

ARSON

Arson — is any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

(Only fires determined through investigation to have been willfully or maliciously set are classified as arsons. Fires of suspicious or unknown origins are excluded.)

1980 — SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 3,961 arsons was reported by Florida law enforcement agencies for the year 1980.

The number of arsons committed per 100,000 persons was 41.3.

There were 710 arsons cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared. This represents a statewide clearance rate of 17.9 percent.

The age group accounting for the highest percentage of persons arrested for arson was the 25-29 bracket with 12.0 percent. Of all persons arrested for arson, 85.5 percent were males.

Of all persons arrested for arson, 78.0 percent were white, 21.7 percent were black and 0.3 percent were of other races.

Of all property classifications, single occupancy residential accounted for the largest number of arsons with 1,089 offenses or 27.5 percent of all arsons. The percentage of arsons involving structures was 63.7 percent as compared to 27.9 percent for mobile property. The remaining percentage involved destruction of crops, timber, signs and other miscellaneous property. Offenses involving uninhabited structures were 683 or 17.2 percent of all arsons.

The value of property damaged by arson totaled \$31,496,922. Other residential consisted of 3.8 percent of the total amount or \$1,201,664. Mobile Property consisted of 7.7 percent of the total amount damaged or \$2,418,452.

ARSON BY PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION 1980

PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION	ACTUAL OFFENSES	OFFENSES CLEARED	CLEARANCES INVOLVING JUVENILES	ARSON OF UNINHABITED STRUCTURES	EST. VALUE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE
Single Occupancy Residential: Houses, Townhouses, Duplexes, etc.	1,089	255	59	284	\$ 6,214,222
Other Residential: Apartments, Tenements, Flats, Hotels, Inns, Dormitories, Boarding Houses, etc.	361	68	19	71	1,201,664
Storage: Barns, Garages, Warehouses, etc.	92	17	7	32	633,151
Industrial/Manufacturing	56	6	2	7	2,071,409
Other Commercial: Stores, Restaurants, Offices, etc.	471	64	18	107	11,967,085
Community/Public: Churches, jails, Schools, Colleges, Hospitals, etc.	283	77	33	74	6,188,693
All Other Structure: Out Buildings, Monuments, Buildings Under Construction, etc.	171	20	7	108	421,655
TOTAL STRUCTURE	2,523	507	145	683	\$28,697,879
Motor Vehicles: Automobiles, Trucks, Buses, Motorcycles, etc.: UCR Definition	1,035	119	17	—	1,595,076
Other Mobile Property: Trailers, Recreational Vehicles, Airplanes, Boats, etc.	69	6	3	—	823,376
TOTAL MOBILE	1,104	125	20	—	\$ 2,418,452
Total Other: Crops, Timber, Fences, Signs, etc.	334	78	45	—	380,591
GRAND TOTAL	3,961	710	210	683	\$31,496,922

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