

WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT
2021



James L. Morehead
Chief of Police



West Chester Police Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lillian DeBaptiste, Mayor

FROM: James Morehead, Chief of Police

DATE: January 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Police Department Annual Report

On behalf of the West Chester Police Department, it is my privilege to present our department's 2021 Annual Report. The following pages will reflect the activity and services the Police Department has rendered to the citizens of our community(s) during the 2021 calendar year.

This document consists of two distinct parts this year:

- **SYNOPSIS** of the Police Department's annual report.
- **STATISTICAL SUMMARY** of the Police Department's annual report.

Each individual document is intended to be increasingly more detailed, providing as much specificity regarding the activities of the West Chester Police Department during the calendar year 2021 as is appropriate for the respective document. Complete copies of this document have been distributed to the Borough Manager, as well as the East Bradford Township Manager and may be viewed by citizens of West Chester Borough and East Bradford Township at the following locations:

West Chester Police Department 2021 Annual Report

- **Police Department**—Copies of the complete document are available for public inspection and review at the Administrative Office(s) of the West Chester Police Department during regular business hours.
- **Internet**—This document will be available on the Borough's web site at <http://www.west-chester.com>.

I truly hope you find this information in a format that is both useful to you and informative to the citizens of West Chester Borough.

I am confident and pleased with the professionalism, dedication, and accomplishments of our personnel. I believe they realize the work they do can at times be difficult, yet they remain constantly vigilant in their duties and responsibilities to serve this community. We are pleased with the accomplishments of our department over the past year and we look forward to another productive year in 2022.

It is my pleasure to serve as the Chief of Police of the West Chester Police Department during calendar year 2022. On behalf of the men and women of the West Chester Police Department, I would like to extend our most sincere thanks for your collective and individual confidence in our ability to serve our community(s). With your continued support and assistance, we look forward to continuing to improve the quality of life for all our citizens.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Morehead

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2021 ANNUAL REPORT SYNOPSIS

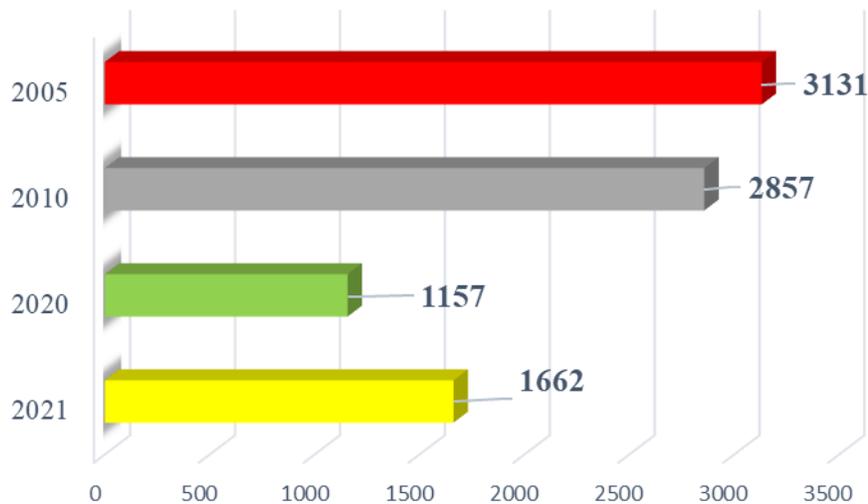
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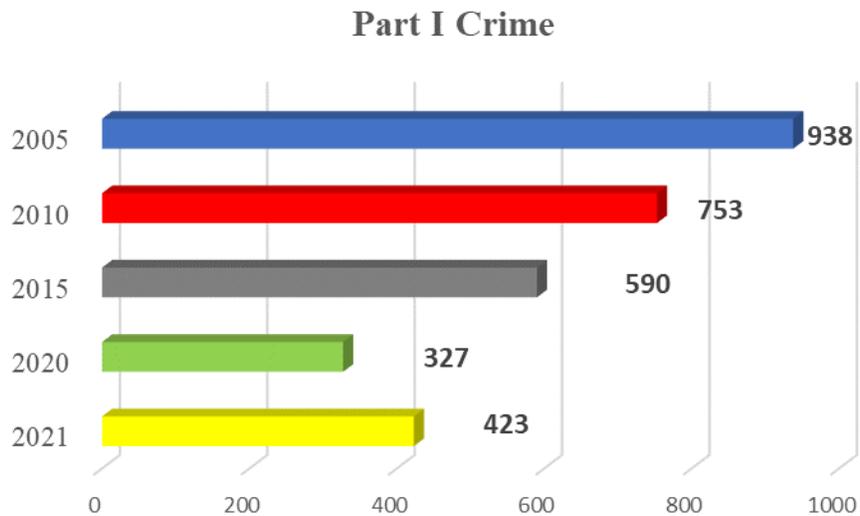
SYNOPSIS

