SECTION IV COUNTY OFFENSE AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA OVERVIEW

		TOTAL CRIME INDEX						
COUNTY	YEAR	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	CRIME RATE PER 1,000 INHABITANTS	NUMBER CLEARED	PERCENT CLEARED			
	1996	19,018	81.9	4,080	21.5			
ATLANTIC	1997	18,919	80.4	3,818	20.2			
	Percent Change	-1	-2	-6	-6			
	1996	22,904	27.2	5,108	22.3			
BERGEN	1997	21,214	25.1	5,067	23.9			
	Percent Change	-7	-8	, -1	7.2			
	1996	12,735	31.9	2,810	22.1			
BURLINGTON	1997	11,920	29.0	2,626	22.0			
	Percent Change	-6	-9	-7	*			
	1996	28,738	56.7	5,926	20.6			
CAMDEN	1997	26,556	52.4	5,684	21.4			
	Percent Change	-8	-8	-4	4			
	1996	6,306	64.5	1,315	20.9			
CAPE MAY	1997	5,612	57.1	1,226	21.8			
	Percent Change	, -11	-11	-7	4			
	1996	7,844	56.5	2,132	27.2			
CUMBERLAND	1997	7,384	52.3	2,232	30.2			
	Percent Change	-6	-7	5	*			
	1996	64,294	84.0	10,981	17.1			
ESSEX	1997	57,647	76.3	10,753	18.7			
	Percent Change	-10	-9	-2	9			
	1996	10,449	43.3	1,965	18.8			
GLOUCESTER	1997	10,244	41.9	2,177	21.3			
	Percent Change	-2	-3	11	13			
	1996	32,465	58.8	6,363	19.6			
HUDSON	1997	30,209	54.8	5,988	19.8			
	Percent Change	-7	-7	-6	1			
	1996	1,630	14.1	353	21.7			
HUNTERDON	1997	1,594	13.4	404	25.3			
	Percent Change	-2	-5	14	17			
	1996	14,462	43.9	3,529	24.4			
MERCER	1997	13,593	41.2	3,494	25.7			
	Percent Change	-6	-6	-1	5			

	INDEX OFFENSES										
MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	BURGLARY	LARCENY- THEFT	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT					
14	123	683	978	2,609	13,819	792					
20	116	695	891	2,683	13,773	741					
43	-6	2	-9	3	*	-6					
12	67	503	796	3,104	15,661	2,761					
13	78	413	832	2,950	14,777	2,151					
8	16	-18	5	-5	-6	-22					
10	64	368	568	2,710	7,696	1,319					
8	66	402	641	2,497	7,249	1,057					
&	3	9	13	-8	-6	-20					
36	179	1,893	1,916	6,167	14,766	3,781					
53	182	1,702	1,961	5,790	13,728	3,140					
47	2	-10	2	-6	-7	-17					
4	47	106	255	1,347	4,363	184					
2	33	93	268	1,213	3,850	153					
&	-30	-12	5	-10	-12	-17					
5	87	341	667	1,852	4,398	494					
12	78	321	681	1,783	4,086	423					
&	-10	-6	2	-4	-7	-14					
127	367	6,674	6,344	11,767	24,517	14,498					
91	329	5,466	5,485	9,974	23,870	12,432					
-28	-10	-18	-14	-15	-3	-14					
3	37	220	355	1,889	7,161	784					
3	35	195	381	1,799	7,027	804					
0	-5	-11	7	-5	-2	3					
39	141	2,578	2,504	6,199	14,206	6,798					
37	159	2,286	2,648	5,884	13,202	5,993					
-5	13	-11	6	-5	-7	-12					
-	6	14	75	357	1,093	85					
-	2	6	79	327	1,107	73					
-	&	&	5	-8	1	-14					
16	198	615	888	2,817	7,976	1,952					
14	90	752	801	2,484	7,623	1,829					
-13	-55	22	-10	-12	-4	-6					

