



Section Five

INDEX OFFENSE ANALYSIS

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CRIME INDEX FOR POPULATION GROUPS – 2006

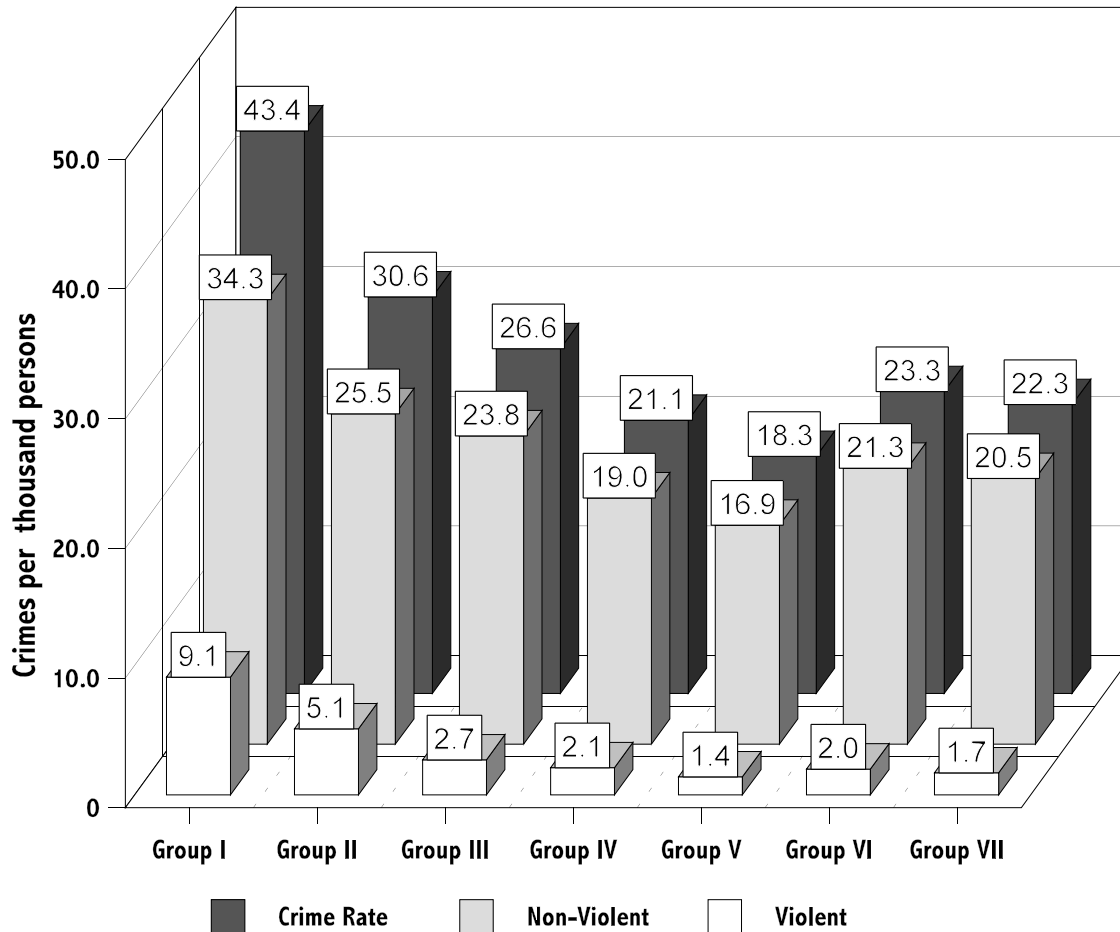
The presentation of crime statistics by population groups was made for the purpose of projecting, for consideration, the relative crime experience of communities of varying populations. Although the individual municipalities within the various groups may be geographically separated, their inclusion into 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	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft
GROUP I								
6 Municipalities over 100,000	43,230	162	252	4,446	4,183	6,505	18,232	9,450
Population — 997,008								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	43.4	0.2	0.3	4.5	4.2	6.5	18.3	9.5
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	14.1							
GROUP II								
27 Municipalities 50,000 - 100,000	53,925	112	300	4,190	4,452	10,133	28,484	6,254
Population — 1,760,302								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	30.6	0.1	0.2	2.4	2.5	5.8	16.2	3.6
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	17.9							
GROUP III								
64 Municipalities 25,000-50,000	58,752	96	261	2,574	3,141	9,774	38,500	4,406
Population — 2,212,718								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	26.6	◇	0.1	1.2	1.4	4.4	17.4	2.0
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	20.2							
GROUP IV								
69 Municipalities 15,000-25,000	28,353	28	177	1,105	1,514	4,912	18,691	1,926
Population — 1,346,555								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	21.1	◇	0.1	0.8	1.1	3.6	13.9	1.4
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	20.9							
GROUP V								
216 Municipalities 5,000-15,000	35,493	25	160	863	1,607	5,998	24,678	2,162
Population — 1,939,705								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	18.3	◇	0.1	0.4	0.8	3.1	12.7	1.1
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	22.0							
GROUP VI								
111 Municipalities 2,000-5,000	8,792	3	44	155	545	1,641	5,938	466
Population — 3,769,997								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	23.3	◇	0.1	0.4	1.4	4.4	15.8	1.2
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	24.4							
GROUP VII								
73 Municipalities under 2,000	1,885	1	6	21	120	414	1,241	82
Population — 84,640								
Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	22.3	◇	0.1	0.2	1.4	4.9	14.7	1.0
Percent Index Offenses Cleared	22.9							

