

# AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

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## 1984—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 58,208 aggravated assaults was reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1984.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 61.0 percent of all violent crimes and 7.8 percent of all index crimes reported.

The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 532.5 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

There were 38,990 aggravated assaults cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, which represents a clearance rate of 67.0 percent statewide.

Persons under the age of 30 accounted for 58.2 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 52.7 percent of all persons arrested were white, 47.1 percent were black and 0.2 percent were of other races.

The use of firearms represented 16,066 offenses and comprised 27.6 percent of all aggravated assaults.

## BY TYPE OF WEAPON USED 1982-1984

| Year |                    | Firearm         | Knife or Cutting Instrument | Other Dangerous Weapons | Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc. Aggravated | Total            |
|------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1982 | Number<br>Percent* | 16,022<br>28.9% | 13,551<br>24.5%             | 17,444<br>31.5%         | 8,392<br>15.1%                      | 55,409<br>100.0% |
| 1983 | Number<br>Percent* | 14,522<br>27.0% | 13,406<br>24.9%             | 17,280<br>32.1%         | 8,590<br>16.0%                      | 53,798<br>100.0% |
| 1984 | Number<br>Percent* | 16,066<br>27.6% | 14,343<br>24.6%             | 20,310<br>34.9%         | 7,489<br>12.9%                      | 58,208<br>100.0% |

## DISTRIBUTION OF ARRESTS BY AGE GROUPS 1982-1984

| Year |                    | Under 18       | 18-24          | 25-34          | 35-44          | 45 & Over      | Total            |
|------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1982 | Arrest<br>Percent* | 3,093<br>13.3% | 6,608<br>28.5% | 7,204<br>31.0% | 3,380<br>14.6% | 2,922<br>12.6% | 23,207<br>100.0% |
| 1983 | Arrest<br>Percent* | 3,061<br>13.2% | 6,402<br>27.5% | 7,190<br>30.9% | 3,595<br>15.5% | 3,013<br>13.0% | 23,261<br>100.0% |
| 1984 | Arrest<br>Percent* | 3,089<br>13.0% | 6,355<br>26.7% | 7,682<br>32.2% | 3,665<br>15.4% | 3,030<br>12.7% | 23,821<br>100.0% |

\*Percent distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.