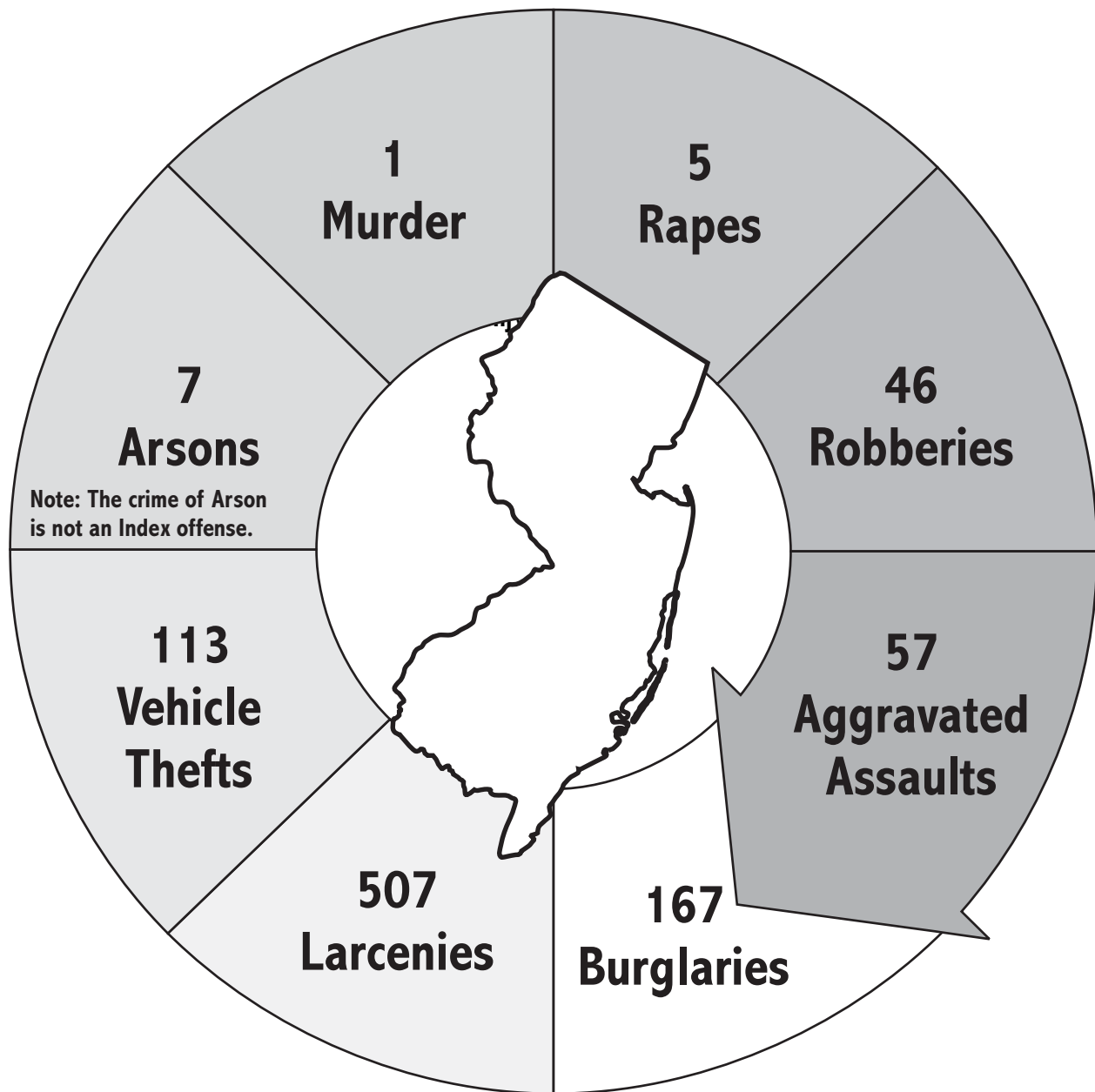


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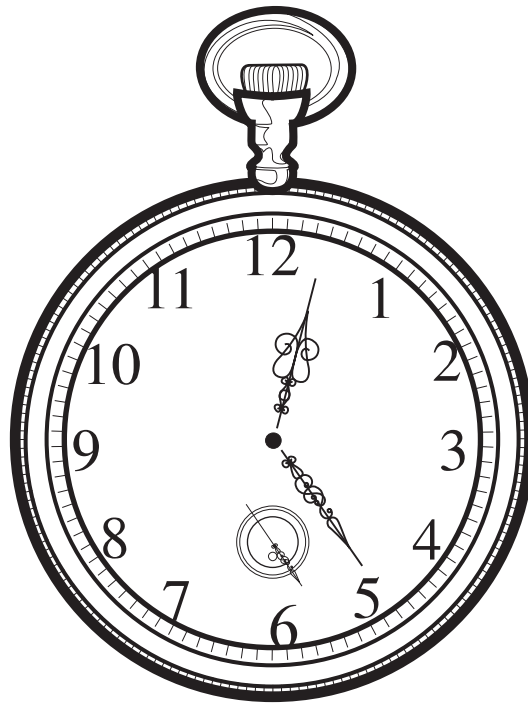
STATE SUMMARY AND OFFENSE ANALYSIS

- **Murder**
- **Rape**
- **Robbery**
- **Aggravated Assault**
- **Burglary**
- **Larceny-Theft**
- **Motor Vehicle Theft**
- **Arson**

24 Hour Crime Cycle in New Jersey — 1997



NEW JERSEY CRIME CLOCK — 1997



CRIME INDEX OFFENSE 1 every minute and 36 seconds

VIOLENT CRIME
1 every 13 minutes
and 15 seconds

NON-VIOLENT CRIME
1 every minute
and 50 seconds

MURDER
1 every 26 hours
and 14 minutes

RAPE
1 every 5 hours
and 4 minutes

BURGLARY
1 every 8 minutes
and 38 seconds

LARCENY-THEFT
1 every 2 minutes
and 50 seconds

ROBBERY
1 every 31 minutes

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
1 every 25 minutes
and 28 seconds

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
1 every 12 minutes
and 46 seconds

CRIME INDEX FOR THE STATE - 1997

OFFENSES	NUMBER OF INDEX OFFENSES	RATE PER 1,000 INHABITANTS	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	NUMBER OF OFFENSES CLEARED	PERCENT OF OFFENSES CLEARED
MURDER	334	★	0.1	283	84.7
RAPE	1,730	0.2	0.5	912	52.7
Rape	1,500	0.2	0.5	792	52.8
Attempted Rape	230	★	0.1	120	52.2
ROBBERY	16,953	2.1	5.2	4,571	27.0
Firearm	5,023	0.6	1.5	1,021	20.3
Knife or Cutting Instrument	1,613	0.2	0.5	444	27.5
Other Dangerous Weapon	1,397	0.2	0.4	407	29.1
Strong Arm (Hands, Fists, etc.)	8,920	1.1	2.7	2,699	30.3
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	20,635	2.6	6.3	12,670	61.4
Firearm	2,804	0.4	0.9	1,195	42.6
Knife or Cutting Instrument	4,259	0.5	1.3	2,627	61.7
Other Dangerous Weapon	6,616	0.8	2.0	3,693	55.8
Strong Arm (Hands, Fists, etc.)	6,956	0.9	2.1	5,155	74.1
BURGLARY	60,941	7.6	18.6	8,394	13.8
Forcible Entry	41,818	5.2	12.8	6,027	14.4
Unlawful Entry - No Force	12,587	1.6	3.9	1,779	14.1
Attempted Forcible Entry	6,536	0.8	2.0	588	9.0
LARCENY - THEFT	185,142	23.2	56.6	38,005	20.5
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	41,177	5.2	12.6	2,216	5.4
Automobiles	37,394	4.7	11.4	1,957	5.2
Trucks and Buses	2,180	0.3	0.7	134	6.1
Other Vehicles	1,603	0.2	0.5	125	7.8
TOTAL CRIME INDEX	326,912	40.9	100.0	67,051	20.5
VIOLENT CRIME	39,652	5.0	12.1	18,436	46.5
NONVIOLENT CRIME	287,260	35.9	87.9	48,615	16.9

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CRIME TRENDS—NUMBER—RATE—CLEARANCES