◇ Less than one-tenth of one percent.

COMPARATIVE CRIME RATES FOR POPULATION GROUPS 2006



- Group I - Six municipalities with populations over 100,000.
- Group II - Twenty-seven municipalities with populations between 50,000 and 100,000.
- Group III - Sixty-four municipalities with populations between 25,000 and 50,000.
- Group IV - Sixty-nine municipalities with populations between 15,000 and 25,000.
- Group V - Two hundred sixteen municipalities with populations between 5,000 and 15,000.
- Group VI - One hundred eleven municipalities with populations between 2,000 and 5,000.
- Group VII - Seventy-three municipalities with populations under 2,000.

Percent Distribution may not add to 100.0 due to rounding.

URBAN – SUBURBAN – RURAL CRIME 5 YEAR COMPARISON 2002/2006 Summary Analysis

OFFENSES	URBAN			SUBURBAN			RURAL		
	2002	2006	Percent Change	2002	2006	Percent Change	2002	2006	Percent Change
Murder	279	361	29	39	42	8	23	24	4
Rape	817	724	-11	417	395	-5	114	81	-29
Robbery	11,558	10,996	-5	2,031	2,016	-1	398	342	-14
Aggravated Assault	11,859	11,085	-7	3,667	3,414	-7	1,084	1,063	-2
Burglary	26,579	22,240	-16	13,863	13,404	-3	3,593	3,733	4
Larceny-Theft	77,846	67,054	-14	59,084	56,069	-5	11,988	12,641	5
Motor Vehicle Theft	28,130	19,249	-32	6,741	4,616	-32	970	881	-9
Total Crime Index	157,068	131,709	-16	85,842	79,956	-7	18,170	18,765	3
Violent Crime	24,513	23,166	-5	6,154	5,867	-5	1,619	1,510	-7
Nonviolent Crime	132,555	108,543	-18	79,688	74,089	-7	16,551	17,255	4

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

- Comparing 2006 to 2002, Urban communities experienced the largest percentage change in Index offenses, a decrease of 16 percent.
- Index crimes in Suburban communities decreased 7 percent, while Rural communities increased 3 percent.
- Comparing 2006 to 2002, Rural communities experienced the largest percentage change in violent crimes, a decrease of 7 percent.
- Urban and Suburban communities both experienced a 5 percent decrease in violent crimes, comparing 2006 to 2002.
- Comparing 2006 to 2002, Urban communities experienced the largest percentage change in nonviolent crimes, a decrease of 18 percent.
- Suburban communities experienced a 7 percent decrease while Rural communities experienced a 4 percent increase in nonviolent crimes, comparing 2006 to 2002.

URBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2005/2006

Municipalities: 155

Population: 3,819,924

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2005	2006	Percent Change	2005	2006	Percent Change	2005	2006	Percent Change
Murder	364	361	-1	0.10	0.09	*	87.1	84.5	-3
Rape	721	724	*	0.19	0.19	0	59.9	60.3	1
Robbery	11,122	10,996	-1	2.91	2.88	*	84.2	82.3	-2
Aggravated Assault	11,637	11,085	-5	3.04	2.90	-5	72.4	71.2	-2
Burglary	23,037	22,240	-3	6.02	5.82	-3	59.2	56.5	-5
Larceny-Theft	69,744	67,054	-4	18.22	17.55	-4	51.0	49.4	-3
Motor Vehicle Theft	22,030	19,249	-13	5.76	5.04	-13	79.6	77.8	-2
Total Crime Index	138,655	131,709	-5	36.23	34.48	-5	59.2	57.2	-3
Violent Crime	23,844	23,166	-3	6.23	6.06	-3	77.2	75.8	-2
Nonviolent Crime	114,811	108,543	-5	30.00	28.42	-5	56.5	54.3	-4

* Not calculated due to small volume.

- There were 131,709 offenses reported in municipalities of Urban character during 2006, this represents a decrease of 5 percent compared to 2005.
- Fifty-seven percent of all Index crimes occurred in Urban areas.
- Violent crime in Urban communities decreased 3 percent and accounted for 76 percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime in Urban communities decreased 5 percent and accounted for 54 percent of the state's total nonviolent crime.
- The crime rate in Urban communities decreased 5 percent to 34.5 victims for every 1,000 persons.

SUBURBAN NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2005/2006

Municipalities: 254

Population: 3,869,953

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2005	2006	Percent Change	2005	2006	Percent Change	2005	2006	Percent Change
Murder	40	42	5	0.01	0.01	0	9.6	9.8	2
Rape	409	395	-3	0.11	0.10	*	34.0	32.9	-3
Robbery	1,822	2,016	11	0.47	0.52	*	13.8	15.1	9
Aggravated Assault	3,376	3,414	1	0.88	0.88	0	21.0	21.9	4
Burglary	12,614	13,404	6	3.27	3.46	6	32.4	34.0	5
Larceny-Theft	55,046	56,069	2	14.28	14.49	1	40.2	41.3	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	4,732	4,616	-2	1.23	1.19	-3	17.1	18.7	9
Total Crime Index	78,039	79,956	2	20.24	20.66	2	33.3	34.7	4
Violent Crime	5,647	5,867	4	1.46	1.52	4	18.3	19.2	5
Nonviolent Crime	72,392	74,089	2	18.78	19.14	2	35.6	37.1	4

* Not Calculated due to small volume.

- Suburban Index offenses increased 2 percent in 2006.
- Thirty-five percent of reported Index crimes occurred in Suburban communities.
- Violent crime increased 4 percent and represented 19 percent of the state's violent crime total.
- Nonviolent crime increased 2 percent and accounted for 37 percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate was calculated at 20.7 victims per 1,000 inhabitants; an increase of 2 percent compared to 2005.

RURAL NUMBER – RATE – DISTRIBUTION 2005/2006

Municipalities: 157

Population: 1,028,048

OFFENSES	NUMBER			CRIME RATE/1,000			PERCENT OF STATE TOTAL		
	2005	2006	Percent Change	2005	2006	Percent Change	2005	2006	Percent Change
Murder	14	24	71	0.01	0.02	*	3.3	5.6	70
Rape	74	81	9	0.07	0.08	*	6.1	6.8	11
Robbery	265	342	29	0.26	0.33	*	2.0	2.6	30
Aggravated Assault	1,060	1,063	*	1.04	1.03	-1	6.6	6.8	3
Burglary	3,259	3,733	15	3.21	3.63	13	8.4	9.5	13
Larceny-Theft	11,986	12,641	5	11.79	12.30	4	8.8	9.3	6
Motor Vehicle Theft	916	881	-4	0.90	0.86	*	3.3	3.6	9
Total Crime Index	17,574	18,765	7	17.29	18.25	6	7.5	8.1	8
Violent Crime	1,413	1,510	7	1.39	1.47	6	4.6	4.9	7
Nonviolent Crime	16,161	17,255	7	15.90	16.78	6	7.9	8.6	9

