

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.

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.

1974—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 28,497 aggravated assaults were reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1974.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 52.0 percent of all violent crimes and 4.8 percent of all index crimes reported.

The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 345.5 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

A total of 19,498 aggravated assaults were cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared which represents a clearance rate of 68.4 percent statewide.

Persons under the age of 30 accounted for 60.4 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 47.7 percent of all persons arrested were White, 51.9 percent were Negro, and 0.4 percent were of other races.

Of all weapons used in aggravated assaults, the use of firearms was the most prevalent, representing 9,547 offenses and comprising 33.5 percent of all aggravated assaults.

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1972-1974

Classification	1972		1973		1974	
	Number of Assaults	Percent*	Number of Assaults	Percent*	Number of Assaults	Percent*
Firearm	6,994	29.6	8,765	34.1	9,547	33.5
Knife or Cutting Instrument	6,205	26.2	6,524	25.4	7,527	26.4
Other Dangerous Weapons	5,435	23.0	6,245	24.3	7,730	27.1
Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.	5,025	21.2	4,188	16.3	3,693	13.0
TOTAL for Florida	23,659	100.0	25,722	100.0	28,497	100.0

*Percent Distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.

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