1996/1997—PERCENT CHANGES

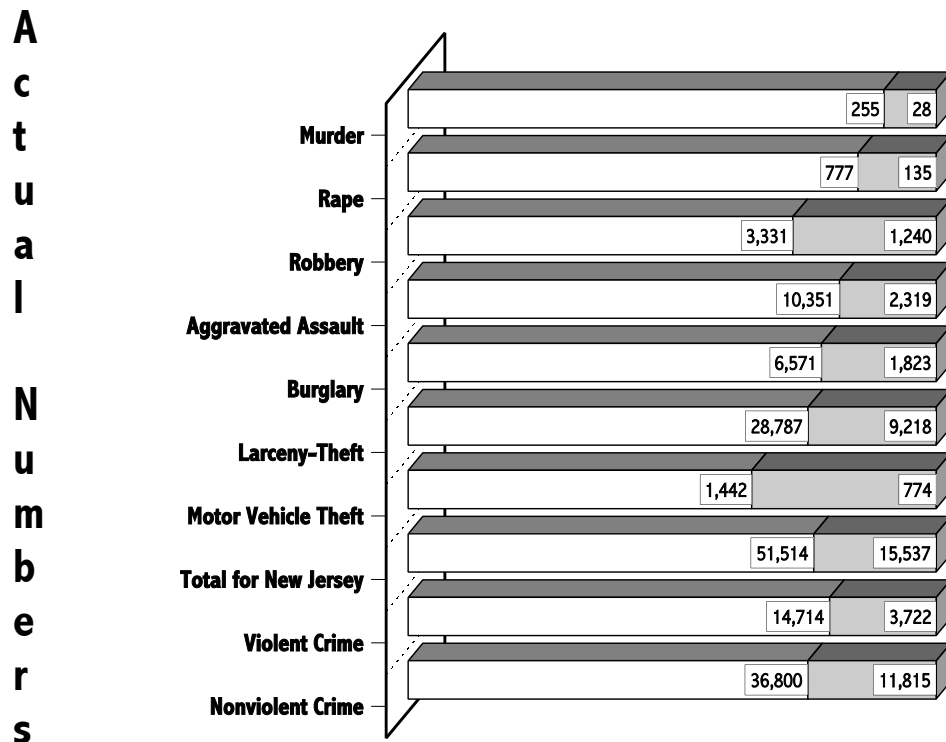
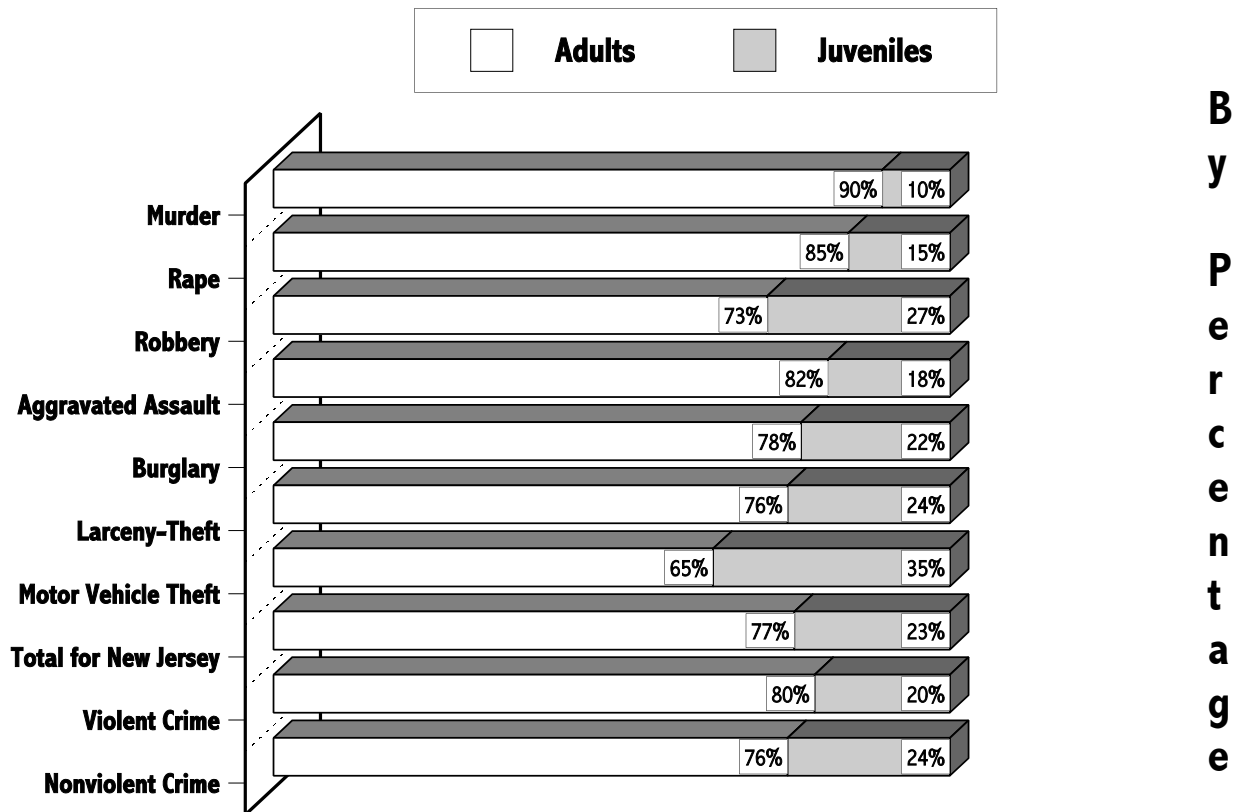
INDEX OFFENSES	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	RATE PER 1,000 INHABITANTS	NUMBER OF OFFENSES CLEARED	PERCENT OF OFFENSES CLEARED
MURDER	1996 337	☆	280	83.1
	1997 334	☆	283	84.7
	Percent Change -1	&	1	2
RAPE	1996 1,972	0.2	1,039	52.7
	1997 1,730	0.2	912	52.7
	Percent Change -12	0	-12	0
ROBBERY	1996 18,859	2.4	4,963	26.3
	1997 16,953	2.1	4,571	27.0
	Percent Change -10	-13	-8	3
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1996 21,252	2.7	13,049	61.4
	1997 20,635	2.6	12,670	61.4
	Percent Change -3	-4	-3	0
BURGLARY	1996 63,163	8.0	8,364	13.2
	1997 60,941	7.6	8,394	13.8
	Percent Change -4	-5	*	5
LARCENY - THEFT	1996 194,074	24.6	39,478	20.3
	1997 185,142	23.2	38,005	20.5
	Percent Change -5	-6	-4	1
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1996 46,437	5.9	2,574	5.5
	1997 41,177	5.2	2,216	5.4
	Percent Change -11	-12	-14	-2
TOTAL CRIME INDEX	1996 346,094	43.8	69,747	20.2
	1997 326,912	40.9	67,051	20.5
	Percent Change -6	-7	-4	1
VIOLENT CRIME	1996 42,420	5.4	19,331	45.6
	1997 39,652	5.0	18,436	46.5
	Percent Change -7	-7	-5	2
NONVIOLENT CRIME	1996 303,674	38.4	50,416	16.6
	1997 287,260	35.9	48,615	16.9
	Percent Change -5	-7	-4	2

☆ Less than one-tenth of one percent.

& Percent change not calculated due to small volume.

* Percent change less than one-half of one percent.

Index Offenses Cleared Adult and Juvenile Distribution — 1997



TYPE AND VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN AND RECOVERED 1996/1997

TYPE OF PROPERTY	YEAR	VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN	VALUE OF PROPERTY RECOVERED	PERCENT OF VALUE RECOVERED	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY STOLEN
Currency, Notes, etc.	1996	\$37,029,803	\$1,924,456	5.2	6.5
	1997	\$38,320,211	\$2,063,495	5.4	7.0
	Percent Change	3	7	4	8
Jewelry and Precious Metals	1996	\$41,854,474	\$1,678,269	4.0	7.3
	1997	\$45,617,476	\$2,069,339	4.5	8.4
	Percent Change	9	23	13	15
Furs	1996	\$1,826,754	\$21,106	1.2	0.3
	1997	\$676,850	\$22,484	3.3	0.1
	Percent Change	-63	7	175	-67
Clothing	1996	\$10,173,965	\$2,776,278	27.3	1.8
	1997	\$11,044,584	\$3,431,359	31.1	2.0
	Percent Change	9	24	14	11
Motor Vehicles	1996	\$356,621,091	\$227,359,052	63.8	62.3
	1997	\$328,902,567	\$202,076,698	61.4	60.2
	Percent Change	-8	-11	-4	-3
Miscellaneous	1996	\$125,184,690	\$16,971,736	13.6	21.9
	1997	\$121,565,210	\$14,080,141	11.6	22.3
	Percent Change	-3	-17	-15	2
TOTAL PROPERTY	1996	\$572,690,777	\$250,730,897	43.8	100.1
	1997	\$546,126,898	\$223,743,516	41.0	100.0
	Percent Change	-5	-11	-6	-

