

SECTION V

INDEX OFFENSE ANALYSIS

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UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE OFFENSE DATA – 1997

(All Offenses are Recorded in the Municipality of Occurrence)

University or College	Total Crime Index	Violent Crime	Non- Violent Crime	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggra- vated Assault	Burglary	Larceny- Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson ☐
BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	50	0	50	-	-	-	-	2	48	-	-
ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE	39	2	37	0	0	2	0	3	26	8	-
Newark City	39	2	37	-	-	2	-	3	26	8	-
West Caldwell Borough	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KEAN COLLEGE of NEW JERSEY	283	13	270	0	1	2	10	43	207	20	0
Elizabeth City	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hillside Township	23	0	23	-	-	-	-	8	15	-	-
Union Township	260	13	247	-	1	2	10	35	192	20	-
MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE	71	0	71	-	-	-	-	3	61	7	-
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY	128	4	124	0	0	0	4	4	120	0	0
Long Branch City	1	1	0	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Ocean Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Long Branch Borough	127	3	124	-	-	-	3	4	120	-	-
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY	228	3	225	0	1	1	1	18	195	12	0
Clifton City	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Little Falls Township	195	3	192	-	1	1	1	17	163	12	-
Montclair Town	33	0	33	-	-	-	-	1	32	-	-
NJ INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	89	3	86	-	-	1	2	15	66	5	-
ROWAN UNIVERSITY	180	8	172	-	-	5	3	10	155	7	1
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	1,009	29	980	0	9	11	9	82	867	31	5
Camden Campus	121	7	114	-	1	3	3	6	95	13	-
New Brunswick Campus	589	16	573	0	7	6	3	55	503	15	2
East Brunswick Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edison Township	4	0	4	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-
Highland Park Borough	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick City	316	5	311	-	3	2	-	27	277	7	2
North Brunswick Township	9	2	7	-	1	-	1	2	5	-	-
Piscataway Township	260	9	251	-	3	4	2	25	218	8	-
Newark Campus	299	6	293	-	1	2	3	21	269	3	3
RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	92	3	89	-	-	-	3	20	67	2	-
THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	101	1	100	-	-	-	1	1	97	2	-
UNIV. OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY	731	11	720	0	0	2	9	39	657	24	0
Camden Campus	25	0	25	-	-	-	-	9	16	-	-
Newark Campus	625	11	614	-	-	2	9	29	562	23	-
Piscataway Campus	81	0	81	-	-	-	-	1	79	1	-
WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY	145	1	144	0	0	0	1	9	135	0	0
Haledon Borough	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
North Haledon Borough	17	0	17	-	-	-	-	1	16	-	-
Wayne Township	126	1	125	-	-	-	1	8	117	-	-
TOTAL UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	3,146	78	3,068	0	11	24	43	249	2,701	118	6

☐ Arson is not a crime index offense.

CRIME INDEX FOR POPULATION GROUPS – 1997

The presentation of crime statistics by population groups was made for the purpose of projecting, for consideration, the relative crime experience of communities of varying populations. Although the individual municipalities within the various groups may be geographically separated, their inclusion into a specific group was predicated by the similarity in population with the other municipalities within the group. Municipalities within the same group may differ widely when all factors are considered, but they do share the common bond of population size. The grouping of communities in this manner allows recognition of variances in the crime volumes, rates and clearances between the established groups.

Set forth below are the established municipal groupings as used in this section:

POPULATION GROUPS	TOTAL CRIME INDEX	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggra- vated Assault	Burglary	Larceny- Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft
GROUP I								
4 Municipalities over 100,000 Population—757,968	62,584	105	380	6,649	6,650	11,940	24,868	11,992
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	82.6	0.1	0.5	8.8	8.8	15.8	32.8	15.8
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	17.6							
GROUP II								
21 Municipalities 50,000-100,000 Population —1,439,671	70,069	104	449	4,463	5,180	13,810	35,137	10,926
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	48.7	0.1	0.3	3.1	3.6	9.6	24.4	7.6
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	20.7							
GROUP III								
59 Municipalities 25,000-50,000 Population —2,043,111	89,793	66	415	3,415	3,913	16,112	55,800	10,072
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	43.9	★	0.2	1.7	1.9	7.9	27.3	4.9
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	18.7							
GROUP IV								
67 Municipalities 15,000-25,000 Population —1,287,862	39,801	19	193	1,191	1,929	7,266	25,811	3,392
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	30.9	★	0.2	0.9	1.5	5.6	20.0	2.6
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	24.7							
GROUP V								
220 Municipalities 5,000-15,000 Population —1,971,649	50,316	32	191	967	2,191	8,741	34,123	4,071
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	25.5	★	0.1	0.5	1.1	4.4	17.3	2.1
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	23.5							
GROUP VI								
117 Municipalities 2,000-5,000 Population —399,741	11,500	5	79	233	638	2,465	7,480	600
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	28.8	★	0.2	0.6	1.6	6.2	18.7	1.5
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	21.0							
GROUP VII								
79 Municipalities under 2,000 Population —93,218	2,849	3	23	35	134	607	1,923	124
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	30.6	★	0.2	0.4	1.4	6.5	20.6	1.3
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	24.0							

★ Less than one-tenth of one percent.