The total amount of crime **increased** approximately 43% overall during calendar year 2021 from 1,157 such crimes reported in 2020 to 1,662 such crimes reported during 2021. This is in-line with pre-pandemic numbers similar to 2019.



Crime is classified, counted, and reported in two distinctly different categories. Statisticians and researchers know these categories as Part I crime and Part II crime. Part I crimes consist of those crimes that one may consider to be the most serious crimes affecting society and are comprised of a very specific subset of crimes that are routinely reported to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for comparison with other municipalities of similar size and demographics. Part II crimes, on the other hand, are defined as any crime other than Part I crimes and are generally considered being less serious crimes (a secondary level of crime). These "nuisance crimes" impact our quality of life.

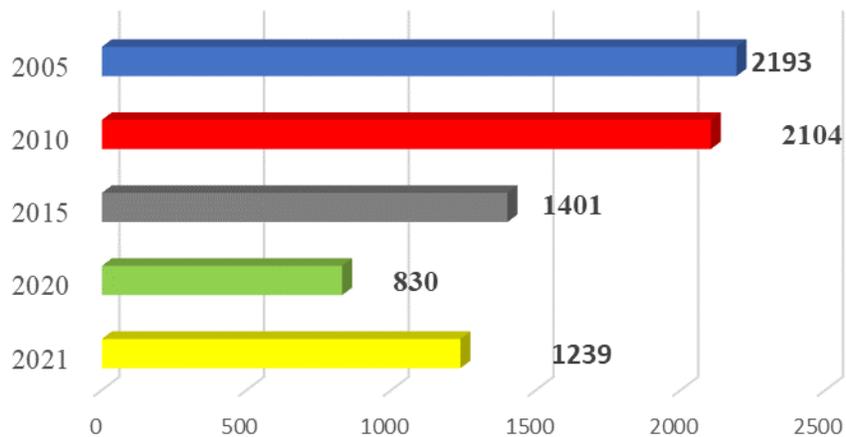
Part I (serious) crimes **increased** approximately 29.4% overall during calendar year 2021 from 327 such crimes reported in 2020 to 423 such crimes reported during 2021. **Serious crime has been reduced 63% since the year 2000, but I must point out that Part I crime remains on the decline compared to pre-pandemic numbers.** This crime reduction should be significant to our varied citizenry. This is an important statistic for individuals considering moving their families and/or businesses into our community(s) as it is a statistic that can be compared nationwide against other municipalities of comparable size and demographics.



There were increases in the each of the reported Part I crimes of Rape (+400%), Robbery (+100%), Assault (+74%), Theft (+6%), Motor Vehicle Theft (+19%), and there was 1 reported Arson. There were no reported Homicides, and Burglaries were down (-13%).

In 2021, the West Chester Police Department documented a 49% increase in Part II crimes. During the calendar year 2021, the Department reported 1,239 Part II crimes in comparison to the 830 reported in 2020. The 2021 documentation of Part II crimes is more in-line with pre-pandemic numbers. Although this figure is not reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for comparison purposes, it is a statistic that affects the overall quality of life for those of us living and/or working in West Chester. This increase like all others will be closely monitored in 2022.