Percent distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

FIVE YEAR RECAPITULATION OF OFFENSES

1993 THROUGH 1997

OFFENSES	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
MURDER	419	396	408	337	334
RAPE	2,214	1,964	1,924	1,972	1,730
Rape	1,886	1,683	1,639	1,680	1,500
Attempted Rape	328	281	285	292	230
ROBBERY	23,307	22,696	22,474	18,859	16,953
Firearm	8,082	7,658	7,191	5,625	5,023
Knife or Cutting Instrument	2,389	2,166	2,088	1,826	1,613
Other Dangerous Weapon	1,787	1,644	1,632	1,374	1,397
Strong Arm (Hands, Fists, etc.)	11,049	11,228	11,563	10,034	8,920
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	23,448	23,343	22,771	21,252	20,635
Firearm	4,029	4,526	3,772	3,264	2,804
Knife or Cutting Instrument	5,384	4,966	4,736	4,473	4,259
Other Dangerous Weapon	7,397	7,130	6,897	6,655	6,616
Hands, Fists, etc.	6,638	6,721	7,366	6,860	6,956
BURGLARY	76,760	72,062	69,547	63,163	60,941
Forcible Entry	56,035	51,836	48,798	43,711	41,818
Unlawful Entry - No Force	12,091	12,401	13,070	12,611	12,587
Attempted Forcible Entry	8,634	7,825	7,679	6,841	6,536
LARCENY - THEFT	195,909	195,562	206,421	194,074	185,142
Over \$200	78,746	80,137	85,209	78,391	74,294
\$50 - \$200	52,810	53,467	57,258	54,585	52,414
Under \$50	64,353	61,958	63,954	61,098	58,434
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	56,245	50,132	50,161	46,437	41,177
Automobiles	51,437	47,982	45,951	41,911	37,394
Trucks and Buses	2,703	432	2,380	2,743	2,180
Other Vehicles	2,105	1,718	1,830	1,783	1,603
TOTAL CRIME INDEX	378,302	366,155	373,706	346,094	326,912
CRIME RATE PER 1,000	48.9	47.4	48.3	43.8	40.9
VIOLENT CRIME	49,388	48,399	47,577	42,420	39,652
NONVIOLENT CRIME	328,914	317,756	326,129	303,674	287,260

STATEWIDE CRIME SUMMARY - 1997

CRIME INDEX – VOLUME/RATE

- There were 326,912 Index offenses in 1997, a 6 percent decrease compared to 1996.
- The crime rate of the state is 40.9 victims for every 1,000 permanent inhabitants, a decrease of 7 percent compared to 1996.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- August with 31,228 offenses reported, recorded the highest incidence of Crime Index offenses while February was the lowest with 24,070 offenses.
- The total value of property stolen amounted to \$546.1 million in 1997, a 5 percent decrease from 1996.
- Value of property recovered was \$223.7 million, resulting in a recovery rate of 41 percent.
- Stolen motor vehicles accounted for 60 percent of stolen property and 90 percent of the recovered property value.

CRIME INDEX ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- A total of 70,876 persons were arrested for Index offenses, which represents a 4 percent decrease compared to 1996.
- Adult Index arrests decreased less than one-half of one percent and juvenile arrests decreased 11 percent.
- Crime Index arrests accounted for 16 percent of the total arrests in 1997.
- Males accounted for 74 percent of the Crime Index arrests and females accounted for 26 percent.
- Fifty-three percent of the Index arrests were white, 45 percent were black and 2 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 15 percent of the arrests for Index offenses.
- Police cleared 21 percent of the Index offenses and juveniles accounted for 23 percent of these clearances.

VIOLENT CRIME SUMMARY

This category consists of the following Index offenses: Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 39,652 violent crimes reported in 1997, a 7 percent decrease compared to the violent crimes reported in 1996.
- Violent crimes accounted for 12 percent of the total Crime Index.
- The violent crime rate decreased 7 percent to 5.0 victims for every 1,000 permanent inhabitants.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- The highest number of violent crimes were reported in August with 3,512 offenses while the lowest number was reported in April with 2,994 offenses.
- The value of property stolen as a result of violent crime was \$11.6 million.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Arrests for violent crime offenses decreased 5 percent to 19,494.
- Violent crime arrests accounted for 28 percent of the Index arrests and 4 percent of the total arrests during the year.
- Adult arrests for violent crime decreased 3 percent and juvenile arrests showed an 11 percent decrease.
- Adults accounted for 76 percent of the violent crime arrests while the remaining 24 percent were juveniles.
- Males were responsible for 83 percent and females for 17 percent of the violent crime arrests.
- Forty-five percent of those arrested were white, 54 percent were black and 1 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 16 percent of the arrests.
- Forty-six percent of all violent crimes were cleared and juveniles accounted for 20 percent of these clearances.

NONVIOLENT CRIME SUMMARY

This category consists of the following Index offenses: Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 287,260 nonviolent crimes reported in 1997, a 5 percent decrease compared to the 303,674 reported in 1996.
- Nonviolent crime accounted for 88 percent of the total Crime Index.
- The nonviolent crime rate decreased 7 percent to 35.9 victims per 1,000 inhabitants in 1997.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- The largest number of nonviolent crimes were reported in August with 27,716, while the lowest number was reported in February with 20,975.
- The total value of property stolen as a result of nonviolent crime amounted to \$534.5 million.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- There were 51,382 nonviolent crime arrests, this represents a decrease of 3 percent when compared to 1996.
- Nonviolent crime arrests accounted for 72 percent of the Index arrests and 11 percent of the total arrests during 1997.
- Juveniles were responsible for 31 percent of the nonviolent crime arrests and adults 69 percent.
- Adult nonviolent crime arrests increased 1 percent while juvenile arrests decreased 11 percent.
- Males represented 71 percent and females 29 percent of persons arrested for nonviolent crime.
- Fifty-six percent of all persons arrested for nonviolent crimes were white, 42 percent were black and 2 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 15 percent of the arrests.
- Seventeen percent of all nonviolent crimes reported were cleared in 1997, and juveniles accounted for 24 percent of these clearances.

TOTAL ARREST SUMMARY

- There were 448,647 persons arrested in 1997, which represents a 4 percent increase compared to 1996.
- The arrest rate for 1997 increased 3 percent to 56.1 persons arrested per every 1,000 inhabitants.
- Adult arrests increased 6 percent to 365,230 and juvenile arrests decreased 5 percent to 83,417 in 1997.
- Adults accounted for 81 percent and juveniles 19 percent of the total state arrests.
- Persons under 21 years of age accounted for 33 percent of all arrests.
- Males accounted for 80 percent and females 20 percent of the total persons arrested during the year.
- Fifty-eight percent of the total persons arrested in 1997 were white, 41 percent were black and 1 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 14 percent of the arrests.

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED AND ASSAULTED SUMMARY

- There were 3 police officers feloniously killed in the line of duty during 1997.
- New Jersey reported 3,978 police officers assaulted in the line of duty in 1997.

CRIME IN NEW JERSEY, UNITED STATES AND THE NORTHEAST REGION

- The Crime Index in New Jersey decreased 6 percent, while the United States decreased 4 percent and the Northeast Region decreased 6 percent.
- Violent crime in New Jersey decreased 7 percent, the United States decreased 5 percent and the Northeast Region decreased 5 percent.
- Nonviolent crime in New Jersey decreased 5 percent, while the Northeast Region decreased 6 percent and the United States decreased 4 percent.

INDIVIDUAL INDEX OFFENSES* Percent Change 1996/1997

	New Jersey	United States	Northeastern States**
Murder	- 1	- 9	- 13
Rape	- 12	- 1	- 2
Robbery	- 10	- 9	- 10
Aggravated Assault	- 3	- 2	- 1
Burglary	- 4	- 3	- 7
Larceny-Theft	- 5	- 4	- 4
Motor Vehicle Theft	- 11	- 5	- 11

*United States and Northeastern States' statistics are preliminary.

**Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania.

MURDER

DEFINITION

Murder is defined as the unlawful killing of a human being with malice aforethought. Any death due to a fight, argument, quarrel, assault, or commission of a crime is included. This Index offense is counted by police on the basis of their investigation without regard to findings of a court, jury or the decision of a prosecutor. Attempts to kill, are scored as aggravated assaults and not as murder. Suicides, accidental deaths, negligent manslaughters, and justifiable homicides are not counted, nor reflected in the murder classification.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 334 murders reported to law enforcement agencies of the state in 1997, a 1 percent decrease compared to the 337 murders reported in 1996.
- Murders accounted for one-tenth of one percent of the reported Index offenses, and 1 percent of the violent crime.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- The age group of 25-29 accounted for 17 percent of all murder victims.
- Firearms were used in 53 percent of the murders, knives or cutting instruments in 17 percent, blunt objects in 7 percent and physical force in 13 percent.
- Thirty-seven percent of the offenders were friends or acquaintances of the victim, while 16 percent were relatives, and 17 percent were strangers.
- Felony murders accounted for 15 percent of all murder circumstances. Robbery was the motive in 13 percent of the 50 felony murders.
- Sixty-six murders were recorded on Friday for the high, while Thursday was the lowest, with 35.
- March, October and November recorded the highest number of murders, with 34, while June recorded the lowest with 18.
- Forty-six percent of the murders occurred on highways or streets, 24 percent in multi-family or apartment dwellings, and 16 percent in single family dwellings.
- The total value of property stolen because of murder amounted to \$231,632.
- Drug-related arguments accounted for 8 percent (27) of all murder circumstances.