		TOTAL CRIME INDEX						
COUNTY	YEAR	NUMBER OF Offenses	CRIME RATE PER 1,000 INHABITANTS	NUMBER Cleared	PERCENT CLEARED			
	1996	23,715	34.2	4,372	18.4			
MIDDLESEX	1997	23,673	33.7	4,242	17.9			
	Percent Change	*	-1	-3	-3			
	1996	18,359	31.7	4,652	25.3			
MONMOUTH	1997	18,167	30.7	4,604	25.3			
	Percent Change	-1	-3	-1	0			
	1996	9,218	21.0	2,268	24.6			
MORRIS	1997	8,692	19.3	2,119	24.4			
	Percent Change	, -6	-8	-7	-1			
	1996	15,881	34.8	3,647	23.0			
OCEAN	1997	14,619	30.8	3,048	20.9			
	Percent Change	-8	-11	-16	-9			
	1996	20,652	44.7	3,810	18.4			
PASSAIC	1997	19,598	42.2	3,514	17.9			
171007110	Percent Change	-5	-6	-8	-3			
	1996	2,076	32.0	569	27.4			
SALEM	1997	2,095	31.0	644	30.7			
	Percent Change	1	-3	13	12			
	1996	6,935	26.6	1,252	18.1			
SOMERSET	1997	6, 975	25.8	1,216	17.4			
SOFILISET	Percent Change	1	-3	-3	-4			
	1996	2,157	15.6	535	24.8			
SUSSEX	1997	1,887	13.4	4 24	24.0 22.5			
3033LX	Percent Change	-13	-14	-21	-9			
	-							
UNION	1996 1997	24,290 24 ,466	48.9 49.2	3,547 3,546	14.6			
UNION	Percent Change	24,466	49.2	3,356 -5	13.7 -6			
	•	1 000	20.6					
WADDEN	1996	1,966	20.6	533	27.1			
WARREN	1997	1,848	18.9	415	22.5			
	Percent Change	-6	-8	-22	-17			
	1996	346,094	43.8	69,747	20.2			
STATE TOTAL	1997	326,912	40.9	67,051	20.5			
	Percent Change	-6	-7	-4	1			

^{*} Percent change less than one-half of one percent.

[&]amp; Percent changes not calculated due to small volume.

	INDEX OFFENSES										
MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	BURGLARY	LARCENY- THEFT	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT					
7	73	831	1,144	4,239	14,875	2,546					
12	86	768	1,171	4,140	15,071	2,425					
&	18	-8	2	-2	1	-5					
7	132	478	861	2,985	12,907	989					
11	95	518	901	3,354	12,394	894					
&	-28	8	5	12	-4	-10					
2	78	155	348	1,452	6,538	645					
2	60	107	378	1,545	5,990	610					
0	-23	-31	9	6	-8	-5					
8	89	264	699	2,943	11,103	775					
6	71	294	700	2,927	10,037	584					
&	-20	11	*	-1	-10	-25					
12	105	1,360	1,398	3,808	10,763	3,206					
19	93	1,238	1,238	4,060	9,850	3,100					
58	-11	-9	-11	7	-8	-3					
1	16	53	185	375	1,334	112					
2	19	63	178	493	1,226	114					
&	19	19	-4	31	-8	2					
3	24	163	124	1,182	4,949	490					
5	20	146	177	1,184	4,860	583					
&	-17	-10	43	*	-2	19					
3	14	13	122	480	1,415	110					
2	6	15	109	462	1,199	94					
&	&	15	-11	-4	-15	-15					
27	113	1,526	950	4,465	13,179	4,030					
19	104	1,454	1,037	4,972	12,975	3,905					
-30	-8	-5	9	11	-2	-3					
1	12	21	75	416	1,355	86					
3	8	19	78	420	1,248	72					
&	&	-10	4	1	-8	-16					
337	1,972	18,859	21,252	63,163	194,074	46,437					
334	1,730	16,953	20,635	60,941	185,142	41,177					
-1	-12	-10	-3	-4	-5	-11					

VIOLENT AND NONVIOLENT CRIME BY COUNTY 1996/1997

		NU	MBER	RATE PER 1,0	OO INHABITANTS
COUNTY	YEAR	VIOLENT CRIME	NONVIOLENT CRIME	VIOLENT CRIME	NONVIOLENT CRIME
ATLANTIC	1996	1,798	17,220	7.7	74.2
	1997	1,722	17,197	7.3	73.0
	Percent Change 1996	-4 1,378	21,526	-5 1.6	-2 26.1
BERGEN	1997 Percent Change	1,336 -3	19,878 -8	1.6 0	23.5 -10
BURLINGTON	1996	1,010	11,725	2.5	29.7
	1997	1,117	10,803	2.7	26.3
	Percent Change	11	-8	8	-11
	1996	4,024	24,714	7.9	49.2
CAMDEN	1997	3,898	22,658	7.7	44.7
	Percent Change	-3	-8	-3	-9
CAPE MAY	1996	412	5,894	4.2	62.0
	1997	396	5,216	4.0	53.1
CUMBERLAND	Percent Change	1,100	6,744	-5 7.9	-14 48.9
COLIDENTAL	1997	1,092	6,292	7.7	44.6
	Percent Change	-1	-7	-3	-9
ESSEX	1996	13,512	50,782	17.7	65.3
	1997	11,371	46,276	15.1	61.3
	Percent Change	-16	-9	-15	-6
GLOUCESTER	1996	615	9,834	2.5	42.7
	1997	614	9,630	2.5	39.4
	Percent Change	*	-2	0	-8
HUDSON	1996	5,262	27,203	9.5	49.2
	1997	5,130	25,079	9.3	45.5
	Percent Change	-3	-8	-2	-8
HUNTERDON	1996	95	1,535	0.8	14.2
	1997	87	1,507	0.7	12.7
	Percent Change	-8	-2	-13	-11
MERCER	1996	1,717	12,745	5.2	39.1
	1997	1,657	11,936	5.0	36.1
	Percent Change	-3	-6	-4	-8

