

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

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1982 — SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 55,409 aggravated assaults was reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1982.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 59.3 percent of all violent crimes and 7.1 percent of all index crimes reported.

The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 534.0 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

There were 36,443 aggravated assaults cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared which represents a clearance rate of 65.8 percent statewide.

Persons under the age of 30 accounted for 60.0 percent of the arrests for aggravated assault. Arrests of males for aggravated assault outnumbered females by a 6 to 1 margin.

Analysis of aggravated assault arrests by race indicates that 56.1 percent of all persons arrested were white, 43.6 percent were black and 0.3 percent were of other races.

The use of firearms represented 16,022 offenses and comprised 28.9 percent of all aggravated assaults.

BY TYPE OF WEAPON USED 1978-1982

Year		Firearm	Knife or Cutting Instrument	Other Dangerous Weapons	Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc. Aggravated	Total
1978	Number Percent*	10,623 24.6%	10,307 23.9%	13,283 30.8%	8,962 20.8%	43,175 100.0%
1979	Number Percent*	12,331 26.7%	11,562 25.1%	15,030 32.6%	7,189 15.6%	46,112 100.0%
1980	Number Percent*	15,508 29.1%	12,873 24.2%	17,074 32.1%	7,796 14.6%	53,251 100.0%
1981	Number Percent*	17,027 30.7%	12,804 23.1%	16,910 30.5%	8,649 15.6%	55,390 100.0%
1982	Number Percent*	16,022 28.9%	13,551 24.5%	17,444 31.5%	8,392 15.1%	55,409 100.0%

DISTRIBUTION OF ARRESTS BY AGE GROUPS 1978-1982

Year		Under 18	18-24	25-34	35-44	45 & Over	Total
1978	Arrest Percent*	3,305 19.2%	4,636 27.0%	4,506 26.2%	2,508 14.6%	2,218 12.9%	17,173 100.0%
1979	Arrest Percent*	3,493 18.6%	5,539 29.6%	4,917 26.2%	2,473 13.2%	2,315 12.4%	18,737 100.0%
1980	Arrest Percent*	3,601 17.6%	6,104 29.9%	5,542 27.2%	2,652 13.0%	2,507 12.3%	20,406 100.0%
1981	Arrest Percent*	3,123 14.9%	6,145 29.3%	6,282 29.9%	2,932 14.0%	2,522 12.0%	21,004 100.0%
1982	Arrest Percent*	3,093 13.3%	6,608 28.5%	7,204 31.0%	3,380 14.6%	2,922 12.6%	23,207 100.0%

*Percent distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.