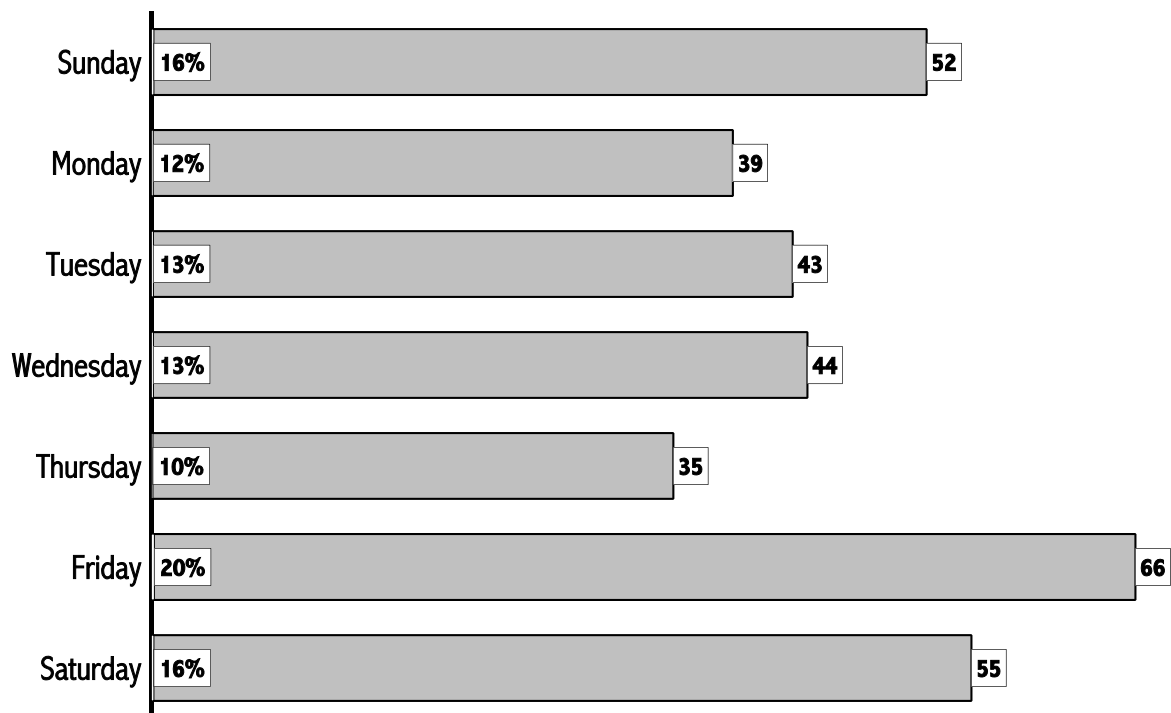
ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- A total of 345 persons were arrested for murder in 1997, a 5 percent decrease compared to 1996.
- Adult murder arrests decreased 4 percent (from 311 to 299) and juvenile arrests decreased 12 percent (from 52 to 46).
- Sixty-five percent of persons arrested for murder were black, 33 percent were white and 2 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 17 percent of the arrests.
- Eighty-five percent of the murders were cleared in 1997 (283 out of 334). Juveniles accounted for 10 percent of those cases cleared.
- Males accounted for 90 percent and females 10 percent of those arrested for murder.

Murder Scenario

Most frequent day	Friday	Most frequent offender	
Most frequent months:	March, October, November	Age Group	25-29
Most frequent weapon	Handgun	Sex	Male
Most frequent location	Highway	Race	Black
Most frequent victim:			
Age Group	25-29		
Sex	Male		
Race	Black		

