

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

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1983—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 53,798 aggravated assaults was reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1983.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 60.9 percent of all violent crimes and 7.4 percent of all index crimes reported.

The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 507.9 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

There were 35,572 aggravated assaults cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, which represents a clearance rate of 66.1 percent statewide.

Persons under the age of 30 accounted for 58.6 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 54.9 percent of all persons arrested were white, 45.0 percent were black and 0.2 percent were of other races.

The use of firearms represented 14,522 offenses and comprised 27.0 percent of all aggravated assaults.

BY TYPE OF WEAPON USED 1979-1983

Year		Firearm	Knife or Cutting Instrument	Other Dangerous Weapons	Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc. Aggravated	Total
1979	Number	12,331	11,562	15,030	7,189	46,112
	Percent*	26.7%	25.1%	32.6%	15.6%	100.0%
1980	Number	15,508	12,873	17,074	7,796	53,251
	Percent*	29.1%	24.2%	32.1%	14.6%	100.0%
1981	Number	17,027	12,804	16,910	8,649	55,390
	Percent*	30.7%	23.1%	30.5%	15.6%	100.0%
1982	Number	16,022	13,551	17,444	8,392	55,409
	Percent*	28.9%	24.5%	31.5%	15.1%	100.0%
1983	Number	14,522	13,406	17,280	8,590	53,798
	Percent*	27.0%	24.9%	32.1%	16.0%	100.0%

DISTRIBUTION OF ARRESTS BY AGE GROUPS 1979-1983

Year		Under 18	18-24	25-34	35-44	45 & Over	Total
1979	Arrest	3,493	5,539	4,917	2,473	2,315	18,737
	Percent*	18.6%	29.6%	26.2%	13.2%	12.4%	100.0%
1980	Arrest	3,601	6,104	5,542	2,652	2,507	20,406
	Percent*	17.6%	29.9%	27.2%	13.0%	12.3%	100.0%
1981	Arrest	3,123	6,145	6,282	2,932	2,522	21,004
	Percent*	14.9%	29.3%	29.9%	14.0%	12.0%	100.0%
1982	Arrest	3,093	6,608	7,204	3,380	2,922	23,207
	Percent*	13.3%	28.5%	31.0%	14.6%	12.6%	100.0%
1983	Arrest	3,061	6,402	7,190	3,595	3,013	23,261
	Percent*	13.2%	27.5%	30.9%	15.5%	13.0%	100.0%

*Percent distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.

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