

# 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.

## 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.

## 1977—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 157,120 burglaries were reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1977.

Burglaries accounted for 30.8 percent of all nonviolent crimes and 27.6 percent of all index offenses reported.

The burglary rate for the reporting period was 1,802.4 per 100,000 population.

A total of 32,571 burglaries were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared. This amounts to a clearance rate of 20.7 percent statewide.

The age group accounting for the highest percentage of persons arrested for burglary, 10.9 percent, occurred in the age 16 category. Males accounted for 93.6 percent of persons arrested for burglary.

68.4 percent of all persons arrested for Breaking and Entering were white, 31.0 percent were Negro, and 0.5 percent were of other races.

Of the three categories of burglary, forcible entry was the most prevalent, with 121,625 offenses. This figure represents 77.4 percent of the total burglaries committed. 14.0 percent were unlawful entry (no force), while 8.6 percent were attempts.

The value of property stolen in actual offenses of burglary totaled \$68,576,975 or 34.8 percent of the total value of property stolen during the year.

Residential burglaries accounted for 62.0 percent of the total offenses reported, with a total dollar loss of \$41,837,712. Where time could be determined, 47.2 percent of residential burglaries occurred during the night hours.

# BREAKING AND ENTERING—BURGLARY

1973-1977

Classification	Year	Number Offenses	Percent Change Over Previous Year	Total Value	Average Value*
Residence	Committed During Night	1973	—	\$14,945,099	\$463
		1974	+18.3	14,614,825	383
		1975	+18.0	20,121,394	447
		1976	-20.5	13,548,646	379
		1977	-7.6	13,567,012	410
	Committed During Day	1973	—	11,791,018	355
		1974	+34.2	20,246,144	455
		1975	+7.3	23,054,372	482
		1976	-17.1	17,501,331	441
		1977	-6.8	16,258,007	440
	Committed Time Unknown	1973	—	6,541,839	321
		1974	+44.4	12,430,972	423
		1975	+15.1	16,225,321	480
		1976	-15.5	12,826,073	449
		1977	-3.8	12,012,693	437
TOTAL for Residence	1973	85,811	—	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
	1977	97,476	-6.3	41,837,712	429
Nonresidence	Committed During Night	1973	—	13,420,045	376
		1974	+19.0	16,238,315	383
		1975	-5.1	14,225,768	353
		1976	-22.5	10,288,000	330
		1977	+0.4	13,504,947	431
	Committed During Day	1973	—	1,798,226	288
		1974	+47.1	2,770,885	302
		1975	+4.1	3,235,052	338
		1976	+17.8	4,541,110	403
		1977	-8.5	4,590,834	445
	Committed Time Unknown	1973	—	5,287,160	355
		1974	+43.1	9,547,439	447
		1975	-6.4	8,758,156	438
		1976	-10.2	8,822,079	492
		1977	+0.4	8,643,482	480
TOTAL for Nonresidence	1973	56,814	—	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
	1977	59,644	-1.3	26,739,263	448
TOTAL for Florida	1973	142,625	—	\$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
	1977	157,120	-4.4	68,576,975	436

\*Includes attempts where no property was stolen.