VIOLENT AND NONVIOLENT CRIME BY COUNTY 1996/1997

		NU	MBER	RATE PER 1,0	00 INHABITANTS
COUNTY	YEAR	VIOLENT CRIME	NONVIOLENT CRIME	VIOLENT CRIME	NONVIOLENT CRIME
MIDDLESEX	1996	2,055	21,660	3.0	31.3
	1997	2,037	21,636	2.9	30.8
MONMOUTH	Percent Change 1996 1997 Percent Change	-1 1,478 1,525 3	16,881 16,642 -1	-3 2.6 2.6 0	-2 29.2 28.2 -3
MORRIS	1996	583	8,635	1.3	19.7
	1997	547	8,145	1.2	18.1
	Percent Change	-6	-6	-8	-8
OCEAN	1996	1,060	14,821	2.3	32.5
	1997	1,071	13,548	2.3	28.6
	Percent Change	1	-9	0	-12
PASSAIC	1996	2,875	17,777	6.2	38.5
	1997	2,588	17,010	5.6	36.6
	Percent Change	-10	-4	-10	-5
SALEM	1996	255	1,821	3.9	28.1
	1997	262	1,833	3.9	27.1
	Percent Change	3	1	0	-4
SOMERSET	1996	314	6,621	1.2	25.4
	1997	348	6,627	1.3	24.6
	Percent Change	11	*	8	-3
SUSSEX	1996	152	2,005	1.1	14.5
	1997	132	1,755	0.9	12.4
	Percent Change	-13	-12	-18	-14
UNION	1996	2,616	21,674	5.3	43.7
	1997	2,614	21,852	5.3	43.9
	Percent Change	*	1	0	*
WARREN	1996	109	1,857	1.1	19.5
	1997	108	1,740	1.1	17.8
	Percent Change	-1	-6	0	-9
STATE TOTAL	1996	42,420	303,674	5.4	38.4
	1997	39,652	287,260	5.0	35.9
	Percent Change	-7	-5	-7	-7

^{*} Percent change less than one-half of one percent.

ANALYSIS OF ROBBERY, BURGLARY, AND LARCENY BY COUNTY - 1997

OFFENSES	Atlantic	Bergen	Burling- ton	Camden	Cape May	Cumber- land	Essex	Glou- cester	Hudson
ROBBERY									
Highway	380	164	133	1,215	62	180	4,159	76	1,615
Commercial House	100	38	35	124	6	29	367	26	82
Gas, Service Station	18	35	40	46	1	16	90	16	48
Convenience Store	43	31	48	67	1	8	85	22	88
Residence	40	30	31	136	13	39	471	13	210
Bank	10	9	9	38	-	1	17	1	8
Miscellaneous	104	106	106	76	10	48	277	41	235
TOTAL ROBBERY OFFENSES	695	413	402	1,702	93	321	5,466	195	2,286
BURGLARY									
Residence Night	374	654	626	1,230	252	501	1,558	342	1,097
Day	473	785	654	1,423	239	559	3,817	524	3,121
Unknown	762	408	371	854	332	183	1,546	256	417
Nonresidence Night	468	660	552	1,227	166	298	1,415	340	647
Day	217	141	92	496	55	139	532	165	473
Unknown	389	302	202	560	169	103	1,106	172	129
TOTAL BURGLARY OFFENSES	2,683	2,950	2,497	5,790	1,213	1,783	9,974	1,799	5,884
LARCENY									
Pocket-Picking	2,143	361	46	84	4	11	330	73	142
Purse Snatching	342	142	51	84	11	6	404	36	87
Shoplifting	1,489	2,873	1,126	2,440	454	896	3,219	1,167	1,479
From Motor Vehicle	1,669	3,133	1,698	2,864	559	716	6,052	2,027	3,945
Motor Vehicle Parts & Accessories	271	1,199	487	677	158	290	2,631	349	1,886
Bicycles	680	1,071	841	1,576	1,012	387	964	879	688
From Buildings	5,458	3,099	1,467	1,517	559	807	5,869	1,091	2,782
From Coin Operated Machine	116	51	48	44	20	26	147	25	27
All Other	1,605	2,848	1,485	4,442	1,073	947	4,254	1,380	2,166
TOTAL LARCENY OFFENSES	13,773	14,777	7,249	13,728	3,850	4,086	23,870	7,027	13,202

