

BREAKING AND ENTERING—BURGLARY

Breaking and Entering—Burglary is any unlawful entry or attempted forcible entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft, even though force may not be used to gain entrance.

Breaking and Entering—Burglary is divided into three categories: (1) Forcible entry, (2) Unlawful entry—no force, and (3) Attempted forcible entry.

1974—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 185,043 burglaries were reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1974.

Burglaries accounted for 34.1 percent of all nonviolent crimes and 31.0 percent of all index offenses reported.

The burglary rate for the reporting period was 2,243.3 per 100,000 population.

A total of 36,871 burglaries were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared. This amounts to a clearance rate of 19.9 percent statewide.

The age group accounting for the highest percentage of persons arrested for burglary, 10.8 percent, occurred in the age 16 category. Males accounted for 94.5 percent of persons arrested for burglary.

65.3 percent of all persons arrested for Breaking and Entering were white, 34.5 percent were Negro, and 0.2 percent were of other races.

Of the three categories of burglary, forcible entry was the most prevalent, with 149,013 offenses. This figure represents 80.5 percent of the total burglaries committed. 11.9 percent were unlawful entry (no force), while 7.5 percent were attempts.

The value of property stolen in actual offenses of burglary totaled \$75,848,580 or 37.7 percent of the total value of property stolen during the year.

Residential burglaries accounted for over 60 percent of the total offenses reported, with a total dollar loss of \$47,291,941. Where time could be determined, 46.2 percent of residential burglaries occurred during the night hours.

1975—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 196,446 burglaries were reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1975.

Burglaries accounted for 33.4 percent of all nonviolent crimes and 30.4 percent of all index offenses reported.

The burglary rate for the reporting period was 2,315.2 per 100,000 population.

A total of 39,816 burglaries were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared. This amounts to a clearance rate of 20.3 percent statewide.

The age group accounting for the highest percentage of persons arrested for burglary, 11.8 percent, occurred in the age 16 category. Males accounted for 94.4 percent of persons arrested for burglary.

65.3 percent of all persons arrested for Breaking and Entering were white, 34.4 percent were Negro, and 0.3 percent were of other races.

Of the three categories of burglary, forcible entry was the most prevalent, with 156,526 offenses. This figure represents 79.7 percent of the total burglaries committed. 12.4 percent were unlawful entry (no force), while 7.9 percent were attempts.

The value of property stolen in actual offenses of burglary totaled \$85,620,063 or 37.9 percent of the total value of property stolen during the year.

Residential burglaries accounted for 64.5 percent of the total offenses reported, with a total dollar loss of \$59,401,087. Where time could be determined, 48.5 percent of residential burglaries occurred during the night hours.

1976—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 164,413 burglaries were reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1976.

Burglaries accounted for 30.7 percent of all nonviolent crimes and 27.9 percent of all index offenses reported.

The burglary rate for the reporting period was 1,922.6 per 100,000 population.

A total of 30,613 burglaries were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared. This amounts to a clearance rate of 18.6 percent statewide.

The age group accounting for the highest percentage of persons arrested for burglary, 11.3 percent, occurred in the age 16 category. Males accounted for 94.1 percent of persons arrested for burglary.

66.4 percent of all persons arrested for Breaking and Entering were white, 33.0 percent were Negro, and 0.6 percent were of other races.

Of the three categories of burglary, forcible entry was the most prevalent, with 127,998 offenses. This figure represents 77.9 percent of the total burglaries committed. 13.7 percent were unlawful entry (no force), while 8.5 percent were attempts.

The value of property stolen in actual offenses of burglary totaled \$67,527,239 or 35.2 percent of the total value of property stolen during the year.

Residential burglaries accounted for 63.3 percent of the total offenses reported, with a total dollar loss of \$43,876,050. Where time could be determined, 47.4 percent of residential burglaries occurred during the night hours.

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1972-1976

Classification		Year	Number Offenses	Percent Change Over Previous Year	Total Value	Average Value*
Residence	Committed During Night	1972	27,934	—	\$10,221,607	\$366
		1973	32,265	+15.5	14,945,099	463
		1974	38,166	+18.3	14,614,825	383
		1975	45,025	+18.0	20,121,394	447
		1976	35,783	-20.5	13,548,646	379
	Committed During Day	1972	27,252	—	9,384,998	344
		1973	33,188	+21.8	11,791,018	355
		1974	44,531	+34.2	20,246,144	455
		1975	47,792	+7.3	23,054,372	482
		1976	39,643	-17.1	17,501,331	441
	Committed Time Unknown	1972	15,408	—	5,176,271	336
		1973	20,358	+32.1	6,541,839	321
		1974	29,397	+44.4	12,430,972	423
		1975	33,823	+15.1	16,225,321	480
		1976	28,581	-15.5	12,826,073	449
	TOTAL for Residence	1972	70,594	—	24,782,876	351
		1973	85,811	+21.6	33,277,956	388
		1974	112,094	+30.6	47,291,941	422
1975		126,640	+13.0	59,401,087	469	
1976		104,007	-17.9	43,876,050	422	
Nonresidence	Committed During Night	1972	29,430	—	9,876,522	336
		1973	35,653	+21.1	13,420,045	376
		1974	42,414	+19.0	16,238,315	383
		1975	40,259	-5.1	14,225,768	353
		1976	31,201	-22.5	10,288,000	330
	Committed During Day	1972	5,717	—	1,471,175	257
		1973	6,247	+9.3	1,798,226	288
		1974	9,187	+47.1	2,770,885	302
		1975	9,566	+4.1	3,235,052	338
		1976	11,267	+17.8	4,541,110	403
	Committed Time Unknown	1972	10,774	—	3,545,004	329
		1973	14,914	+38.4	5,287,160	355
		1974	21,348	+43.1	9,547,439	447
		1975	19,981	-6.4	8,758,156	438
		1976	17,938	-10.2	8,822,079	492
	TOTAL for Nonresidence	1972	45,921	—	14,892,701	324
		1973	56,814	+23.7	20,505,431	361
		1974	72,949	+28.4	28,556,639	391
1975		69,806	-4.3	26,218,976	380	
1976		60,406	-13.5	23,651,189	392	
TOTAL for Florida		1972	116,515	—	\$39,675,577	\$340
		1973	142,625	+22.4	53,783,387	377
		1974	185,043	+29.7	75,848,580	410
		1975	196,446	+6.2	85,620,063	436
		1976	164,413	-16.3	67,527,239	411

*Includes attempts where no property was stolen.

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