MURDER BY DAY OF WEEK

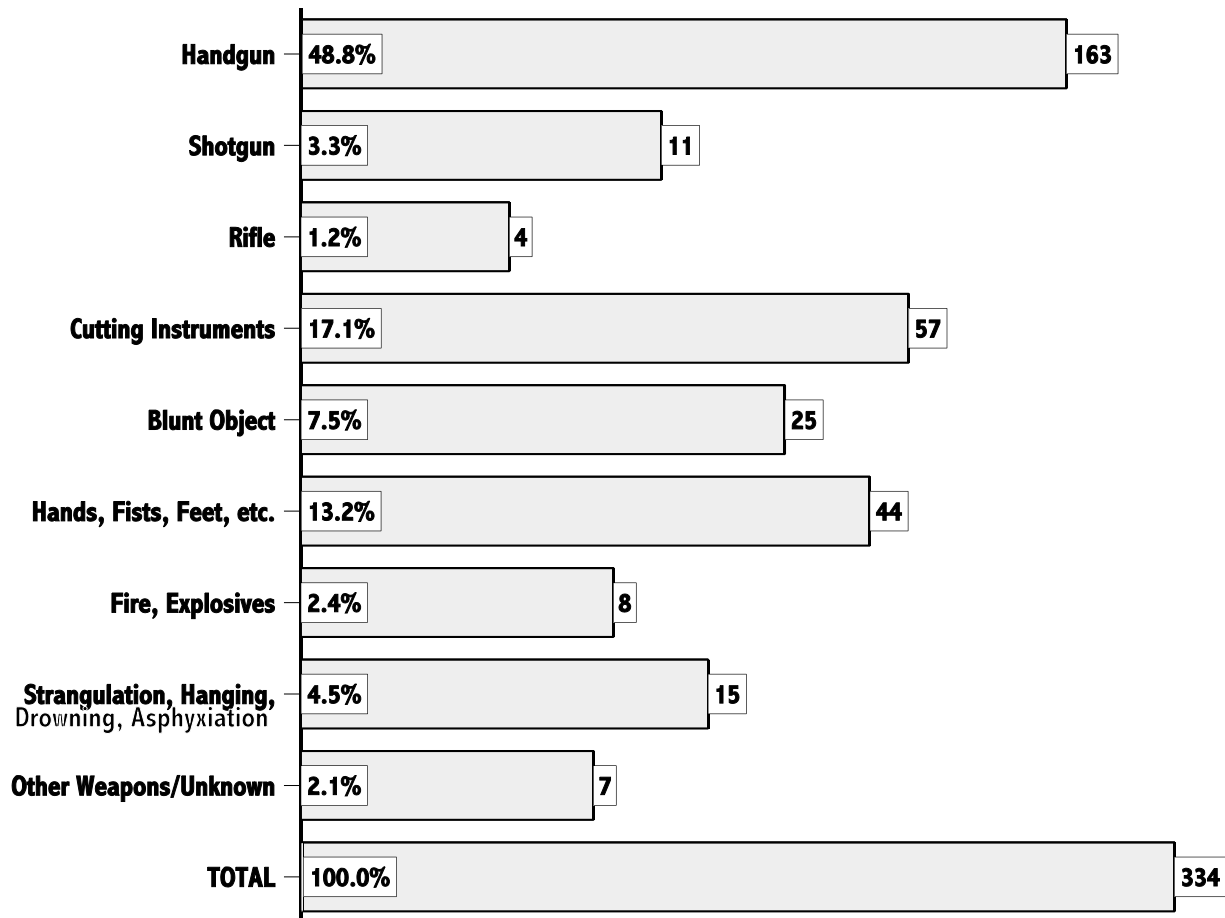


MURDER VICTIMS BY AGE, SEX AND RACE —1997

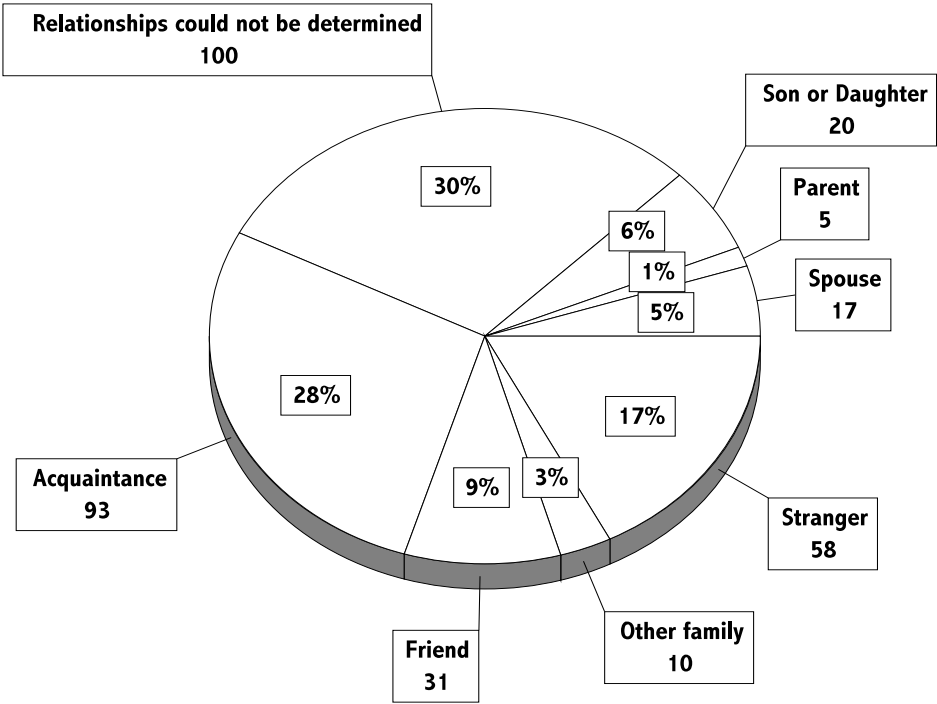
AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	SEX		RACE			
			MALE	FEMALE	WHITE	BLACK	AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER
Under 1	13	3.9	8	5	6	6	-	1
1 - 4	12	3.6	8	4	5	7	-	-
5 - 9	4	1.2	1	3	-	4	-	-
10 - 14	9	2.7	7	2	3	6	-	-
15 - 19	48	14.4	40	8	14	34	-	-
20 - 24	57	17.1	46	11	23	34	-	-
25 - 29	58	17.4	49	9	15	40	-	3
30 - 34	42	12.6	28	14	19	22	-	1
35 - 39	25	7.5	15	10	10	13	-	2
40 - 44	16	4.8	11	5	7	5	-	4
45 - 49	14	4.2	12	2	7	5	-	2
50 - 54	6	1.8	5	1	4	2	-	-
55 - 59	10	3.0	8	2	5	5	-	-
60 - 64	4	1.2	4	-	2	2	-	-
65 - 69	6	1.8	4	2	5	1	-	-
70 - 74	5	1.5	5	-	4	1	-	-
75 and Over	4	1.2	2	2	3	1	-	-
Unknown	1	0.3	-	1	1	-	-	-
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	334	-	253	81	133	188	0	13
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	-	100.0	76	24	40	56	0	4

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MURDER — DISTRIBUTION BY TYPE OF WEAPON

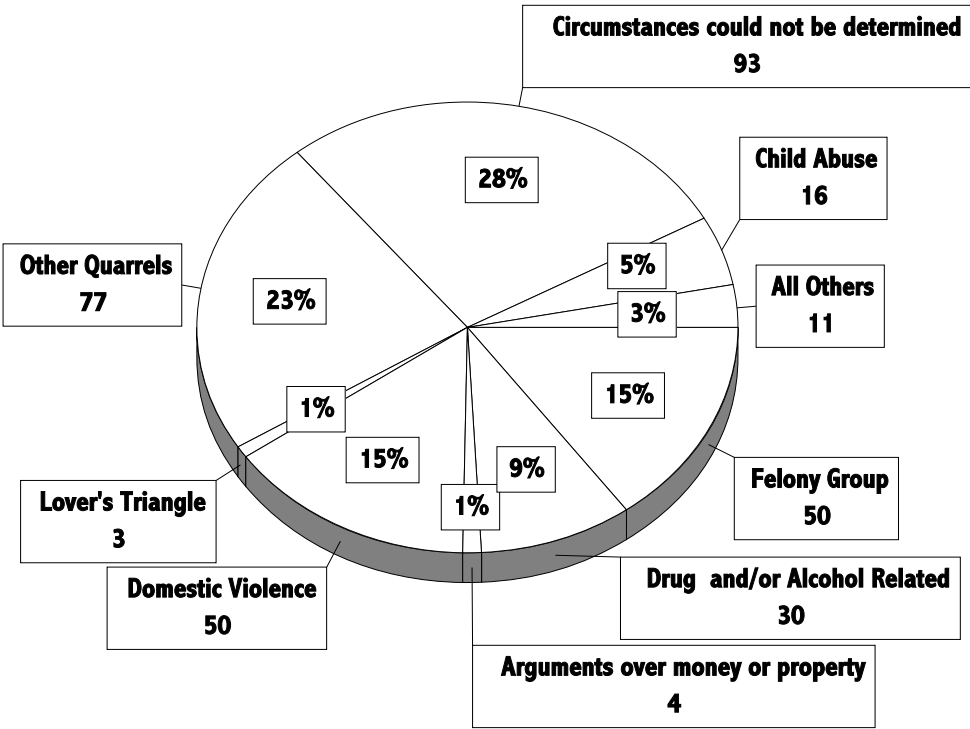


RELATIONSHIP OF MURDER VICTIMS TO OFFENDER

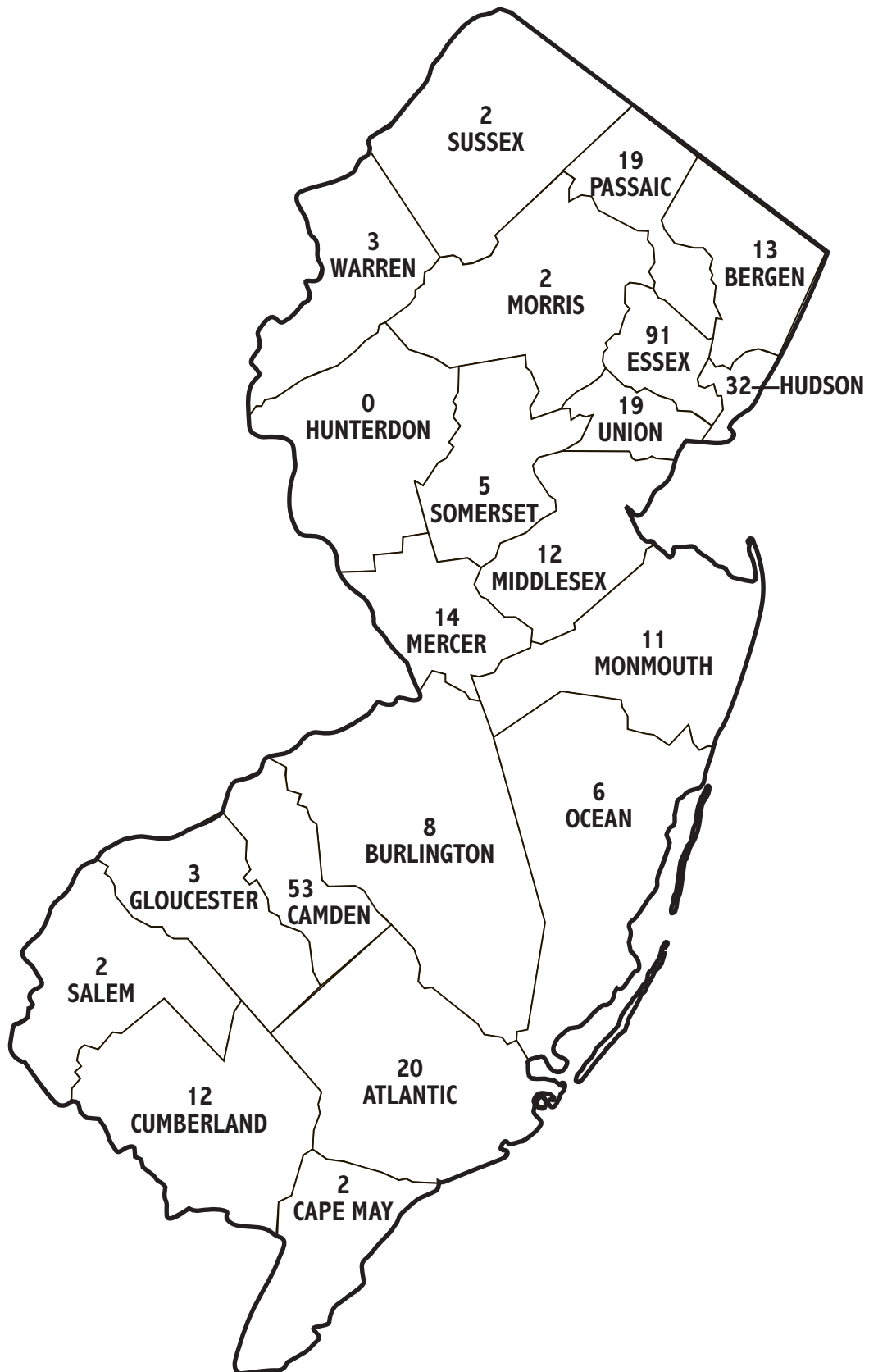


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MURDER CIRCUMSTANCES



MURDERS BY COUNTY - 1997



RAPE

Definition

Rape is defined as the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. All assaults and attempts to rape are counted, but carnal abuse, rape without force (statutory rape) and other sex offenses are not included.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 1,730 reported rapes in 1997, a decrease of 12 percent compared to the 1,972 in 1996.
- Rape accounted for five-tenths of one percent of the total Crime Index and 4 percent of all violent crimes.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Eighty-seven percent of the rapes were forcible, the remaining 13 percent were attempts to rape.
- The total value of property stolen as a result of rape amounted to \$38,407.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- A total of 827 persons were arrested during 1997, a 13 percent decrease compared to 1996.
- Adult rape arrests decreased 14 percent, while juvenile arrests decreased 5 percent.
- Forty-five percent of the arrested perpetrators were white, 52 percent were black and 2 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 16 percent of the arrests.
- Forty percent of all persons arrested for rape were between 25 and 39.
- Fifty-three percent of all rape cases were solved during 1997. Juveniles accounted for 15 percent of those cases cleared.