ANALYSIS OF ROBBERY, BURGLARY, AND LARCENY BY COUNTY - 1997

Hunter- don	Mercer	Middle- sex	Mon- mouth	Morris	Ocean	Passaic	Salem	Somer- set	Sussex	Union	Warren	STATE TOTALS
1	523	391	335	46	75	960	23	34	-	970	3	11,345
-	70	53	33	8	10	29	5	8	-	98	4	1,125
1	22	33	21	10	22	21	5	5	4	54	5	513
1	22	48	30	12	30	42	4	11	2	54	1	650
1	60	41	39	9	31	84	9	18	4	123	2	1,404
-	8	12	11	1	4	5	-	3	2	19	-	158
2	47	190	49	21	122	97	17	67	3	136	4	1,758
6	752	768	518	107	294	1,238	63	146	15	1,454	19	16,953
46	676	724	800	220	566	571	149	196	75	868	71	11,596
75	800	1,219	904	368	635	1,835	141	350	133	2,131	94	20,280
46	182	718	678	291	750	431	76	256	91	602	101	9,351
89	474	611	675	367	593	789	78	207	104	812	95	10,667
24	167	119	73	88	88	200	11	44	19	236	13	3,392
47	185	749	224	211	295	234	38	131	40	323	46	5,655
327	2,484	4,140	3,354	1,545	2,927	4,060	493	1,184	462	4,972	420	60,941
1	54	256	72	52	43	167	7	39	1	117	2	4,005
4	86	181	74	34	55	158	12	31	3	194	8	2,003
141	1,403	2,353	2,083	982	1,134	1,672	181	768	88	1,848	164	27,960
189	1,767	3,656	2,777	973	2,404	2,540	187	1,321	294	3,641	278	42,690
61	581	1,301	694	359	393	1,133	83	255	80	1,155	53	14,096
40	827	1,214	1,599	314	1,192	577	142	426	69	1,137	102	15,737
286	1,787	2,559	2,420	1,313	896	1,193	279	802	335	1,900	227	36,646
10	23	86	53	35	81	41	8	25	14	87	5	972
375	1,095	3,465	2,622	1,928	3,839	2,369	327	1,193	315	2,896	409	41,033
1,107	7,623	15,071	12,394	5,990	10,037	9,850	1,226	4,860	1,199	12,975	1,248	185,142

VALUES OF PROPERTY STOLEN/RECOVERED BY COUNTY—1997

COUNTY	TOTAL	Currency, Notes, etc.	Jewelry and Precious	Furs	Clothing	Locally Stolen Motor	Miscellaneous
ATLANTIC							
Stolen \$	18,532,906	4,577,029	2,540,035	18,495	366,762	6,778,078	4,252,507
Recovered \$	4,015,798	83,624	166,837	0	104,865	3,335,448	325,024
Percent Recovered	21.7	1.8	6.6	0.0	28.6	49.2	7.6
BERGEN							
Stolen \$	51,574,252		6,013,577	113,265	1,475,927	28,352,056	11,819,149
Recovered \$	17,590,523	145,697	243,946	13,500	456,096	15,781,460	949,824
Percent Recovered	34.1	3.8	4.1	11.9	30.9	55.7	8.0
BURLINGTON							
Stolen \$	16,288,177	1,171,643	1,874,433	17,000	115,881	8,269,817	4,839,403
Recovered \$	6,161,400	90,071	81,096	0	32,204	5,258,556	699,473
Percent Recovered	37.8	7.7	4.3	0.0	27.8	63.6	14.5
CAMDEN	07.054.004		0.074.005	40000	252.624		
Stolen \$	27,951,691	2,194,139		16,320	350,631	14,998,139	7,418,127
Recovered \$	11,516,016	186,987	70,774	0	141,150	10,665,468	451,637
Percent Recovered	41.2	8.5	2.4	0.0	40.3	71.1	6.1
CAPE MAY	2 (00 002	405 700	412 221	0	F7 410	1 170 117	1 502 217
Stolen \$	3,689,982	=	413,331	0	57,419	1,170,117	1,563,317
Recovered \$ Percent Recovered	1,135,936	38,157	32,310 7.8	0	5,062	925,724 79.1	134,683 8.6
CUMBERLAND	30.8	7.9	7.8	0.0	8.8	/9.1	8.6
Stolen \$	5,511,522	646,825	458,154	0	86,440	2,270,335	2,049,768
Recovered \$	1,841,974	171,143	22,211	0	25,320	1,333,900	289,400
Percent Recovered	33.4	26.5	4.8	0.0	29.3	58.8	14.1
ESSEX	55.4	20.5	4.0	0.0	25.5	30.0	17.1
Stolen \$	119,007,814	4,734,219	5,322,846	206,335	2,387,397	89,289,432	17,067,585
Recovered \$	63,487,514		135,792	0	1,519,604	60,257,391	1,338,155
Percent Recovered	53.3	5.0	2.6	0.0	63.7	67.5	7.8
GLOUCESTER	00.0			5.5		57.5	,
Stolen \$	12,127,044	848,010	855,058	6,700	333,529	6,135,378	3,948,369
Recovered \$	4,694,605	17,919	47,826	50	43,859	4,174,263	410,688
Percent Recovered	38.7	2.1	5.6	0.7	13.2	68.0	10.4
HUDSON							
Stolen \$	71,539,295	4,065,938	4,247,605	32,561	2,567,766	50,442,523	10,182,902
Recovered \$	22,671,811	111,275	347,479	126	150,945	21,772,517	289,469
Percent Recovered	31.7	2.7	8.2	0.4	5.9	43.2	2.8
HUNTERDON							
Stolen \$	2,056,644	208,583	277,382	14,000	36,384	760,144	760,151
Recovered \$	505,570	17,869	3,000	0	12,786	411,815	60,100
Percent Recovered	24.6	8.6	1.1	0.0	35.1	54.2	7.9
MERCER							
Stolen \$	18,125,600	1,176,109	1,108,699	59,443	255,218	10,988,530	4,537,601
Recovered \$	6,114,716	188,351	56,842	598	84,659	5,186,364	597,902
Percent Recovered	33.7	16.0	5.1	1.0	33.2	47.2	13.2

