

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

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1985—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 64,171 aggravated assaults was reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1985.

Aggravated assaults accounted for 60.0 percent of all violent crimes and 7.5 percent of all index crimes reported.

The rate of aggravated assaults amounted to 569.0 assaults for each 100,000 persons.

There were 41,537 aggravated assaults cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, which represents a clearance rate of 64.7 percent statewide.

Persons under the age of 30 accounted for 58.8 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 51.3 percent of all persons arrested were white, 48.5 percent were black and 0.2 percent were of other races.

The use of firearms represented 17,939 offenses and comprised 28.0 percent of all aggravated assaults.

BY TYPE OF WEAPON USED 1983-1985

Year		Firearm	Knife or Cutting Instrument	Other Dangerous Weapons	Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc. Aggravated	Total
1983	Number Percent*	14,522 27.0%	13,406 24.9%	17,280 32.1%	8,590 16.0%	53,798 100.0%
1984	Number Percent*	16,066 27.6%	14,343 24.6%	20,310 34.9%	7,489 12.9%	58,208 100.0%
1985	Number Percent*	17,939 28.0%	15,544 24.2%	24,047 37.5%	6,641 10.3%	64,171 100.0%

DISTRIBUTION OF ARRESTS BY AGE GROUPS 1983-1985

Year		Under 18	18-24	25-34	35-44	45 & Over	Total
1983	Arrest Percent*	3,061 13.2%	6,402 27.5%	7,190 30.9%	3,595 15.5%	3,013 13.0%	23,261 100.0%
1984	Arrest Percent*	3,089 13.0%	6,355 26.7%	7,682 32.2%	3,665 15.4%	3,030 12.7%	23,821 100.0%
1985	Arrest Percent*	3,392 13.8%	6,354 25.8%	8,191 33.3%	3,775 15.3%	2,887 11.7%	24,599 100.0%

*Percent distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.