Part II Crime



With the continuing success and popularity of our Business District, there continues to be a significant demand for police services. Overall, the Police Department documented an increase in calls for service of approximately 19% in 2021 compared to 2020, (including vehicle stops). As we have reported in the past, while there is a minimal amount of Part I crime in our Business District, there is an identifiable and significant demand for police services. There are reports of assaults and/or combative behavior in the early morning hours in the Central Business District. These behaviors and the associated crimes are directly attributed to alcohol consumption and the number of assaults reported to the Department in 2021. With the popularity of our business establishments and the influx of patrons from throughout the tri-state area as well as West Chester University, the demands continue to increase. These issues, coupled with varying and often related neighborhood issues, presented the largest challenge to our department and community over this period. As in prior years, alcohol consumption, pedestrian traffic and corridors, the density of residential properties as well as the current environmental conditions, community and neighborhood demographics and the institutional capacity of the Police Department to meet the increased demands of its citizenry will represent our continued challenge(s) as we move into 2022. The community should be as pleased as I am with the enforcement efforts and activity of its Police Department in meeting this complex challenge in 2022.

Traffic accidents reported to and investigated by the West Chester Police Department (with the subcategories of reportable accidents and non-reportable accidents) increased by approximately 21% in 2021. There were no motor vehicle fatalities in 2021.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge Mayor Lillian DeBaptiste of West Chester, the members of the West Chester Borough Council, and the Board of Supervisors and the Staff in East Bradford Township for their support of the Police Department. It is my privilege to present this synopsis of the West Chester Police Department's Annual Report for the calendar year 2021. I am sure everyone realizes that 2021 was again, no typical year, and that the borough and township activity is reflective of everything our officers were given to deal with. It is my sincere hope that this synopsis is both informative to you and useful to the various constituencies and individuals we are sworn and privileged to serve.



West Chester Police Department



RETIREMENTS

The following Officers are to be recognized for their many years of service to the citizens West Chester.

| | Years of Service | Years Served |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Corporal Scott Whiteside | 25 Years | 1995-2021 |

NEW OFFICERS

The following officers are welcomed as newly hired police officers in our community.

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Ofc. Ross Blue | Ofc. Brad Carabello |
| Ofc. Robert M. Kuehn | Ofc. Kerri-Ann Christie |
| Ofc. James Ensor | Ofc. Jordan Turner |
| Ofc. Kenneth Massey | |

OFFICER RESIGNATIONS

The following officers separated from the Police Department.

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Kory Thompson | 4/19/2021 |
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Perfect Attendance



The following Officers are to be congratulated:

David Barnes
Stanley Billie
Brad Carabello
Kerri-Ann Christie
Ryan Collins
Aaron Diefenderfer
James Ensor
Robert M. Kuehn
Joshua Lee
Kenneth Massey
Brendon McGeehan
James Morehead
John O'Hare
Matthew Simcox
Jordan Turner

The following civilian employees are to be congratulated:

Christopher Jones
David March



West Chester Police Department

2021 Personnel Assignments



| TITLE | PERSONNEL |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Administration | 4 |
| Chief of Police | 1 (1) |
| Lieutenants | 3 (3) |
| Patrol Division | 34 |
| Sergeants | 5 (5) |
| Corporals | 5 (5) |
| Patrolman | 24 (23) |
| Detective Division | 6 |
| Detective Sergeant | 1 (1) |
| Detective Corporal | 1 (1) |
| Detectives | 1 (1) |
| Narcotics Investigators | 2 (2) |
| Juvenile Investigator | 1 (1) |
| Support Staff | 11 |
| Civilian Dispatchers | 7 (7) |
| Civilian Records Staff | 2 (2) |
| Civilian Administrative Assistant | 2 (2) |

