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.

1977—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 37,877 aggravated assaults was reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1977.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 65.4 percent of all violent crimes and 6.7 percent of all index crimes reported. The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 434.5 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

There were 25,020 aggravated assaults cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared which represents a clearance rate of 66.1 percent statewide.

1978—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 43,175 aggravated assaults was reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1978.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 65.6 percent of all violent crimes and 7.1 percent of all index crimes reported. The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 480.5 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

There were 28,271 aggravated assaults cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared which represents a clearance rate of 65.5 percent statewide.

1979—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 46,312 aggravated assaults was reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1979.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 62.4 percent of all violent crimes and 6.6 percent of all index crimes reported. The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 489.8 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

There were 30,981 aggravated assaults cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared which represents a clearance rate of 67.0 percent statewide.

DISTRIBUTION OF ARRESTS BY AGE GROUPS

BY TYPE OF WEAPON USED

1975-1979

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Firearms</th>
<th>Knife or Cutting Instrument</th>
<th>Other Dangerous Weapons</th>
<th>Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.</th>
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<td>1975</td>
<td>10,247</td>
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*Percent distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.

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