VALUES OF PROPERTY STOLEN/RECOVERED BY COUNTY—1997

COUNTY	TOTAL	Currency, Notes, etc.	Jewelry and Precious	Furs	Clothing	Locally Stolen Motor	Miscellaneous
MIDDLESEX							
Stolen \$	46,962,130	2,868,751	4,335,384	18,300	1,200,014	27,668,804	10,870,877
Recovered \$	19,518,943	194,333	156,816	0	223,550	18,400,601	543,643
Percent Recovered	41.6	6.8	3.6	0.0	18.6	66.5	5.0
MONMOUTH							
Stolen \$	19,910,418		3,233,841	80,931	367,555	8,024,380	6,306,244
Recovered \$	5,958,028	154,987	171,956	7,677	140,666	4,601,068	881,674
Percent Recovered	29.9	8.2	5.3	9.5	38.3	57.3	14.0
MORRIS							
Stolen \$	16,225,946	*	1,893,523	9,898	194,072	8,782,125	4,463,622
Recovered \$	4,460,247	61,181	109,863	0	88,391	4,009,265	191,547
Percent Recovered	27.5	6.9	5.8	0.0	45.5	45.7	4.3
OCEAN	40.000.000	. 500 445			455 504		
Stolen \$	13,383,300		1,847,582	6,800	155,521	3,663,389	6,180,593
Recovered \$	3,329,027	62,969	132,136	0	34,759	2,237,687	861,476
Percent Recovered	24.9	4.1	7.2	0.0	22.4	61.1	13.9
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Stolen \$ Recovered \$	29,942,343		2,324,789	25,850	230,361	21,021,689	3,850,792
Percent Recovered	15,686,784 52.4	109,665 4.4	66,505 2.9	0.0	125,191 54.3	15,076,031 71.7	309,392 8.0
SALEM	32.4	4.4	2.9	0.0	34.3	/ 1./	0.0
Stolen \$	2,454,301	592,062	248,202	0	6,578	750,211	857,248
Recovered \$	390,454		5,299	0	931	283,285	89,768
Percent Recovered	15.9	1.9	2.1	0.0	14.2	37.8	10.5
SOMERSET	13.3	113		0.0	1 112	37.6	10.5
Stolen \$	13,109,838	1,210,872	1,599,585	13,625	212,236	6,621,698	3,451,822
Recovered \$	5,089,401	99,287	44,590	0	63,962	4,588,072	293,490
Percent Recovered	38.8	8.2	2.8	0.0	30.1	69.3	8.5
SUSSEX							
Stolen \$	2,206,614	321,390	297,520	12,000	15,650	841,441	718,613
Recovered \$	462,650	29,945	23,810	0	1,408	348,390	59,097
Percent Recovered	21.0	9.3	8.0	0.0	9.0	41.4	8.2
UNION							
Stolen \$	52,897,248	2,380,846	3,437,814	24,377	616,553	31,114,321	15,323,337
Recovered \$	28,460,558	44,942	150,039	533	171,737	22,891,333	5,201,974
Percent Recovered	53.8	1.9	4.4	2.2	27.9	73.6	33.9
WARREN							
Stolen \$	2,629,833	239,269	313,781	950	12,690	959,960	1,103,183
Recovered \$	651,561	7,350	212	0	4,214	538,060	101,725
Percent Recovered	24.8	3.1	0.1	0.0	33.2	56.1	9.2
STATE TOTAL							
Stolen \$	546,126,898	38,320,211	45,617,476	676,850	11,044,584	328,902,567	121,565,210
Recovered \$	223,743,516	2,063,495	2,069,339	22,484	3,431,359	202,076,698	14,080,141
Percent Recovered	41.0	5.4	4.5	3.3	31.1	61.4	11.6

ATLANTIC COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- A total of 18,919 Crime Index offenses were reported to the police of Atlantic County during 1997, a 1 percent decrease compared to 1996.
- Violent crimes decreased 4 percent and the nonviolent crime category decreased less than one-half of one percent.
- The crime rate for Atlantic County was recorded at 80.4 victims for every 1,000 inhabitants, a decrease of 2 percent compared to the previous year.
- Murder increased 43 percent (from 14 in 1996 to 20 in 1997) while rape decreased 6 percent.
- Total value of property stolen in Atlantic County amounted to \$18.5 million, of which 22 percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- There were 24,988 persons arrested during the year, an increase of 11 percent when compared to 1996.
- Adult arrests increased 13 percent and juvenile arrests increased 5 percent, compared to 1996.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 20 percent; juveniles were responsible for 21 percent of those cases cleared.