Key: # = Positions budgeted
 (#) = Positions filled



PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS

The 2021 personnel allotment for the West Chester Police Department was fifty-five (55) individuals. Of those, forty-four (44) are sworn personnel (Police Officers) and eleven (11) are support staff (non-sworn personnel). With respect to the sworn personnel, seventy-seven percent (77%) are assigned to the patrol function to respond to calls-for-service. Of the remaining twenty-three percent (23%), sixteen percent (16%) are assigned to the criminal investigative function and conduct follow-up investigations for those assigned to the patrol function to allow additional time to perform proactive patrols. Seven (7%) are the administrative staff of the Police Department, including the Chief of Police and three (3) Lieutenants, all of whom will, from time to time, respond to calls-for-service and/or provide assistance to those assigned to the criminal and patrol functions. The following is a statistical analysis of personnel assignments in the Police Department:

| <u>Function</u> | <u>% of Sworn Staff</u> | <u>% of All Staff</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Patrol | 77% | 61% |
| Criminal Investigation | 16% | 13% |
| Administration | 7% | 6% |
| Support Staff | N/A | 20% |

When reviewing personnel assignments and distribution within the West Chester Police Department, it is important to consider the information in context. Several officers missed a major and/or significant amount of duty-time due to injury, leave, training or retirement. In 2021 The West Chester Police Department operated with as many as eight (8) officers absent from duty. The Department anticipates that it will be operating with at least three officers down for 2022.

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2021 ANNUAL REPORT STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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Executive Summary

General Statistics:

| | % Change from 2020 | Total - 2021 |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Calls for Service | +19% | 39,068 |
| Reported Crime | +43% | 1,662 |
| Criminal Arrests | +74% | 323 |
| Criminal Summonses | +117% | 977 |
| Traffic Arrests | +39% | 980 |
| Traffic Warnings | -35% | 810 |

Crime Statistics:

| | | |
|------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Overall Reported Crime | +43% | Up 505 crimes from 1,157 reported in 2020 to 1,662 in 2021. |
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Part I Crimes - Total:

| | |
|------|-----------------------------------------|
| +29% | Up 96 crimes from 327 reported in 2020. |
|------|-----------------------------------------|

Part I Crimes Defined as:

| | | |
|---------|-------|-------------------------------|
| Murder | - | 0 homicides in 2021. |
| Rape | +400% | Up 8 from 2 reported in 2020. |
| Robbery | +100% | Up 3 from 3 reported in 2020. |
| Assault | +74% | Up 73 from 99 in 2020. |

| | % Change from 2020 | Total - 2021 |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Burglary | -13% | Down 3 from 22 to 19 in 2021. |
| Theft | +6% | Up 11 from 185 to 196 in 2021. |
| MV Theft | +19% | Up 3 from 16 to 19 in 2021. |
| Arson | - | 1 Arson in 2021. |
| Part II Crimes - Total: | +49% | Up 409 crimes in 2021. From 830 to 1,239. |
| Part II Crimes Defined as: All other crimes | | |
| Criminal Summonses | +117% | Up 527 from 450 to 977. |
| Liquor Law | +20% | Up 13 from 63 to 76. |
| Public Drunkenness | +104% | Up 126 from 121 to 247. |
| Disorderly Conduct | +29% | Up 11 from 38 to 49. |
| Noise Ordinance | +1% | Up 1 from 103 to 104. |
| Open Bottle | +196% | Up 100 from 51 to 151. |
| Public Indecency | +15% | Up 6 from 39 to 45. |
| All Other | +400% | Up 140 from 35 to 175. |