URBAN – SUBURBAN – RURAL CRIME 5 YEAR COMPARISON 1993/1997 Summary Analysis

OFFENSES	URBAN			SUBURBAN			RURAL		
	1993	1997	Percent Change	1993	1997	Percent Change	1993	1997	Percent Change
Murder	333	275	-17	58	45	-22	28	14	-50
Rape	1,457	1,137	-22	534	466	-13	223	127	-43
Robbery	20,824	14,569	-30	2,125	2,018	-5	358	366	2
Aggravated Assault	17,859	15,188	-15	4,243	4,183	-1	1,346	1,264	-6
Burglary	50,674	38,252	-25	21,041	18,358	-13	5,045	4,331	-14
Larceny-Theft	108,173	101,194	-6	74,230	71,450	-4	13,506	12,498	-7
Motor Vehicle Theft	43,189	31,157	-28	11,812	8,980	-24	1,244	1,040	-16
Total Crime Index	242,509	201,772	-17	114,043	105,500	-7	21,750	19,640	-10
Violent Crime	40,473	31,169	-23	6,960	6,712	-4	1,955	1,771	-9
Nonviolent Crime	202,036	170,603	-16	107,083	98,788	-8	19,795	17,869	-10

The character of some municipalities has changed due to the updating of Urban, Suburban and Rural classifications.

- During the five-year period, Urban communities experienced the largest percentage change in Index offenses, a decrease of 17 percent.
- Suburban and Rural communities experienced 7 percent and 10 percent decreases, respectively, in Index offenses.
- Robbery decreased 30 percent in the Urban community compared to 1993.
- Overall, Urban, Suburban and Rural communities experienced a decrease in violent and nonviolent crimes.

URBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 1996/1997

Municipalities: 155

Population: 3,583,807

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	1996	1997	Percent Change	1996	1997	Percent Change	1996	1997	Percent Change
Murder	288	275	-5	0.1	0.1	0	85.5	82.3	-4
Rape	1,286	1,137	-12	0.4	0.3	-25	65.2	65.7	1
Robbery	16,290	14,569	-11	4.6	4.1	-11	86.3	85.9	*
Aggravated Assault	15,920	15,188	-5	4.5	4.2	-7	74.9	73.6	-2
Burglary	40,360	38,252	-5	11.3	10.7	-5	63.9	62.8	-2
Larceny-Theft	106,255	101,194	-5	29.8	28.2	-5	54.7	54.7	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	35,331	31,157	-12	9.9	8.7	-12	76.1	75.7	-1
Total Crime Index	215,730	201,772	-6	60.5	56.3	-7	62.3	61.7	-1
Violent Crime	33,784	31,169	-8	9.5	8.7	-8	79.6	78.6	-1
Nonviolent Crime	181,946	170,603	-6	51.0	47.6	-7	59.9	59.4	-1

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

- There were 201,772 offenses reported in municipalities of Urban character during 1997, this represents a decrease of 6 percent compared to 1996.
- Sixty-two percent of all Index crimes occurred in Urban areas.
- Violent crime in Urban communities decreased 8 percent and accounted for 79 percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime decreased 6 percent and accounted for 59 percent of the reported nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate decreased 7 percent to 56.3 victims for every 1,000 persons.

SUBURBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 1996/1997

Municipalities: 254

Population: 3,519,540

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	1996	1997	Percent Change	1996	1997	Percent Change	1996	1997	Percent Change
Murder	38	45	18	★	★	-	11.3	13.5	19
Rape	510	466	-9	0.1	0.1	0	25.9	26.9	4
Robbery	2,186	2,018	-8	0.6	0.6	0	11.6	11.9	3
Aggravated Assault	4,020	4,183	4	1.2	1.2	0	18.8	20.3	8
Burglary	18,285	18,358	*	5.3	5.2	-2	29.0	30.1	4
Larceny-Theft	74,422	71,450	-4	21.4	20.3	-5	38.4	38.6	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	9,824	8,980	-9	2.8	2.6	-7	21.2	21.8	3
Total Crime Index	109,285	105,500	-3	31.5	30.0	-5	31.6	32.3	2
Violent Crime	6,754	6,712	-1	1.9	1.9	0	15.9	16.9	6
Nonviolent Crime	102,531	98,788	-4	29.5	28.1	-5	33.8	34.4	2

* Less than one-half of one percent.

★ Less than one-tenth of one percent.

- Suburban areas Index offenses decreased 3 percent in 1997.
- Thirty-two percent of reported Index crimes occurred in Suburban communities.
- Violent crime decreased 1 percent and represented 17 percent of the state's violent crime total.
- Nonviolent crime decreased 4 percent and accounted for 34 percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate was calculated at 30.0 victims per 1,000 inhabitants; a decrease of 5 percent compared to 1996.

RURAL NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 1996/1997

Municipalities: 158

Population: 889,873

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	1996	1997	Percent Change	1996	1997	Percent Change	1996	1997	Percent Change
Murder	11	14	27	⚡	⚡	-	3.3	4.2	27
Rape	176	127	-28	0.2	0.1	-50	8.9	7.3	-18
Robbery	383	366	-4	0.4	0.4	0	2.0	2.2	10
Aggravated Assault	1,312	1,264	-4	1.5	1.4	-7	6.1	6.1	0
Burglary	4,518	4,331	-4	5.2	4.9	-6	7.2	7.1	-1
Larceny-Theft	13,397	12,498	-7	15.5	14.0	-10	6.9	6.8	-1
Motor Vehicle Theft	1,282	1,040	-19	1.5	1.2	-20	2.8	2.5	-11
Total Crime Index	21,079	19,640	-7	24.4	22.1	-9	6.1	6.0	-2
Violent Crime	1,882	1,771	-6	2.2	2.0	-9	4.4	4.5	2
Nonviolent Crime	19,197	17,869	-7	22.2	20.1	-9	6.3	6.2	-2

⚡ Less than one-tenth of one percent.

- In 1997 there were 19,640 Index crimes reported in Rural municipalities, a 7 percent decrease compared to 1996.
- Six percent of the state's Index crime occurred in Rural communities.
- Violent crime decreased 6 percent and accounted for 4 percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime in rural communities accounted for 6 percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate decreased 9 percent to 22.1 victims per 1,000 inhabitants.