BERGEN COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- A total of 21,214 Crime Index offenses were reported to the police of Bergen County during 1997, a 7 percent decrease compared to 1996.
- Violent crimes decreased 3 percent and the nonviolent crime category decreased 8 percent.
- The crime rate per 1,000 inhabitants was 25.1, a decrease of 8 percent.
- Robbery decreased 18 percent (from 503 in 1996 to 413 in 1997) while rape increased 16 percent.
- The dollar loss from the commission of Index crimes totaled \$51.6 million, with 34 percent being recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Total arrests for 1997 were 28,724 persons, a 1 percent increase compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests increased 3 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 3 percent decrease.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 24 percent; juveniles were responsible for 22 percent of those cases cleared.

BURLINGTON COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Law enforcement agencies reported 11,920 Index offenses during the year, a decrease of 6 percent.
- Violent crime increased 11 percent and the nonviolent crime group decreased 8 percent.
- The crime rate per 1,000 population, decreased from 31.9 in 1996 to 29.0 in 1997, a decrease of 9 percent.
- Motor vehicle theft decreased 20 percent while robbery increased 9 percent.
- Property stolen as a result of Index crimes amounted to \$16.3 million, of which 38 percent was recovered.

- There were 19,626 persons arrested during the year, a 4 percent increase when compared to 1996.
- Adult arrests increased 4 percent while juvenile arrests increased 6 percent.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 22 percent; juveniles were responsible for 27 percent of those cases cleared.

CAMDEN COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Law enforcement agencies reported 26,556 Index offenses in 1997, a decrease of 8 percent compared to 1996.
- Violent crime decreased 3 percent while the nonviolent crime group decreased 8 percent when compared to 1996.
- The crime rate for Camden County was recorded at 52.4 victims for every 1,000 inhabitants, a decrease of 8 percent compared to the previous year.
- Murder increased 47 percent (from 36 in 1996 to 53 in 1997) while motor vehicle theft decreased 17 percent.
- Total value of property stolen in Camden County amounted to \$28.0 million, of which 41 percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- There were 33,071 persons arrested during the year, an increase of 3 percent when compared to 1996.
- Adult arrests decreased 1 percent and juvenile arrests increased 17 percent, compared to 1996.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 21 percent; juveniles were responsible for 26 percent of those cases cleared.

CAPE MAY COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- During the year, 5,612 Crime Index offenses were reported in this county, resulting in an 11 percent decrease compared to 1996.
- Violent Crime decreased 4 percent while the nonviolent crime group decreased 12 percent when compared to 1996.
- There were 57.1 victims for every 1,000 inhabitants during 1997, a decrease of 11 percent compared to 1996.
- Motor vehicle theft decreased 17 percent while aggravated assault increased 5 percent.
- The value of property stolen during 1997 was \$3.7 million, with a 31 percent recovery rate.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Total arrests for 1997 were recorded at 14,139 persons, a 2 percent increase when compared to 1996.
- Adult arrests increased 3 percent and juvenile arrests decreased 3 percent, compared to 1996.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 22 percent; juveniles were responsible for 30 percent of those cases cleared.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- There were 7,384 Index crimes reported to law enforcement agencies of the county during 1997, a decrease of 6 percent when compared to 1996.
- Violent crime decreased 1 percent and nonviolent crime reflected a 7 percent decrease.
- For every 1,000 inhabitants 52.3 were victims of Index crimes.
- Motor vehicle theft decreased 14 percent.
- The value of property stolen during 1997 amounted to \$5.5 million, of which 33 percent was recovered.

- During 1997 police in Cumberland County arrested 13,446 persons, a 5 percent decrease compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests decreased 2 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a decrease of 15 percent.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 30 percent; juveniles were responsible for 24 percent of those cases cleared.

ESSEX COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Agencies reported 57,647 Index offenses in this highly urbanized county in 1997, a 10 percent decrease when compared to 1996.
- Violent crimes decreased 16 percent and the nonviolent crime category decreased 9 percent.
- The crime rate per 1,000 inhabitants was 76.3, a decrease of 9 percent.
- Murder decreased 28 percent (from 127 in 1996 to 91 in 1997) while robbery decreased 18 percent.
- The dollar loss from the commission of Index crimes totaled \$119.0 million, with 53 percent being recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Total arrests for 1997 were 55,690 persons, a 12 percent increase compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests increased 17 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 7 percent decrease.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 19 percent; juveniles were responsible for 13 percent of those cases cleared.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- There were 10,244 Index offenses reported during the calendar year 1997, a decrease of 2 percent compared with 1996.
- Violent crime decreased less than one-half of one percent and the nonviolent crime group decreased 2 percent.
- The crime rate for Gloucester County was recorded at 41.9 victims per 1,000 population, a 3 percent decrease over 1996.
- Robbery decreased 11 percent while aggravated assault increased by 7 percent.
- The value of property stolen, as a result of Index crimes, amounted to \$12.1 million, of which 39 percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- In 1997, there were 13,671 persons arrested representing a 7 percent increase compared to 1996.
- Adult arrests increased 11 percent and juvenile arrests decreased 6 percent.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 21 percent; juveniles accounted for 27 percent of those cases cleared.

