** decreased by **25%**.

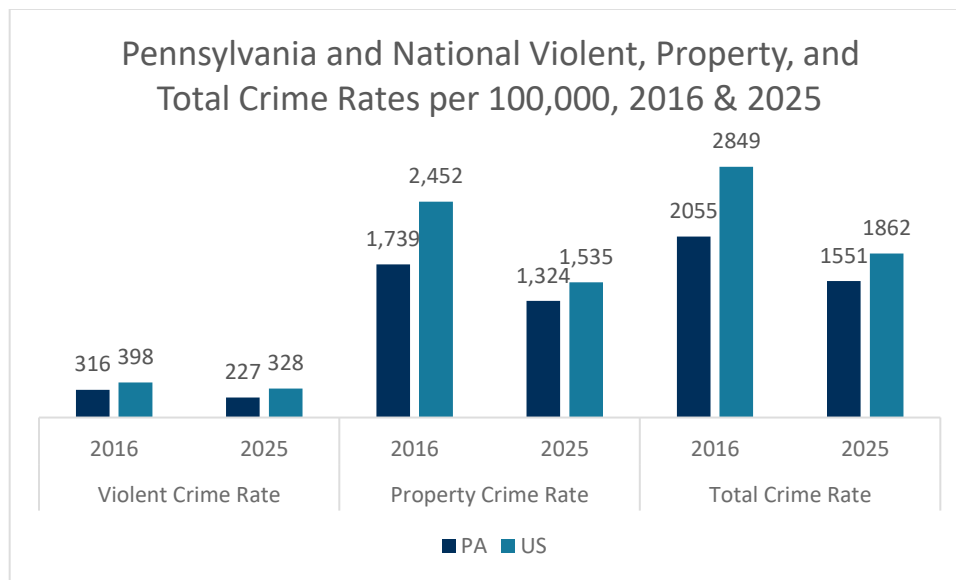
- The **property crime** rate declined by **24%**.
- The **violent crime** rate declined by **28%**.

Both of Pennsylvania's major cities saw **declines in violent crime rates** over the same period.

- Philadelphia: violent crime rate decreased by **17%**
- Pittsburgh: violent crime rate decreased by **40%**

Pennsylvania's crime rates were **lower than national rates** in 2025.

- Violent crime rate — **36% lower** than the national rate
- Property crime rate — **15% lower** than the national rate
- Total crime rate — **18% lower** than the national rate



Since 2016, Pennsylvania's **crime rates** have decreased across all types, similar to national trends.

- Total crime rate — down **25%**; down **35%** nationally
- Violent crime rate — down **28%**; down **18%** nationally
- Property crime rate — down **24%**; down **37%** nationally

Since 2020, Pennsylvania's total and violent crime rates have **declined faster than national rates**.

- Total crime rate — down **24%** in Pennsylvania vs. down **21%** nationally
- Violent crime rate — down **42%** in Pennsylvania vs. down **18%** nationally
- Property crime rate — down **19%** in Pennsylvania vs. down **22%** nationally

Sources:

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Crime in the US Reports (2016-2025).