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 aggravated use of hands, feet, or fists. 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 total.

1971 SUMMARY ANALYSIS

- A total of 22,511 aggravated assaults were reported by law enforcement agencies for 1971.
- Assaults accounted for 58.4 percent of all violent crimes and 7.2 percent of all index crimes.
- The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 310.7 assaults for each 100,000 persons.
- A total of 15,283 aggravated assaults were cleared by arrest or exceptional processing which represents a clearance rate of 68.5 percent statewide.
- Persons under the age of 30 accounted for 94.2 percent of the arrests for aggravated assault. Arrests of males for aggravated assault outnumbered females by a 4:1 to 1 margin.
- Analysis of aggravated assault arrests by race indicates that 41.3 percent of all persons arrested were white, 57.2 percent were negro, and 1.5 percent were of other races.
- Of all weapons used in aggravated assaults, the use of firearms was the most prevalent, representing 6,952 offenses and comprising 29.2 percent of all assaults.

1972 SUMMARY ANALYSIS

- A total of 27,659 aggravated assaults were reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1972.
- Aggravated assaults account for 59.4 percent of all violent crimes and 6.3 percent of all index crimes reported.
- The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 317.9 assaults for each 100,000 persons.
- A total of 19,803 aggravated assaults were cleared by arrest or exceptional processing which represents a clearance rate of 71.3 percent statewide.
- Persons under the age of 30 accounted for 95.1 percent of the arrests for aggravated assault. Arrests of males for aggravated assault outnumbered females by a 5:1 to 1 margin.
- Analysis of aggravated assault arrests by race indicates that 44.6 percent of all persons arrested were white, 54.1 percent were negro, and 1.3 percent were of other races.
- Of all weapons used in aggravated assaults, the use of firearms was the most prevalent, representing 6,944 offenses and comprising 29.6 percent of all aggravated assaults.