HUDSON COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- In comparison to 1996, law enforcement agencies reported 30,209 Index offenses which represents a decrease of 7 percent.
- Violent crime decreased 3 percent and nonviolent crime decreased 8 percent.
- The crime rate was 54.8 victims for every 1,000 persons.
- Stolen property, from the commission of Index crimes, amounted to \$71.5 million, with 32 percent being recovered.

- Law enforcement agencies within the county arrested 35,542 persons during the calendar year 1997, a 3 percent increase compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests increased 7 percent and juvenile arrests decreased 15 percent.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 20 percent; juveniles were responsible for 22 percent.

HUNTERDON COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Index crimes in the county totaled 1,594 in 1997, a decrease of 2 percent when compared to 1996.
- Violent crime decreased 8 percent and the nonviolent crime group decreased 2 percent.
- The crime rate for Hunterdon County was recorded at 13.4 victims per 1,000 population, a 5 percent decrease over 1996.
- Motor vehicle theft decreased 14 percent while burglary decreased by 8 percent.
- The value of property stolen, from Index crimes, amounted to \$2.1 million, of which 25 percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- In 1997, there were 3,004 persons arrested, representing a 12 percent increase compared to 1996.
- Adult arrests increased 12 percent and juvenile arrests increased 11 percent.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 25 percent; juveniles accounted for 25 percent of those cases cleared.

MERCER COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- A total of 13,593 Index offenses were reported for 1997. This represents a 6 percent decrease when compared to 1996.
- Violent crime registered a 3 percent decrease and nonviolent crime decreased 6 percent.
- Mercer County's crime rate was 41.2 victims for every 1,000 inhabitants, a 6 percent decrease over 1996.
- During the commission of Index crimes, a total of \$18.1 million in cash and/or property was stolen. Thirty-four percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Police arrested 29,735 persons for Index crimes, an 8 percent increase compared to 1996.
- Adult arrests increased 10 percent and juvenile arrests decreased 5 percent.
- The total clearance rate for Index crimes was 26 percent; juveniles accounted for 26 percent of those clearances.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Middlesex County law enforcement agencies reported 23,673 Index offenses during 1997, less than one-half of one percent decrease when compared to 1996.
- Violent crime decreased 1 percent and nonviolent crime decreased less than one-half of one percent.
- Robbery decreased 8 percent while rape increased 18 percent when compared to the previous year.
- Total stolen property values amounted to \$47.0 million during the year; of this total, 42 percent was recovered.

- During 1997, police in Middlesex County arrested 28,512 persons, a 1 percent increase compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests increased 2 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 2 percent decrease.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 18 percent; juveniles were responsible for 26 percent of those cases cleared.

MONMOUTH COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- During 1997, there were 18,167 Index crimes reported, representing a 1 percent decrease compared to 1996.
- The category of violent crime showed an increase of 3 percent and the category of nonviolent crime showed a decrease of 1
 percent.
- A victimization rate of 30.7 persons per 1,000 inhabitants reflected a 3 percent decrease over 1996.
- Rape decreased 28 percent (from 132 in 1996 to 95 in 1997) while burglary increased 12 percent.
- Total stolen property values amounted to \$19.9 million during the year; of this total, 30 percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Total arrests for 1997 were 31,543 persons, a decrease of 1 percent compared to 1996.
- Adult arrests increased 1 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 7 percent decrease.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 25 percent; juveniles were responsible for 27 percent of those cases cleared.

MORRIS COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Agencies reported 8,692 Index offenses in 1997, a 6 percent decrease when compared to 1996.
- Violent crimes decreased 6 percent and the nonviolent crime category decreased 6 percent.
- The crime rate per 1,000 inhabitants was 19.3 percent, a decrease of 8 percent.
- Robbery decreased 31 percent (from 155 in 1996 to 107 in 1997) while rape decreased 23 percent.
- The dollar loss from the commission of Index crimes totaled \$16.2 million, with 28 percent being recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Total arrests for 1997 were 14,182 persons, an increase of 1 percent compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests increased 2 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 2 percent decrease.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 24 percent; juveniles were responsible for 26 percent of those cases cleared.