% Change from 2020

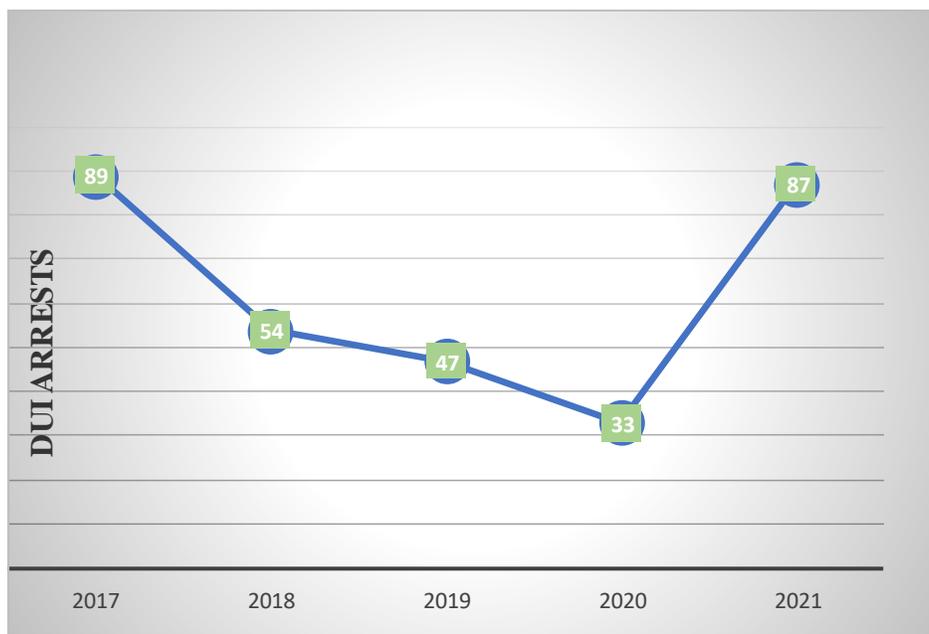
Total - 2021

Accident Statistics:

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|-------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------|
| Overall Accidents | +21% | Up 121 from 559 to 680. |
| Non-Reportable | +24% | Up 90 from 374 to 464. |
| Reportable | +22% | Up 8 from 36 to 44. |
| Hit and Run | +16% | Up 24 from 148 to 172. |
| Fatal | -100% | 1 fatality in 2020 - 0 fatalities in 2021. |

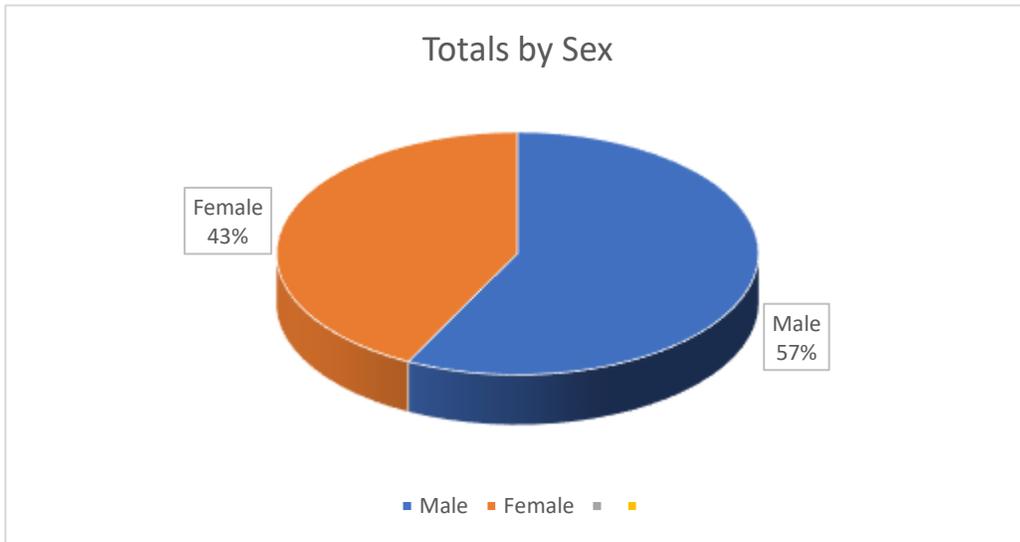
Traffic Statistics:

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|------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Traffic Arrests | +39% | Up 276 from 704 to 980. |
| Traffic Warnings | -35% | Down 437 from 1,247 to 810. |
| Traffic Details | +21% | Up 197 from 940 to 1,137. |
| DUI | +180% | Up 56 from 31 to 87. |

