

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, 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.

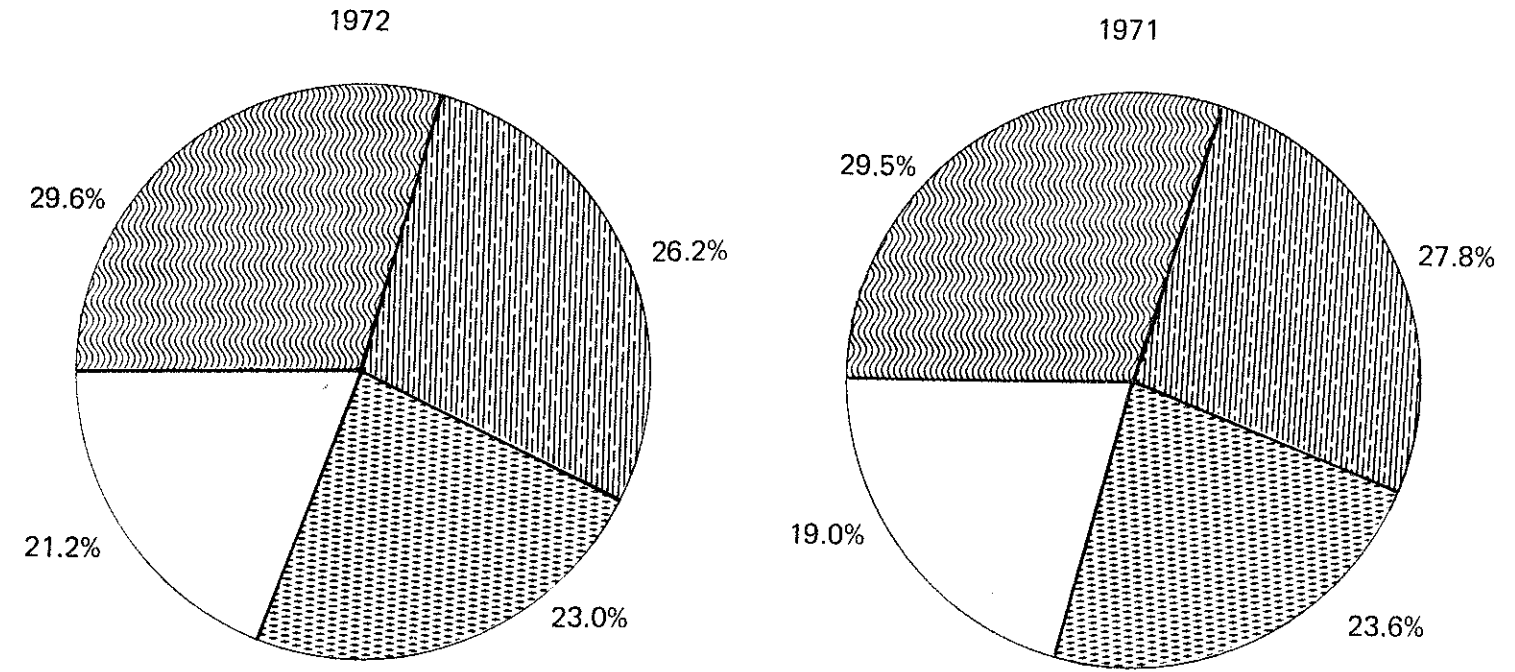
1971
SUMMARY ANALYSIS

- A total of 22,511 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.

1972
SUMMARY ANALYSIS



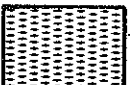


- A total of 23,659 aggravated assaults were reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1972.
- Aggravated assaults accounted for 58.8 percent of all violent crimes and 8.3 percent of all index crimes reported.
- The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 317.9 assaults for each 100,000 persons.
- A total of 16,863 aggravated assaults were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared which represents a clearance rate of 71.3 percent statewide.
- Persons under the age of 30 accounted for 55.1 percent of the arrests for aggravated assault. Arrests of males for aggravated assault outnumbered females by a 5 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 6,994 offenses and comprising 29.6 percent of all aggravated assaults.

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NUMBER OF ASSAULTS

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6,994		6,652
	Gun	
6,205		6,265
	Knife or Cutting Instrument	
5,435		5,322
	Other Dangerous Weapons	
5,025		4,272
	Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.	
23,659		22,511
	TOTAL	