

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.

1973-SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 25,722 aggravated assaults were reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1973.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 55.4 percent of all violent crimes and 5.6 percent of all index crimes reported.

The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 327.9 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

A total of 18,046 aggravated assaults were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared which represents a clearance rate of 70.2 percent statewide.

Persons under the age of 30 accounted for 55.7 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 46.4 percent of all persons arrested were White, 52.8 percent were Negro, and 0.9 percent were of other races.

Of all weapons used in aggravated assaults, the use of firearms was the most prevalent, representing 8,765 offenses and comprising 34.1 percent of all aggravated assaults.

1974-SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 28,497 aggravated assaults were reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1974.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 52.0 percent of all violent crimes and 4.8 percent of all index crimes reported.

The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 345.5 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

A total of 19,498 aggravated assaults were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared which represents a clearance rate of 68.4 percent statewide.

Persons under the age of 30 accounted for 60.4 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 47.7 percent of all persons arrested were White, 51.9 percent were Negro, and 0.4 percent were of other races.

Of all weapons used in aggravated assaults, the use of firearms was the most prevalent, representing 9,547 offenses and comprising 33.5 percent of all aggravated assaults.

1975-SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 33,510 aggravated assaults were reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1975.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 58.1 percent of all violent crimes and 5.2 percent of all index crimes reported.

The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 394.9 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

A total of 22,758 aggravated assaults were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared which represents a clearance rate of 67.9 percent statewide.

Persons under the age of 30 accounted for 59.9 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 48.6 percent of all persons arrested were White, 51.0 percent were Negro, and 0.4 percent were of other races.

Of all weapons used in aggravated assaults, the use of firearms was the most prevalent, representing 10,247 offenses and comprising 30.6 percent of all aggravated assaults.

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1971-1975

Year		CLASSIFICATIONS				Total
		Firearm	Knife or Cutting Instrument	Other Dangerous Weapons	Hands, Fists, Feet, etc.	
1971	Assaults Percent*	6,652 29.5	6,265 27.8	5,322 23.6	4,272 19.0	22,511 100.0
1972	Assaults Percent*	6,994 29.6	6,205 26.2	5,435 23.0	5,025 21.2	23,659 100.0
1973	Assaults Percent*	8,765 34.1	6,524 25.4	6,245 24.3	4,188 16.3	25,722 100.0
1974	Assaults Percent*	9,547 33.5	7,527 26.4	7,730 27.1	3,693 13.0	28,497 100.0
1975	Assaults Percent*	10,247 30.6	8,617 25.7	9,670 28.9	4,976 14.8	33,510 100.0

*Percent Distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.