

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.

1971—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 22,511 aggravated assaults were reported by law enforcement agencies for 1971.

Assaults accounted for 58.4 percent of all violent crimes and 5.6 percent of all index crimes.

The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 319.7 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

A total of 15,383 aggravated assaults were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared which represents a clearance rate of 68.3 percent statewide.

Persons under the age of 30 accounted for 54.3 percent of the arrests for aggravated assault. Arrests of males for aggravated assault outnumbered females by a 4.6 to 1 margin.

Analysis of aggravated assault arrests by race indicates that 41.2 percent of all persons arrested were White, 57.2 percent were Negro, and 1.6 percent were of other races.

Of all weapons used in aggravated assaults, the use of firearms was the most prevalent, representing 6,652 offenses and comprising 29.5 percent of all assaults.

1972—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 23,659 aggravated assaults were reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1972.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 58.8 percent of all violent crimes and 6.1 percent of all index crimes reported.

The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 317.9 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

A total of 16,864 aggravated assaults were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared which represents a clearance rate of 71.3 percent statewide.

Persons under the age of 30 accounted for 55.1 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 44.6 percent of all persons arrested were White, 54.1 percent were Negro, and 1.3 percent were of other races.

Of all weapons used in aggravated assaults, the use of firearms was the most prevalent, representing 6,994 offenses and comprising 29.6 percent of all aggravated assaults.

1973—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 25,722 aggravated assaults were reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1973.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 55.4 percent of all violent crimes and 5.6 percent of all index crimes reported.

The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 327.9 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

A total of 18,046 aggravated assaults were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared which represents a clearance rate of 70.2 percent statewide.

Persons under the age of 30 accounted for 55.7 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 46.4 percent of all persons arrested were White, 52.8 percent were Negro, and 0.9 percent were of other races.

Of all weapons used in aggravated assaults, the use of firearms was the most prevalent, representing 8,765 offenses and comprising 34.1 percent of all aggravated assaults.

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1971-1973

| Classification | 1971 | | 1972 | | 1973 | |
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| | Number of Assaults | Percent* | Number of Assaults | Percent* | Number of Assaults | Percent* |
| Gun | 6,652 | 29.5 | 6,994 | 29.6 | 8,765 | 34.1 |
| Knife or Cutting Instrument | 6,265 | 27.8 | 6,205 | 26.2 | 6,524 | 25.4 |
| Other Dangerous Weapons | 5,322 | 23.6 | 5,435 | 23.0 | 6,245 | 24.3 |
| Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc. | 4,272 | 19.0 | 5,025 | 21.2 | 4,188 | 16.3 |
| TOTAL for Florida | 22,511 | 100.0 | 23,659 | 100.0 | 25,722 | 100.0 |

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*Percent Distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.