### 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.

#### 1979 — SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 46,112 aggravated assaults were reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1979.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 62.4 percent of all violent crimes and 8.8 percent of all index crimes reported.

The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 98.8 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

There were 10,881 aggravated assaults cleared by arrest or exception cleared which represents a clearance rate of 67.5 percent statewide.

Persons under the age of 18 accounted for 63.5 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 56.6 percent of all persons arrested were white, 43.2 percent were black and 0.2 percent were of other races.

The use of firearms represented 22,331 offenses and comprised 27.6 percent of all aggravated assaults.

#### 1980 — SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 53,251 aggravated assaults were reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1980.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 56.6 percent of all violent crimes and 8.4 percent of all index crimes reported.

The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 552.8 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

There were 12,944 aggravated assaults cleared by arrest or exception cleared which represents a clearance rate of 61.0 percent statewide.

Persons under the age of 18 accounted for 63.6 percent of the arrests for aggravated assault. Arrests of males for aggravated assault outnumbered females by a 6 to 1 margin.

Analysis of aggravated assault arrests by race indicates that 58.3 percent of all persons arrested were white, 41.5 percent were black and 0.2 percent were of other races.

The use of firearms represented 15,508 offenses and comprised 29.1 percent of all aggravated assaults.

#### 1981 — SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 55,790 aggravated assaults were reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1981.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 56.5 percent of all violent crimes and 8.3 percent of all index crimes reported.

The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 548.5 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

There were 34,191 aggravated assaults cleared by arrest or exception cleared which represents a clearance rate of 61.7 percent statewide.

Persons under the age of 18 accounted for 64.9 percent of the arrests for aggravated assault. Arrests of males for aggravated assault outnumbered females by a 6 to 1 margin.

Analysis of aggravated assault arrests by race indicates that 58.2 percent of all persons arrested were white, 41.6 percent were black and 0.2 percent were of other races.

The use of firearms represented 17,627 offenses and comprised 30.7 percent of all aggravated assaults.

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### AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

**BY TYPE OF WEAPON USED 1977-1981**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Percent</th>
<th>Knife or Cutting Instrument</th>
<th>Other Dangerous Weapons</th>
<th>Hands, Fists, Feet, etc.</th>
<th>Aggravated</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>9,115</td>
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<td>Number</td>
<td>10,023</td>
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<td>Number</td>
<td>12,331</td>
<td>26.7%</td>
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<td>29.1%</td>
<td>12,873</td>
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<td>16,910</td>
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### DISTRIBUTION OF ARRESTS BY AGE GROUPS 1977-1981

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<th>25-34</th>
<th>35-44</th>
<th>45 &amp; Over</th>
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<td>2,443</td>
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<td>6,542</td>
<td>2,652</td>
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<td>20,406</td>
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<td>14.9%</td>
<td>6,282</td>
<td>2,932</td>
<td>2,522</td>
<td>21,004</td>
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*Percent distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.

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**FOOTNOTE**