

ARSON

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1982 — SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 3,564 arsons was reported by Florida law enforcement agencies for the year 1982.

The number of arsons committed per 100,000 persons was 34.4.

There were 623 arsons cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared. This represents a statewide clearance rate of 17.5 percent.

The age group accounting for the highest percentage of persons arrested for arson was the 25-29 bracket with 14.9 percent. Of all persons arrested for arson, 84.7 percent were males.

Of all persons arrested for arson, 73.4 percent were white, 26.6

percent were black and 0.0 percent were of other races.

Of all property classifications, single occupancy residential accounted for the largest number of arsons with 1,030 offenses or 28.9 percent of all arsons. The percentage of arsons involving structures was 61.0 percent as compared to 30.6 percent for mobile property. The remaining percentage involved destruction of crops, timber, signs and other miscellaneous property. Offenses involving uninhabited structures were 451 or 12.7 percent of all arsons.

The value of property damaged by arson totaled \$25,678,288. Other residential consisted of 3.2 percent of the total amount or \$820,283. Mobile property consisted of 8.5 percent of the total amount damaged or \$2,185,816.

ARSON BY PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION, 1980-1982

| PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION | YEAR | ACTUAL OFFENSES | PERCENT CHANGE | OFFENSES CLEARED | CLEARANCES INVOLVING JUVENILES | ARSON OF UNINHABITED STRUCTURES | EST. VALUE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE | PERCENT CHANGE |
|---|------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Single Occupancy Residential: Houses, Townhouses, Duplexes, etc. | 1980 | 1,089 | | 255 | 59 | 284 | \$ 6,214,222 | |
| | 1981 | 1,059 | - 2.8 | 223 | 64 | 276 | 5,929,859 | - 4.6 |
| | 1982 | 1,030 | - 2.7 | 207 | 32 | 224 | 6,786,490 | + 14.4 |
| Other Residential: Apartments, Tenements, Flats, Hotels, Inns, Dorms, Boarding Houses, etc. | 1980 | 361 | | 68 | 19 | 71 | 1,201,664 | |
| | 1981 | 368 | + 1.9 | 89 | 20 | 53 | 1,543,757 | + 28.5 |
| | 1982 | 306 | - 16.8 | 76 | 9 | 46 | 820,283 | - 46.9 |
| Storage: Barns, Garages, Warehouses, etc. | 1980 | 92 | | 17 | 7 | 32 | 633,151 | |
| | 1981 | 108 | + 17.4 | 15 | 5 | 50 | 535,620 | - 15.4 |
| | 1982 | 76 | - 29.6 | 10 | 5 | 38 | 405,613 | - 24.3 |
| Industrial/Manufacturing | 1980 | 56 | | 6 | 2 | 7 | 2,071,409 | |
| | 1981 | 34 | - 39.3 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 173,641 | - 91.6 |
| | 1982 | 36 | + 5.9 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 709,720 | + 308.7 |
| Other Commercial: Stores, Restaurants, Offices, etc. | 1980 | 471 | | 64 | 18 | 107 | 11,967,085 | |
| | 1981 | 418 | - 11.3 | 53 | 9 | 73 | 7,399,125 | - 38.2 |
| | 1982 | 417 | - 0.2 | 57 | 13 | 71 | 12,009,455 | + 62.3 |
| Community/Public: Churches, Jails, Schools, Colleges, Hospitals, etc. | 1980 | 283 | | 77 | 33 | 74 | 6,188,693 | |
| | 1981 | 231 | - 18.4 | 71 | 29 | 36 | 7,057,640 | + 14.0 |
| | 1982 | 193 | - 16.5 | 63 | 26 | 29 | 2,195,192 | - 68.9 |
| All Other Structure: Out Buildings, Monuments, Buildings Under Construction, etc. | 1980 | 171 | | 20 | 7 | 108 | 421,655 | |
| | 1981 | 131 | - 23.4 | 31 | 8 | 55 | 4,265,350 | + 911.6 |
| | 1982 | 115 | - 12.2 | 29 | 9 | 33 | 461,549 | - 89.2 |
| TOTAL STRUCTURE | 1980 | 2,523 | | 507 | 145 | 683 | \$28,697,879 | |
| | 1981 | 2,349 | - 6.9 | 484 | 135 | 549 | 26,904,992 | - 6.2 |
| | 1982 | 2,173 | - 7.5 | 446 | 94 | 451 | 23,388,302 | - 13.1 |
| Motor Vehicles: Automobiles, Trucks, Buses, Motorcycles, etc.: UCR Definition | 1980 | 1,035 | | 119 | 17 | — | 1,595,076 | |
| | 1981 | 1,028 | - 0.7 | 133 | 15 | — | 1,684,352 | + 5.6 |
| | 1982 | 1,013 | - 1.5 | 125 | 7 | — | 1,709,450 | + 1.5 |
| Other Mobile Property: Trailers, Recreational Vehicles, Airplanes, Boats, etc. | 1980 | 69 | | 6 | 3 | — | 823,376 | |
| | 1981 | 85 | + 23.2 | 16 | 3 | — | 268,080 | - 67.4 |
| | 1982 | 78 | - 8.2 | 7 | 3 | — | 476,366 | + 77.7 |
| TOTAL MOBILE | 1980 | 1,104 | | 125 | 20 | — | \$ 2,418,452 | |
| | 1981 | 1,113 | + 0.8 | 149 | 18 | — | 1,952,432 | - 19.3 |
| | 1982 | 1,091 | - 2.0 | 132 | 10 | — | 2,185,816 | + 12.0 |
| Total Other: Crops, Timber, Fences, Signs, etc. | 1980 | 334 | | 78 | 45 | — | 380,591 | |
| | 1981 | 389 | + 16.5 | 104 | 68 | — | 591,262 | + 55.4 |
| | 1982 | 300 | - 22.9 | 45 | 23 | — | 104,170 | - 82.4 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 1980 | 3,961 | | 710 | 210 | 683 | \$31,496,922 | |
| | 1981 | 3,851 | - 2.8 | 737 | 221 | 549 | 29,448,686 | - 6.5 |
| | 1982 | 3,564 | - 7.5 | 623 | 127 | 451 | 25,678,288 | - 12.8 |