* Not calculated due to small volume.

- In 2006 there were 18,765 Index crimes reported in Rural municipalities, a 7 percent increase compared to 2005.
- Eight percent of the state's Index crime occurred in Rural communities.
- Violent crime increased 7 percent and accounted for 5 percent of the state's total violent crime.
- Nonviolent crime in Rural communities accounted for 9 percent of the nonviolent crime in the state.
- The crime rate in Rural communities increased 6 percent to 18.3 victims per 1,000 inhabitants.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE OFFENSE DATA – 2006

(All Offenses are Recorded in the Municipality of Occurrence)

University or College	Total Crime Index	Violent Crime	Non-Violent Crime	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson ★
BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	52	1	51	0	0	0	1	0	51	0	0
ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE	69	0	69	0	0	0	0	1	67	1	0
Newark City	69	0	69	-	-	-	-	1	67	1	-
West Caldwell Borough	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KEAN UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY	149	6	143	0	1	2	3	16	123	4	0
Elizabeth City	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hillside Township	8	0	8	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-
Union Township	141	6	135	-	1	2	3	15	116	4	-
MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE	62	1	61	0	0	1	0	0	60	1	0
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY	62	3	59	0	2	1	0	9	48	2	0
Long Branch City	5	0	5	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-
Ocean Township	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Long Branch Borough	57	3	54	-	2	1	-	8	44	2	-
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY	318	14	304	0	5	1	8	38	256	10	0
Clifton City	15	1	14	-	-	-	1	7	7	-	-
Little Falls Township	257	12	245	-	5	1	6	27	208	10	-
Montclair Town	46	1	45	-	-	-	1	4	41	-	-
NJ INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	156	13	143	1	0	7	5	5	109	29	0
ROWAN UNIVERSITY	181	5	176	0	2	3	0	23	148	5	0
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	897	30	867	0	4	15	11	188	650	29	8
Camden Campus	115	4	111	-	-	4	-	23	85	3	-
New Brunswick Campus	606	14	592	0	4	5	5	139	442	11	6
East Brunswick Township	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Edison Township	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Highland Park Borough	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick City	325	7	318	-	1	3	3	65	249	4	2
North Brunswick Township	16	0	16	-	-	-	-	6	10	-	-
Piscataway Township	263	7	256	-	3	2	2	68	181	7	4
Newark Campus	176	12	164	-	-	6	6	26	123	15	2
STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	42	0	42	0	0	0	0	2	39	1	0
RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF N.J.	71	1	70	0	0	0	1	3	67	0	1
THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	96	2	94	0	1	0	1	16	77	1	1
UNIV. OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY	407	53	354	0	0	24	29	14	301	39	0
Camden Campus	9	2	7	-	-	2	-	-	7	-	-
Newark Campus	330	48	282	-	-	22	26	10	236	36	-
New Brunswick Campus	42	3	39	-	-	-	3	2	34	3	-
Piscataway Campus	26	0	26	-	-	-	-	2	24	-	-
WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY	111	7	104	0	1	2	4	27	72	5	0
Haledon Borough	6	0	6	-	-	-	-	1	4	1	-
North Haledon Borough	14	1	13	-	-	1	-	2	9	2	-
Wayne Township	91	6	85	-	1	1	4	24	59	2	-
TOTAL UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	2,673	136	2,537	1	16	56	63	342	2,068	127	10

★ Arson is not tabulated into the crime index offense total.