

# AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

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## 1987—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 72,815 aggravated assaults was reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1987.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 59.2 percent of all violent crimes and 7.1 percent of all index crimes reported.

The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 604.6 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

There were 45,087 aggravated assaults cleared by arrest of exceptionally cleared, which represents a clearance rate of 61.9 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 6 to 1 margin.

Analysis of aggravated assault arrests by race indicates that 51.0 percent of all persons arrested were white, 48.7 percent were black and 0.3 percent were of other races.

The use of firearms represented 20,747 offenses and comprised 28.5 percent of all aggravated assaults.

## BY TYPE OF WEAPON USED 1985-1987

Year	Offenses	Firearm	Knife or Cutting Instrument	Other Dangerous Weapons	Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc. Aggravated	Total
1985	Number	17,939	15,544	24,047	6,641	64,171
	Percent Dist.	28.0	24.2	37.5	10.3	100.0*
1986	Number	19,720	16,343	27,196	7,377	70,636
	Percent Dist.	27.9	23.1	38.5	10.4	100.0*
1987	Number	20,747	16,102	27,934	8,032	72,815
	Percent Dist.	28.5	22.1	38.4	11.0	100.0*

## DISTRIBUTION OF ARRESTS BY AGE GROUPS 1985-1987

Year	Arrests	Under 18	18-24	25-34	35-44	45 & Over	Total
1985	Number	3,392	6,354	8,191	3,775	2,887	24,599
	Percent Dist.	13.8	25.8	33.3	15.3	11.7	100.0*
1986	Number	3,593	6,912	9,026	4,075	2,974	26,580
	Percent Dist.	13.5	26.0	34.0	15.3	11.2	100.0*
1987	Number	4,118	6,599	8,585	3,974	2,618	25,894
	Percent Dist.	15.9	25.5	33.2	15.3	10.1	100.0*

\*Percent distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.