

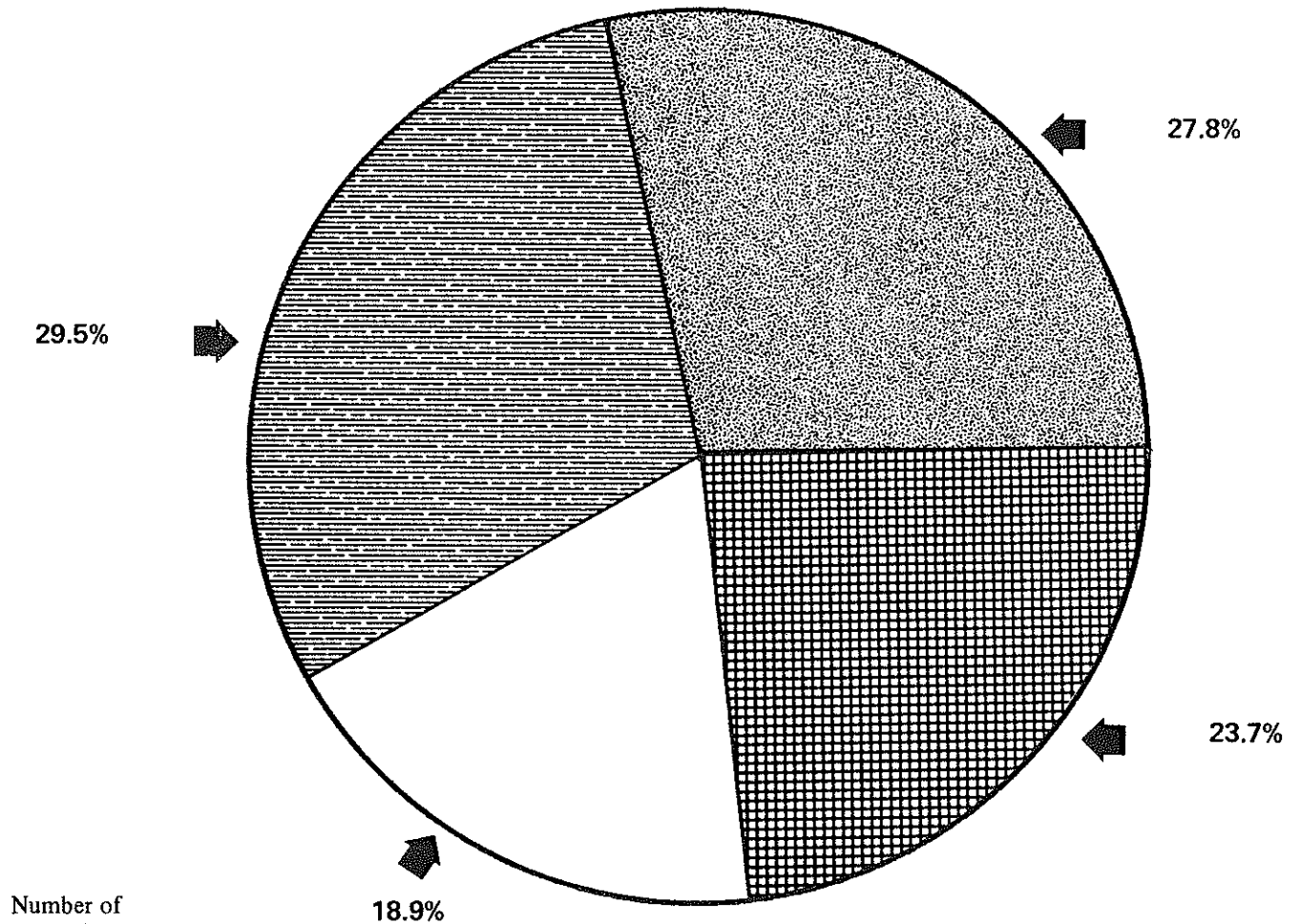
## AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Assault is defined as an attempt or offer with unlawful force or violence, to do physical injury to another. An aggravated assault may be committed by a gun, knife, or other cutting instrument, other dangerous weapons such as clubs, or through the use of hands, fists, or feet. Assault with intent to commit a murder is also reported as aggravated assault.

All assaults, where no weapon is used, which result in minor injuries are classified as non-aggravated assaults and are not counted in the Crime Index totals.





### 1971 SUMMARY ANALYSIS

- A total of 22,512 aggravated assaults were reported by law enforcement agencies for 1971.
- Assaults accounted for 58.4 percent of all violent crimes and 7.9 percent of all index crimes.
- The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 319.7 assaults for each 100,000 persons.
- A total of 15,383 aggravated assaults were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared which represents a clearance rate of 68.3 percent statewide.
- Persons under the age of 30 accounted for 54.3 percent of the arrests for aggravated assault. Arrests of males for aggravated assault outnumbered females by a 4.6 to 1 margin.
- Analysis of aggravated assault arrests by race indicates that 41.2 percent of all persons arrested were White, 57.2 percent were Negro, and 1.6 percent were of other races.
- Of all weapons used in aggravated assaults, the use of firearms was the most prevalent, representing 6,652 offenses and comprising 29.5 percent of all assaults.



Number of Assaults



- 6,652  Gun
- 6,263  Knife or Cutting Instrument
- 5,332  Other Dangerous Weapon
- 4,265  Hands, Fist, Feet, etc.

**22,512 TOTAL AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS**

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 — WEAPON USED —  
 JANUARY — DECEMBER  
 1971