Rape Scenario

Most frequent month	May
Most frequent offender:	
Age Group:	30-34
Sex	Male
Race	Black

ROBBERY

Definition

Robbery is defined as the felonious and forcible taking of the property of another, against his will, by violence or by putting him in fear. The element of personal confrontation is always present in this crime. Under the program, all assaults or attempts to rob are included.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 16,953 robbery offenses in 1997, a 10 percent decrease compared to 1996.
- Robbery accounted for 5 percent of the total Crime Index and 43 percent of all violent crime.
- The robbery rate was 2.1 victims per 1,000 population.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Highway robberies accounted for 67 percent of all reported robberies.
- Bank robberies decreased 16 percent and gas, service station robberies decreased 15 percent.
- Total value of property stolen during robberies amounted to \$11,311,622.

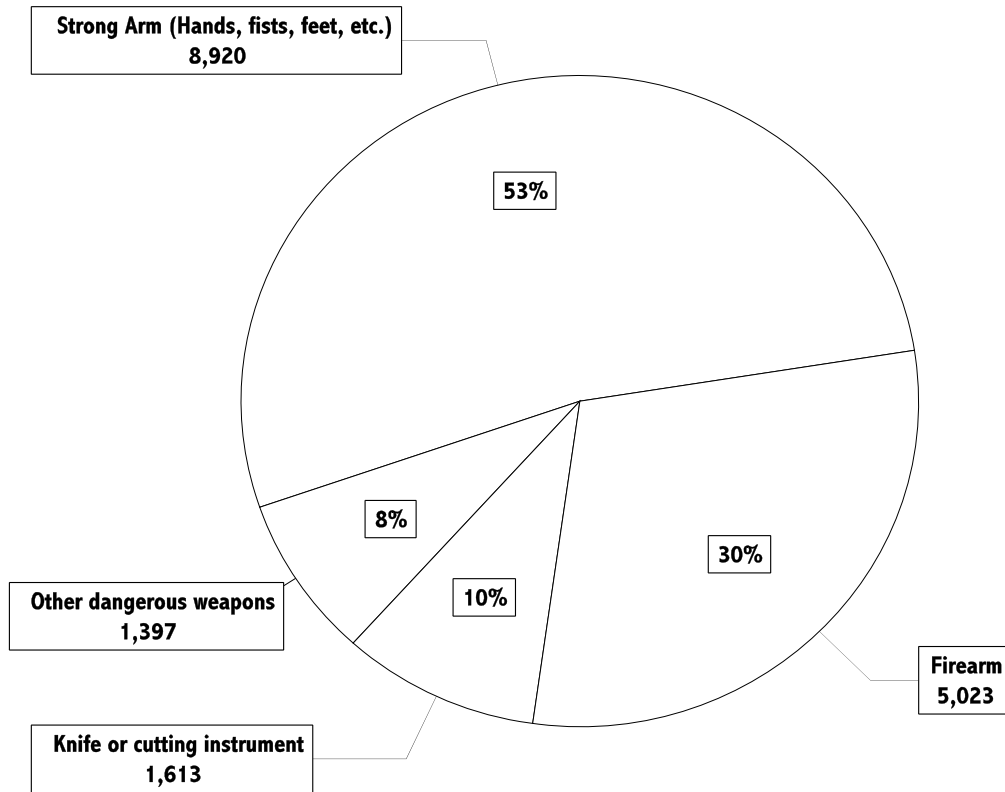
ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- A total of 5,225 persons were arrested for robbery in 1997, an 8 percent decrease compared to 1996.
- There was a 4 percent decrease in adult robbery arrests, and juvenile arrests decreased 15 percent in 1997.
- Males accounted for 90 percent and females 10 percent of the robbery arrests during 1997.
- Sixty-five percent of all persons arrested for robbery were black, 34 percent were white and 1 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 16 percent of the robbery arrests.
- Twenty-seven percent of the robbery cases were cleared and juveniles accounted for 27 percent of these clearances.

Robbery Scenario

Most frequent month	January
Most frequent weapon	Strong Arm
Most frequent location	Highway
Most frequent offender:	
Age Group:	25-29
Sex	Male
Race	Black

ROBBERY WEAPON DISTRIBUTION



Percent may not add to 100 due to rounding.

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	TOTAL VALUE	AVERAGE VALUE	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF OFFENSES
HIGHWAY	11,345	\$ 4,903,007	\$ 432	66.9
COMMERCIAL HOUSE	1,125	\$ 2,275,812	\$ 2,023	6.6
GAS, SERVICE STATION	513	\$ 151,020	\$ 294	3.0
CONVENIENCE STORE	650	\$ 518,833	\$ 798	3.8
RESIDENCE	1,404	\$ 1,257,631	\$ 896	8.3
BANK	158	\$ 792,668	\$ 5,017	0.9
MISCELLANEOUS	1,758	\$ 1,412,651	\$ 804	10.4
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	16,953	\$ 11,311,622	\$ 667	100.0

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CARJACKING

- Carjacking is a form of robbery; therefore, further analysis is provided in this section for 1997.
- There were 497 carjacking offenses reported to the police; 22 were determined to be unfounded, leaving a total of 475 carjackings, involving 529 victims, including passengers.
- Carjackings decreased 22% when comparing 1997 to 1996.
- Seventy-nine of the 567 municipalities in New Jersey reported carjackings.
- Firearms were involved in 52% (247) of all carjackings. Two percent (4) of the firearms used were assault firearms. Shootings were involved in 2 percent (9) of all carjackings.
- New Jersey registered vehicles represented 92% (436) of all carjackings. Chevrolet, with 14% (67), was the most frequently carjacked vehicle make, while 1993, with 9% (43), was the most frequently targeted vehicle year.
- Seventy-four percent (350) of all carjacked vehicles were recovered. The average value of a carjacked motor vehicle was \$8,355.
- Carjackings occurred in a residential area 47% (225) of the time. The hours of darkness (6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.) accounted for 68% (324) of all carjackings.
- Twenty-three percent (111) of all carjackings were witnessed.
- The most frequent victim age group was 20-24, which accounted for 22% (116) of the victim total (529). Seventy-three percent (387) of all victims were male. Fifty-one percent (272) of all victims were white.
- The total number of offenders was 764. Insufficient analysis information was supplied on 18% (135) of the offenders. Of all known offenders (629), 20-24 was the most frequent offender age group and accounted for 39% (247). Ninety-four percent (594) of all known offenders were male. Eighty percent (502) of all known offenders were black.
- Juveniles accounted for 21% (27) of the total arrests for carjacking (127), while adults accounted for 79% (100).
- January had the highest number of offenses with (53) accounting for 11% of all reported carjacking offenses.
- Thursday recorded the highest number of offenses, accounting for 16% (74) of all reported carjackings.
- Region I, which consists of Essex, Hudson, and Union counties, accounted for 78% (372) of all reported carjackings.
- Two murders were reported in 1997 as the result of carjacking.
- Nineteen percent (91) of all carjackings (475) were cleared by arrest.