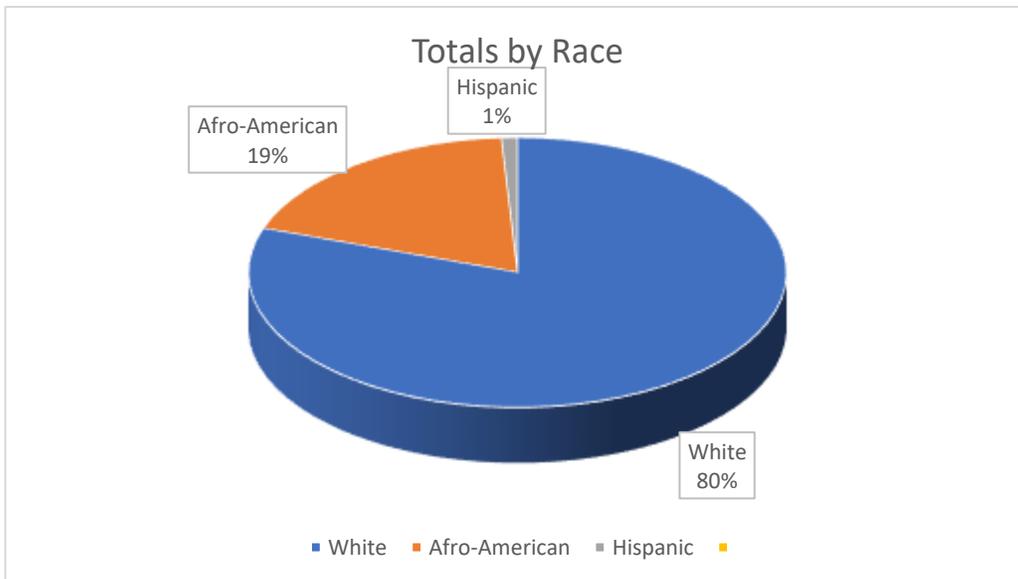


Traffic Stop Report 2021

Total Traffic Stops

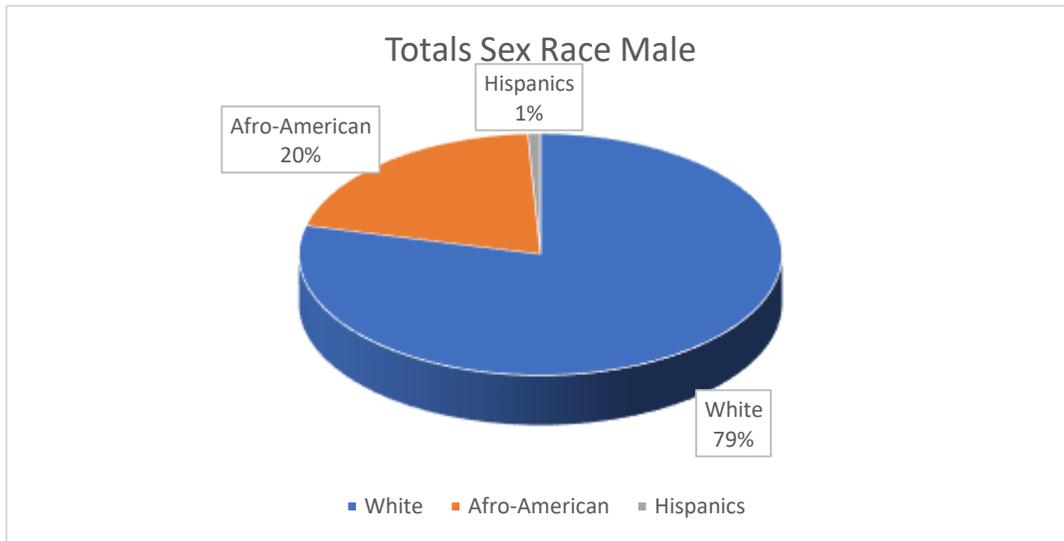


Traffic Stops by Race



Traffic Stop Report 2021

Traffic Stops - Male / Race



Traffic Stops - Female / Race

