

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.

1977—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 157,120 burglaries was 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.

There were 32,571 burglaries 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.

Of all persons arrested for burglary, 68.4 percent 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. Unlawful entry (no force) accounted for 14.0 percent, 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.

1978—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 170,020 burglaries was reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1978.

Burglaries accounted for 31.4 percent of all nonviolent crimes and 28.0 percent of all index offenses reported.

The burglary rate for the reporting period was 1,896.0 per 100,000 population.

There were 32,290 burglaries cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared. This amounts to a clearance rate of 19.0 percent statewide.

The age group accounting for the highest percentage of persons arrested for burglary, 11.0 percent, occurred in the age 15 category. Males accounted for 93.5 percent of persons arrested for burglary.

Of all persons arrested for burglary, 67.5 percent were white, 32.4 percent were Negro and 0.1 percent were of other races.

Of the three categories of burglary, forcible entry was the most prevalent, with 128,887 offenses. This figure represents 75.8 percent of the total burglaries committed. Unlawful entry (no force) accounted for 15.4 percent, while 8.8 percent were attempts.

The value of property stolen in actual offenses of burglary totaled \$80,793,004 or 32.3 percent of the total value of property stolen during the year.

Residential burglaries accounted for 62.5 percent of the total offenses reported, with a total dollar loss of \$51,585,713. Where time could be determined, 46.7 percent of residential burglaries occurred during the night hours.

1979—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 190,848 burglaries was reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1979.

Burglaries accounted for 31.4 percent of all nonviolent crimes and 28.0 percent of all index offenses reported.

The burglary rate for the reporting period was 2,064.3 per 100,000 population.

There were 33,993 burglaries cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared. This amounts to a clearance rate of 17.8 percent statewide.

The age group accounting for the highest percentage of persons arrested for burglary, 10.7 percent, occurred in the age 16 category. Males accounted for 93.6 percent of persons arrested for burglary.

Of all persons arrested for burglary, 66.5 percent were white, 33.4 percent were Negro and 0.1 percent were of other races.

Of the three categories of burglary, forcible entry was the most prevalent, with 145,085 offenses. This figure represents 76.0 percent of the total burglaries committed. Unlawful entry (no force) accounted for 15.2 percent, while 8.7 percent were attempts.

The value of property stolen in actual offenses of burglary totaled \$110,443,398 or 32.4 percent of the total value of property stolen during the year.

Residential burglaries accounted for 61.5 percent of the total offenses reported, with a total dollar loss of \$70,961,514. Where time could be determined, 45.1 percent of residential burglaries occurred during the night hours.

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1975-1979

Classification	Year	Number of Offenses	Percent Change Over Previous Year	Total Value Stolen	Average Value*
Residence Committed During Night	1975	45,025	—	\$20,121,394	\$ 447
	1976	35,783	-20.5	13,548,646	379
	1977	33,052	- 7.6	13,567,012	410
	1978	36,285	+ 9.8	16,153,600	445
	1979	38,218	+ 5.3	20,332,113	532
Residence Committed During Day	1975	47,792	—	23,054,372	482
	1976	39,643	-17.1	17,501,331	441
	1977	36,929	- 6.8	16,258,007	440
	1978	41,451	+12.2	21,079,924	509
	1979	46,454	+12.1	31,124,318	670
Residence Committed Time Unknown	1975	33,823	—	16,225,321	480
	1976	28,581	-15.5	12,826,073	449
	1977	27,495	- 3.8	12,012,693	437
	1978	28,546	+ 3.8	14,352,189	503
	1979	32,792	+14.9	19,505,083	595
TOTAL for Residence	1975	126,640	—	59,401,087	469
	1976	104,007	-17.9	43,876,050	422
	1977	97,476	- 6.3	41,837,712	429
	1978	106,282	+ 9.0	51,585,713	485
	1979	117,464	+10.5	70,961,514	604
Nonresidence Committed During Night	1975	40,259	—	14,225,768	353
	1976	31,201	-22.5	10,288,000	330
	1977	31,326	+ 0.4	13,504,947	431
	1978	33,849	+ 8.1	15,747,068	465
	1979	38,352	+13.3	19,982,889	521
Nonresidence Committed During Day	1975	9,566	—	3,235,052	338
	1976	11,267	+17.8	4,541,110	403
	1977	10,308	- 8.5	4,590,834	445
	1978	10,562	+ 2.5	4,693,457	444
	1979	10,743	+ 1.7	5,982,668	557
Nonresidence Committed Time Unknown	1975	19,981	—	8,758,156	438
	1976	17,938	-10.2	8,822,079	492
	1977	18,010	+ 0.4	8,643,482	480
	1978	19,327	+ 7.3	8,766,766	454
	1979	24,289	+25.7	13,516,327	556
TOTAL for Nonresidence	1975	69,806	—	26,218,976	380
	1976	60,406	-13.5	23,651,189	392
	1977	59,644	- 1.3	26,739,263	448
	1978	63,738	+ 6.9	29,207,291	458
	1979	73,384	+15.1	39,481,884	538
TOTAL for Florida	1975	196,446	—	\$85,620,063	\$ 436
	1976	164,413	-16.3	67,527,239	411
	1977	157,120	- 4.4	68,576,975	436
	1978	170,020	+ 8.2	80,793,004	475
	1979	190,848	+12.3	110,443,398	579

*Includes attempts where no property was stolen.

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