CARJACKING OFFENSES

COUNTY AND STATE TOTALS - 1997

	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	ESTIMATED VEHICLE VALUE	ACTUAL NUMBER OF VEHICLES RECOVERED	OFFENSES CLEARED BY ARREST	NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED
ATLANTIC	2	\$ 47,000	1	-	-
BERGEN	5	\$ 137,225	1	1	2
BURLINGTON	9	\$ 47,400	4	3	6
CAMDEN	39	\$ 284,300	12	4	5
CAPE MAY	-	\$ 0	-	-	-
CUMBERLAND	1	\$ 600	1	-	-
ESSEX	269	\$ 2,176,301	233	59	82
GLOUCESTER	5	\$ 26,000	2	2	3
HUDSON	32	\$ 293,625	12	1	1
HUNTERDON	-	\$ 0	-	-	-
MERCER	12	\$ 101,000	6	1	3
MIDDLESEX	8	\$ 115,153	5	3	4
MONMOUTH	4	\$ 30,500	3	2	3
MORRIS	1	\$ 1,000	1	-	-
OCEAN	3	\$ 21,500	3	-	-
PASSAIC	12	\$ 83,000	4	1	1
SALEM	-	\$ 0	-	-	-
SOMERSET	-	\$ 0	-	-	-
SUSSEX	1	\$ 4,000	-	-	-
UNION	71	\$ 594,075	61	13	16
WARREN	1	\$ 6,000	1	1	1
STATE TOTAL	475	\$ 3,968,679	350	91	127

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Definition

Aggravated assault, as defined under the New Jersey Uniform Crime Reporting system, is an attempt or offer, with unlawful force or violence, to do serious physical injury to another. Attempts are included since it is not necessary that an injury result when a firearm, knife, or other weapon is used which could result in serious personal injury if the crime was successfully completed.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 20,635 reported aggravated assaults in 1997, a decrease of 3 percent when compared to 1996.
- Aggravated assault accounted for 6 percent of the total Crime Index and 52 percent of all violent crimes.
- The rate for aggravated assault decreased to 2.6 victims per 1,000 population.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Physical force (i.e. hands, fists, and feet) was used in 34 percent, and other dangerous weapons (i.e. clubs, bricks, tire irons, etc.) were used in 32 percent of all reported aggravated assaults.
- Firearms were used in 14 percent of all aggravated assaults committed.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

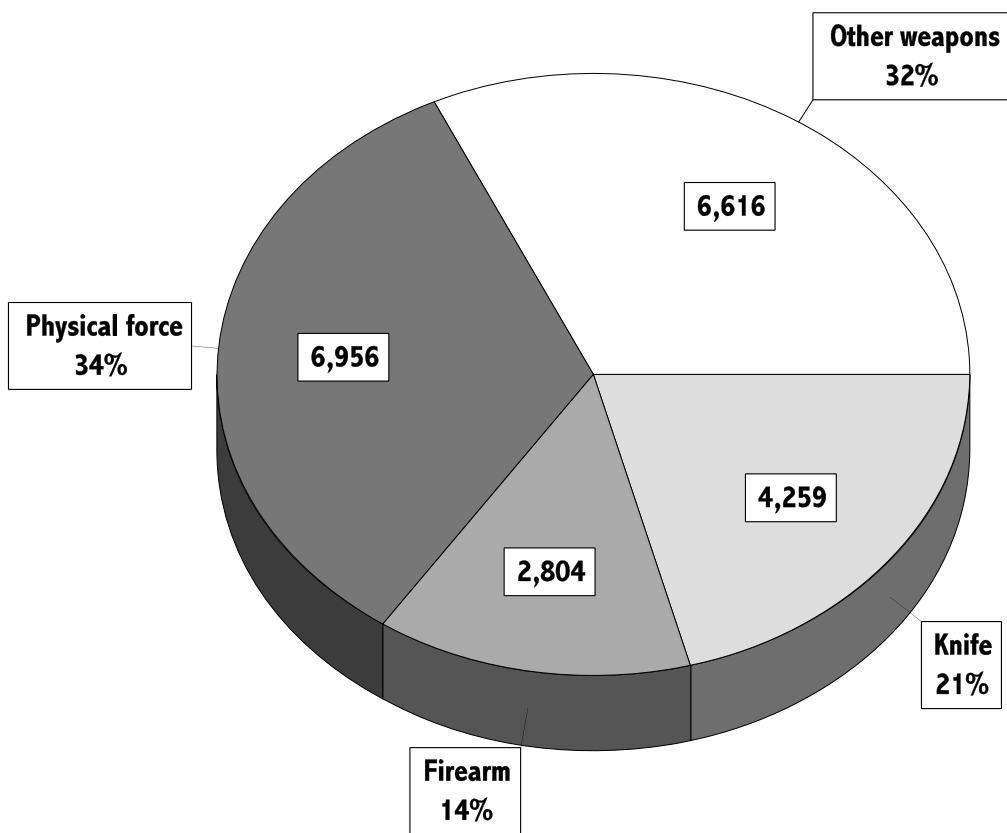
- There were 13,097 persons arrested for aggravated assault in 1997, a 3 percent decrease compared to 1996.
- Adult arrests decreased 1 percent, while juvenile arrests decreased 9 percent.
- Males accounted for 79 percent, and females 21 percent of the aggravated assault arrests.
- Forty-nine percent of the persons arrested for aggravated assault were white, 50 percent were black and 1 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 16 percent of the arrests.
- Sixty-one percent of all aggravated assault cases were cleared; juveniles accounted for 18 percent of those clearances.

Aggravated Assault Scenario

Most frequent month	June
Most frequent type	Hands, Fist, Feet
Most frequent offender:	
Age Group:	25-29
Sex	Male
Race	Black

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WEAPON DISTRIBUTION

Percent may not add to 100 due to rounding.



BURGLARY

Definition

Under this program, burglary is defined as an unlawful entry or attempted entry of any structure to commit a felony or larceny. Data collection for this offense is further categorized as forcible entry, unlawful entry (where no force is used) and attempted forcible entry.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 60,941 reported burglary offenses in 1997, a decrease of 4 percent.
- Burglary accounted for 19 percent of the total Crime Index and 21 percent of all nonviolent crimes.
- The burglary rate per 1,000 population decreased 5 percent to 7.6 in 1997.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Sixty-nine percent of all burglaries involved forcible entry, 21 percent were unlawful entry where no force was used and the remaining 11 percent were attempts to forcibly enter, during 1997.
- Residences were targets in 68 percent of the reported burglaries.
- Fifty-four percent of the nonresidential burglaries are known to have occurred between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- Stolen property as a result of burglary statewide, amounted to \$77.7 million, for an average loss of \$1,275.
- The average loss as a result of a residential burglary was \$1,226, while nonresidential burglary loss was \$1,376.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Burglary arrests decreased 3 percent with 9,442 persons arrested.
- Adult arrests increased 4 percent while juvenile arrests decreased 14 percent.
- Males accounted for 92 percent, and females 8 percent of the burglary arrests.
- Juveniles accounted for 32 percent of all burglary arrests.
- Sixty-one percent of burglary arrests were white, 39 percent were black and 1 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 16 percent of the arrests.
- Fourteen percent of the burglaries statewide were cleared and juveniles accounted for 22 percent of these clearances.

Burglary Scenario

Most frequent month	January
Most frequent method of entry	Forcible Entry
Most frequent premise	Residence
Most frequent offender:	
Age Group:	25-29
Sex	Male
Race	White

BURGLARY

1997

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	TOTAL VALUE	AVERAGE VALUE	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
RESIDENCE				
Night	11,596	\$13,419,028	\$1,157	19.0
Day	20,280	\$25,054,173	\$1,235	33.3
Unknown	9,351	\$12,082,874	\$1,292	15.3
RESIDENCE TOTAL	41,227	\$50,556,075	\$1,226	67.7
NONRESIDENCE				
Night	10,667	\$13,925,165	\$1,305	17.5
Day	3,392	\$4,127,476	\$1,217	5.6
Unknown	5,655	\$9,072,646	\$1,604	9.3
NONRESIDENCE TOTAL	19,714	\$27,125,287	\$1,376	32.3
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	60,941	\$77,681,362	\$1,275	100.0

LARCENY-THEFT

Definition

The definition of larceny-theft, as provided under this program, is the taking of the property of another with intent to deprive him of ownership. All larcenies and thefts resulting from pocketpicking, purse-snatching, shoplifting, larcenies from motor vehicles, thefts of motor vehicle parts and accessories, bicycle thefts, etc., are included here. Embezzlement, unlawful conversions, larceny by bailee, frauds or bad checks are not included.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 185,142 larcenies reported in 1997, a decrease of 5 percent compared to the 194,074 in 1996.
- Larceny accounted for 57 percent of the total Crime Index and 64 percent of all nonviolent crimes.
- The rate for larceny per 1,000 population decreased to 23.2 in 1997.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Thefts of motor vehicle parts and accessories and thefts from motor vehicles, collectively accounted for 31 percent of all larceny-thefts reported.
- Thefts of auto parts and accessories decreased 13 percent in 1997 compared to 1996.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Larceny-theft arrests decreased 3 percent in 1997, with 39,891 persons arrested.
- Juvenile arrests decreased 10 percent and adult arrests decreased less than one-half of one percent in 1997.
- Males accounted for 65 percent, and females 35 percent of the larceny arrests.
- Fifty-six percent of all persons arrested for larceny were white, 42 percent were black and 2 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 14 percent of the arrests.
- Twenty-one percent of the larcenies were cleared, with juveniles accounting for 24 percent of these clearances.

