

ARSON

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1983—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 3,244 arsons was reported by Florida law enforcement agencies for the year 1983.

The number of arsons committed per 100,000 persons was 30.6.

There were 706 arsons cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared. This represents a statewide clearance rate of 21.8 percent.

The age group accounting for the highest percentage of persons arrested for arson was the 25-29 bracket with 12.6 percent. Of all persons arrested for arson, 84.4 percent were males.

Of all persons arrested for arson, 73.8 percent were white, 25.8

percent were black and 0.4 percent were of other races.

Of all property classifications, single occupancy residential accounted for the largest number of arsons with 1,024 offenses or 31.6 percent of all arsons. The percentage of arsons involving structures was 64.8 percent as compared to 26.3 percent for mobile property. The remaining percentage involved destruction of crops, timber, signs and other miscellaneous property. Offenses involving uninhabited structures were 432 or 13.3 percent of all arsons.

The value of property damaged by arson totaled \$28,876,280. Other residential consisted of 3.8 percent of the total amount or \$1,106,395. Mobile property consisted of 14.2 percent of the total amount damaged or \$4,087,023.

ARSON BY PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION, 1981-1983

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.	1981	1,059		223	64	276	\$ 5,929,859	
	1982	1,030	- 2.7	207	32	224	6,786,490	+ 14.4
	1983	1,024	- 0.6	245	51	197	6,937,604	+ 2.2
Other residential: Apartments, Tenements, Flats, Hotels, Inns, Dorms, Boarding Houses, etc.	1981	368		89	20	53	1,543,757	
	1982	306	- 16.8	76	9	46	820,283	- 46.9
	1983	291	- 4.9	94	17	40	1,106,395	+ 34.9
Storage: Barns, Garages, Warehouses, etc.	1981	108		15	5	50	535,620	
	1982	76	- 29.6	10	5	38	405,613	- 24.3
	1983	100	+ 31.6	17	5	55	3,714,753	+ 815.8
Industrial/Manufacturing	1981	34		2	0	6	173,641	
	1982	36	+ 5.9	4	0	10	709,720	+ 308.7
	1983	36	0.0	2	1	7	4,804,211	+ 576.9
Other Commercial: Stores, Restaurants, Offices, etc.	1981	418		53	9	73	7,399,125	
	1982	417	- 0.2	57	13	71	12,009,455	+ 62.3
	1983	347	- 16.8	58	13	54	5,170,366	- 56.9
Community/Public: Churches, Jails, Schools, Colleges, Hospitals, etc.	1981	231		71	29	36	7,057,640	
	1982	193	- 16.5	63	26	29	2,195,192	- 68.9
	1983	206	+ 6.7	73	37	36	2,388,298	+ 8.8
All Other Structure: Out Buildings, Monuments, Buildings Under Construction, etc.	1981	131		31	8	55	4,265,350	
	1982	115	- 12.2	29	9	33	461,549	- 89.2
	1983	97	- 15.7	29	12	43	266,939	- 42.2
TOTAL STRUCTURE	1981	2,349		484	135	549	26,904,992	
	1982	2,173	- 7.5	446	94	451	23,388,302	- 13.1
	1983	2,101	- 3.3	518	136	432	24,388,566	+ 4.3
Motor Vehicles: Automobiles, Trucks, Buses, Motorcycles, etc.: UCR Definition	1981	1,028		133	15	—	1,684,352	
	1982	1,013	- 1.5	125	7	—	1,709,450	+ 1.5
	1983	786	- 22.4	119	20	—	1,733,610	+ 1.4
Other Mobile Property: Trailers, Recreational Vehicles, Airplanes, Boats, etc.	1981	85		16	3	—	268,080	
	1982	78	- 8.2	7	3	—	476,366	+ 77.7
	1983	67	- 14.1	12	3	—	2,353,413	+ 394.0
TOTAL MOBILE	1981	1,113		149	18	—	1,952,432	
	1982	1,091	- 2.0	132	10	—	2,185,816	+ 12.0
	1983	853	- 21.8	131	23	—	4,087,023	+ 87.0
TOTAL OTHER: Crops, Timber, Fences, Signs, etc.	1981	389		104	68	—	591,262	
	1982	300	- 22.9	45	23	—	104,170	- 82.4
	1983	290	- 3.3	57	17	—	400,691	+ 284.7
GRAND TOTAL	1981	3,851		737	221	549	\$29,448,686	
	1982	3,564	- 7.5	623	127	451	25,678,288	- 12.8
	1983	3,244	- 9.0	706	176	432	28,876,280	+ 12.5