OCEAN COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- There were 14,619 Index crimes reported to law enforcement agencies of the county during 1997. This represents a decrease of 8 percent when compared to 1996.
- Violent crime increased 1 percent and nonviolent crime reflected a decrease of 9 percent.
- For every 1,000 inhabitants 30.8 were victims of Index crimes.
- Motor vehicle theft decreased 25 percent while robbery increased 11 percent.
- The value of property stolen during 1997 amounted to \$13.4 million, of which 25 percent was recovered.

- Agencies within Ocean County arrested 19,106 persons, a 4 percent decrease compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests increased 4 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 23 percent decrease.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 21 percent; juveniles were responsible for 30 percent of those cases cleared.

PASSAIC COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Agencies reported 19,598 Index offenses in 1997, a 5 percent decrease when compared to 1996.
- Violent crimes decreased 10 percent and the nonviolent crime category decreased 4 percent.
- The crime rate was recorded at 42.2 victims for every 1,000 inhabitants, a decrease of 6 percent compared to the previous year.
- Burglary increased 7 percent while aggravated assault decreased 11 percent.
- Total value of property stolen in Passaic County amounted to \$29.9 million, of which 52 percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- There were 28,923 persons arrested during the year, an increase of 5 percent when compared to 1996.
- Adult arrests increased 10 percent and juvenile arrests decreased 15 percent, compared to 1996.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 18 percent; juveniles were responsible for 25 percent of those cases cleared.

SALEM COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- During 1997 there were 2,095 Index crimes reported to law enforcement agencies of the county, representing a 1 percent increase compared to the previous year.
- Violent crime increased 3 percent while nonviolent crime recorded a 1 percent increase for the year.
- For every 1,000 persons 31.0 were victims of Index offenses, a 3 percent decrease compared to 1996.
- Robbery increased 19 percent while burglary increased 31 percent.
- The dollar loss of stolen property amounted to \$2.5 million; the recovery rate was 16 percent.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Police arrested 6,140 persons for criminal offenses during the calendar year 1997, a 6 percent increase over 1996.
- Adult arrests increased 10 percent and juvenile arrests decreased 14 percent.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 31 percent; juveniles were responsible for 25 percent of those cases cleared.

SOMERSET COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Agencies reported 6,975 Index offenses in 1997, a 1 percent increase when compared to 1996.
- Violent crimes increased 11 percent and the nonviolent crime category increased less than one-half of one percent.
- The crime rate per 1,000 inhabitants was 25.8, a decrease of 3 percent.
- Aggravated assault increased 43 percent while motor vehicle theft increased 19 percent.
- The dollar loss from the commission of Index crimes totaled \$13.1 million, with 39 percent being recovered.

- Total arrests for 1997 were 8,102 persons, a 3 percent decrease compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests decreased less than one-half of one percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 9 percent decrease.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 17 percent; juveniles were responsible for 33 percent of those cases cleared.

SUSSEX COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Law enforcement agencies reported 1,887 Index offenses during the year, a decrease of 13 percent.
- Violent crime decreased 13 percent and the nonviolent crime group decreased 12 percent.
- For every 1,000 inhabitants, 13.4 were victims of crime.
- Robbery increased 15 percent while larceny-theft decreased 15 percent.
- Property stolen as a result of Index crimes amounted to \$2.2 million, of which 21 percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- There were 4,180 persons arrested during the year, a 3 percent increase when compared to 1996.
- Adult arrests increased 3 percent while juvenile arrests increased 2 percent.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 23 percent; juveniles were responsible for 37 percent of those cases cleared.

UNION COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- During 1997 there were 24,466 Index crimes reported, representing a 1 percent increase compared to 1996.
- The category of violent crime showed a decrease of less than one-half of one percent and the category of nonviolent crime showed an increase of 1 percent.
- A victimization rate of 49.2 persons per 1,000 inhabitants reflected a 1 percent increase over 1996.
- Murder decreased 30 percent from 27 in 1996 to 19 in 1997.
- Total stolen property values amounted to \$52.9 million during the year; of this total, 54 percent was recovered.

ARRESTS/CLEARANCES

- Total arrests for 1997 were 24,980 persons, a 5 percent increase compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests increased 7 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 1 percent decrease.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 14 percent; juveniles were responsible for 19 percent of those cases cleared.

WARREN COUNTY

VOLUME/RATE

- Agencies reported 1,848 Index offenses in 1997, a 6 percent decrease when compared to 1996.
- Violent crimes decreased 1 percent and the nonviolent crime category decreased 6 percent.
- The crime rate per 1,000 inhabitants was 18.9 a decrease of 8 percent.
- Motor vehicle theft decreased 16 percent.
- The dollar loss from the commission of Index crimes totaled \$2.6 million, with 25 percent being recovered.

- Total arrests for 1997 were 4,024 persons, a less than one-half of one percent increase compared to the previous year.
- Adult arrests increased 2 percent and juvenile arrests reflected a 6 percent decrease.
- The total clearance rate for Index offenses was 23 percent; juveniles were responsible for 29 percent of those cases cleared.