Larceny Scenario

Most frequent month	August
Most frequent type	From Motor Vehicles
Most frequent offender:	
Age Group	30-34
Sex	Male
Race	White

LARCENY-THEFT (Except Motor Vehicle Theft) — 1997

CLASSIFICATION BY VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN

CLASSIFICATION BY VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	TOTAL VALUE	AVERAGE VALUE	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
Over \$200	74,294	\$ 122,680,344	\$ 1,651	40.1
\$50 to \$200	52,414	\$ 5,847,452	\$ 112	28.3
Under \$50	58,434	\$ 1,008,534	\$ 17	31.6
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	185,142	\$ 129,536,330	\$ 700	100.0

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS OF LARCENY-THEFT

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	TOTAL VALUE	AVERAGE VALUE	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
Pocket-Picking	4,005	\$ 1,341,617	\$ 335	2.2
Purse-Snatching	2,003	\$ 599,294	\$ 299	1.1
Shoplifting	27,960	\$ 6,988,121	\$ 250	15.1
From Motor Vehicles	42,690	\$ 22,279,727	\$ 522	23.1
Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories	14,096	\$ 4,615,007	\$ 327	7.6
Bicycles	15,737	\$ 3,553,689	\$ 226	8.5
From Buildings	36,646	\$ 43,769,677	\$ 1,194	19.8
From any Coin Operated Machines	972	\$ 252,372	\$ 260	0.5
All Other	41,033	\$ 46,136,826	\$ 1,124	22.2
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	185,142	\$ 129,536,330	\$ 700	100.0

Percent distribution may not add to 100.0 due to rounding.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Definition

In Uniform Crime Reporting, motor vehicle theft includes all thefts and attempted thefts of a motor vehicle. This includes the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle which is defined as a self-propelled vehicle that runs on the surface and not on the rails. This definition excludes taking a motor vehicle for temporary use, such as family situation, or unauthorized use by other having lawful access to the vehicle. The motor vehicle theft category includes the subheadings of autos, trucks and buses, and other vehicles (motorcycles, mopeds, etc.)

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 41,177 motor vehicle thefts reported in 1997, a decrease of 11 percent compared to the 46,437 in 1996.
- Motor vehicle theft accounted for 13 percent of the total Crime Index and 14 percent of all nonviolent crimes.
- The motor vehicle theft rate of 5.2 victims per 1,000 population represents a decrease compared to 5.9 in 1996.

DISTRIBUTION BY TYPE

Type	Number	Percent Distribution
Auto	37,394	91
Trucks and Buses	2,180	5
Other Vehicles	1,603	4

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Motor vehicles represented 60 percent of the total value of property stolen during 1997.
- Total value of stolen motor vehicles amounted to \$328.9 million during the year.
- The average value of a stolen motor vehicle was \$7,988.
- Recovered vehicle values totaling \$202.0 million represent 90 percent of the total value of recovered property.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- A total of 2,049 persons were arrested for motor vehicle theft, this represents a 9 percent decrease compared to 1996.
- Juvenile arrests decreased 18 percent and adult arrests increased 1 percent.
- Males accounted for 90 percent, and females 10 percent of the motor vehicle theft arrests.
- Forty-five percent of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft were white, 54 percent were black and less than one-half of one percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 15 percent of the arrests.
- Five percent of motor vehicle thefts were cleared in 1997, juveniles accounted for 35 percent of these clearances.

Motor Vehicle Theft Scenario

Most frequent month	January
Most frequent type	Auto
Most frequent offender:	
Age Group:	17
Sex	Male
Race	Black

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT VALUES

STOLEN
\$328,902,567



RECOVERED
\$202,076,698

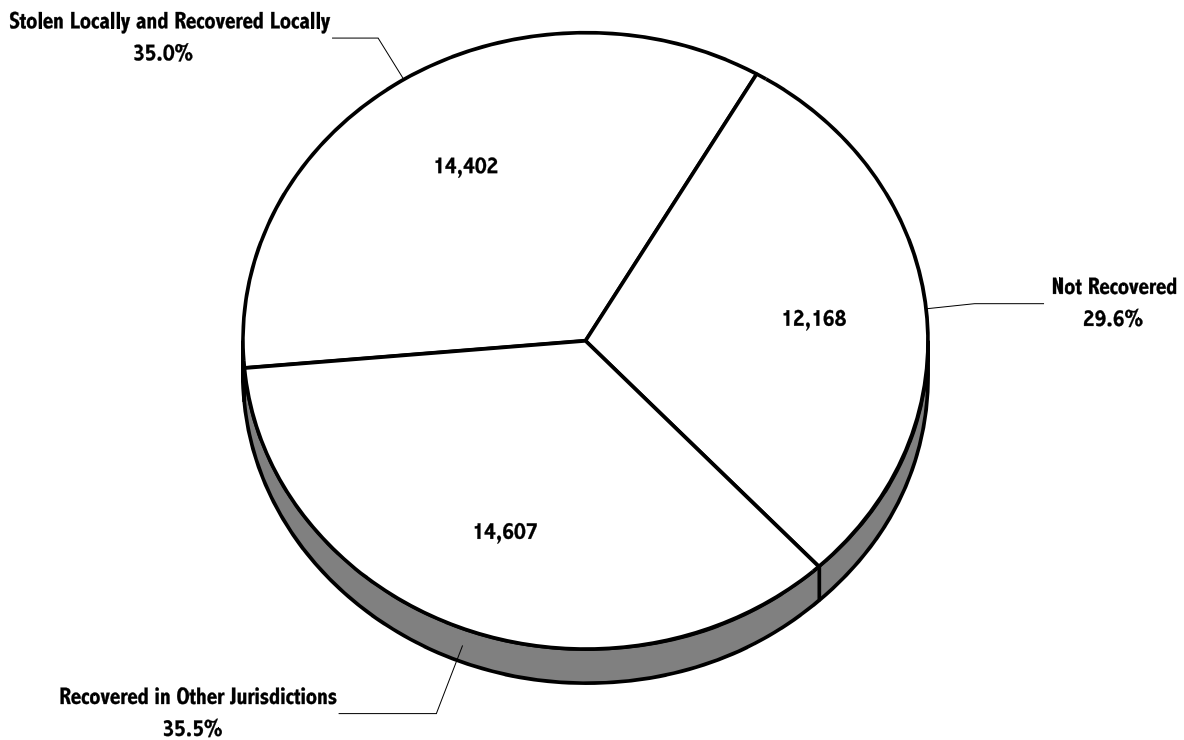


61.4% OF STOLEN VALUE RECOVERED

MOTOR VEHICLES RECOVERED — 29,009

Recovery of Motor Vehicles

Total Recovered 29,009 70.5% of Stolen Motor Vehicles Recovered



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ARSON

Definition

Arson is defined by the New Jersey Uniform Crime Reporting program as any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling, house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

Only fires determined through investigation to have been willfully or maliciously set are classified as arsons. Fires of suspicious or unknown origins are excluded.

VOLUME/RATE/TREND

- There were 2,583 reportable arsons in 1997, which represents an increase of 7 percent compared to 2,425 in 1996.
- The arson rate remained at 0.3 victims per 1,000 population.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

- Forty-seven percent of the arsons were structures, with residences accounting for 27 percent.
- Mobile property, including motor vehicles, accounted for 37 percent of the arsons in the state.
- Other property (timber, crops, etc.) accounted for 16 percent of the reported arsons.
- The total value of property damage due to arson amounted to \$46.5 million for an average dollar value loss of \$18,018.
- The average residential loss was \$21,272 while the average loss to industrial/commercial structures was \$150,937.
- The average motor vehicle loss was \$4,584.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Arson arrests numbered 638 in 1997, representing a 12 percent increase.
- Adult arrests remained constant while juvenile arrests increased 22 percent.
- Males accounted for 88 percent, and females 12 percent of the arson arrests.
- Juveniles accounted for 58 percent of the arson arrests.
- Sixty-nine percent of the persons arrested for arson were white, 30 percent were black and 1 percent were other races.
- Hispanics accounted for 11 percent of the arrests.
- The arson clearance rate was 21 percent, and juveniles accounted for 50 percent of these clearances.

Arson Scenario

Most frequent month	July
Most frequent type	Motor Vehicle
Most frequent offender:	
Age Group:	13-14
Sex	Male
Race	White

ARSON - 1997

	OFFENSES	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	VALUE DAMAGE	NUMBER CLEARED	PERCENT CLEARED	NUMBER JUVENILES CLEARED	PERCENT JUVENILES CLEARED
Single Occupancy (Residential)	407	16	\$ 9,510,008	125	31	56	45
Other Residential	289	11	\$ 5,295,527	85	29	37	44
Storage	111	4	\$ 2,263,162	29	26	19	66
Industrial Manufacturing	33	1	\$ 281,550	4	12	-	0
Other Commercial	119	5	\$ 22,660,864	26	22	8	31
Community, Public	194	8	\$ 1,719,220	69	36	50	72
All Other Structures	64	2	\$ 355,645	19	30	12	63
Total Structure	1,217	47	\$ 42,085,976	357	29	182	51
Motor Vehicles	903	35	\$ 4,029,355	104	12	22	21
Other Mobile Property	46	2	\$ 321,010	5	11	2	40
Total Mobile	949	37	\$ 4,350,365	109	11	24	22
Total Other	417	16	\$ 105,442	86	21	68	79
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	2,583	100	\$ 46,541,783	552	21	274	50

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