



DEFINITION

Arson is to unlawfully and intentionally damage, or attempt to damage, any real or personal property by fire or incendiary devices.

ANALYSIS

VOLUME

The number of arson offenses reported in Michigan for 2014 was 1,706. This is a reported decrease of 14 percent from 2013 and a 42 percent decrease since 2010.

The largest number of offenses occurred in the month of May and the least amount were committed in February.

RATE

The crime rate for this offense was 17 for every 100,000 persons. In 2013, the crime rate was 20 per 100,000 persons.

CLEARANCES

Law enforcement agencies cleared 248 incidents by an arrest or exceptional clearance out of the 1,621 incidents reported. This calculates to a 15 percent clearance rate. In 2013, the clearance rate was 12 percent.

NATURE

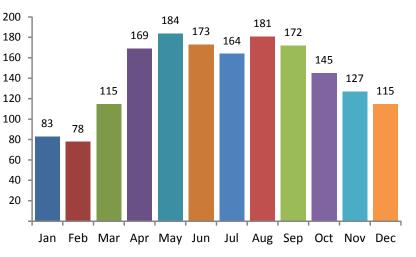
In 2014, 17 percent of the arsons were committed on Saturdays. Thursdays reported the least amount of arsons at 13 percent.

Sixty-one (61) percent of the arsons occurred most often at a Residence/Home. Fourteen (14) percent of the arsons occurred at the location of Highway/Road/Alley.

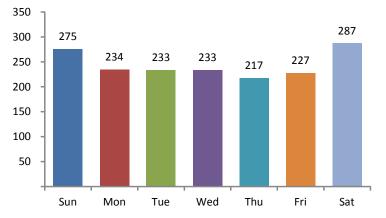
In 39 percent of the offenses reported to law enforcement agencies, the suspect or offender was Unknown. Males were involved in 43 percent of the arson offenses while 12 percent were Females.

White Males committed 22 percent of the arsons and Black Males committed 17 percent. Black Females committed seven percent of the offenses and White Females committed five percent.

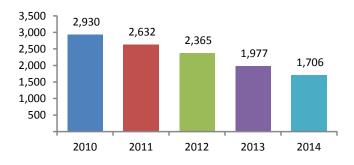
Offenses by Month



Offenses by Day



5-Year Trend Number of Offenses







Age Group		Arrests By Age, Sex, and Race								
		FEMALE			MALE					
		Black	White	Total	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Unknown	White	Total	Total
TOTAL JUVENILES	10 & Under	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	5	5
	11-12	2	0	2	0	2	1	2	5	7
	13-14	3	5	8	0	7	1	7	15	23
	15	0	2	2	0	3	0	7	10	12
	16	0	0	0	0	2	1	6	9	9
	Total	5	7	12	0	15	3	26	44	56
	17	1	0	1	0	2	0	7	9	10
	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5
	19	0	0	0	1	5	0	3	9	9
	20	1	1	2	0	1	0	6	7	9
	21	0	0	0	0	4	0	8	12	12
	22	1	1	2	0	2	0	6	8	10
	23	1	0	1	0	1	1	4	6	7
	24	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	5	5
ADULTS	25-29	6	3	9	0	4	0	8	12	21
TOTAL /	30-34	0	1	1	0	4	0	9	13	14
	35-39	2	4	6	0	4	0	10	14	20
	40-44	2	2	4	0	2	0	6	8	12
	45-49	1	1	2	0	3	0	10	13	15
	50-54	3	1	4	1	3	1	5	10	14
	55-59	1	2	3	0	5	0	6	11	14
	60-64	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	3
	65 & Above	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
	Total	19	16	35	2	43	2	100	147	182
Grand Total:		24	23	47	2	58	5	126	191	238