

ARSON

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1984—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 3,755 arsons was reported by Florida law enforcement agencies for the year 1984.

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

There were 844 arsons cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared. This represents a statewide clearance rate of 22.5 percent.

The age group accounting for the highest percentage of persons arrested for arson was the 25-29 bracket with 15.0 percent. Of all persons arrested for arson, 87.5 percent were males.

Of all persons arrested for arson, 68.4 percent were white, 30.7 percent were black and 1.0 percent were of other races.

Of all property classifications, single occupancy residential accounted for the largest number of arsons with 1,141 offenses or 30.4 percent of all arsons. The percentage of arsons involving structures was 63.5 percent as compared to 26.2 percent for mobile property. The remaining percentage involved destructions of crops, timber, signs and other miscellaneous property. Offenses involving uninhabited structures were 484 or 12.9 percent of all arsons.

The value of property damaged by arson totaled \$32,979,615. Other residential consisted of 11.0 percent of the total amount or \$3,631,250. Mobile property consisted of 8.3 percent of the total amount damaged or \$2,731,301.

ARSON BY PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION, 1982-1984

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.	1982	1,030		207	32	224	6,786,490	
	1983	1,024	- 0.6	245	51	197	6,937,604	+ 2.2
	1984	1,141	+11.4	273	50	238	9,391,719	+ 35.4
Other residential: Apartments, Tenements, Flats, Hotels, Inn, Dorms, Boarding Houses, etc.	1982	306		76	9	46	820,283	
	1983	291	- 4.9	94	17	40	1,106,395	+ 34.9
	1984	374	+28.5	103	8	50	3,631,250	+228.2
Storage: Barns, Garages, Warehouses, etc.	1982	76		10	5	38	405,613	- 24.3
	1983	100	+31.6	17	5	55	3,714,753	+815.8
	1984	93	- 7.0	19	4	41	1,391,639	- 62.5
Industrial/Manufacturing	1982	36		4	0	10	709,720	
	1983	36	0.0	2	1	7	4,804,211	+576.9
	1984	30	- 16.7	4	0	3	3,106,132	- 35.3
Other Commercial: Stores, Restaurants, Offices, etc.	1982	417		57	13	71	12,009,455	
	1983	347	-16.8	58	13	54	5,170,366	- 56.9
	1984	434	-25.1	82	13	70	10,649,306	+106.0
Community/Public: Churches, Jails, Schools, Colleges, Hospitals, etc.	1982	193		63	26	29	2,195,192	
	1983	206	+ 6.7	73	37	36	2,388,298	+ 8.8
	1984	192	- 6.8	68	30	37	542,955	- 77.3
All Other Structure: Out Buildings, Monuments, Buildings Under Construction, etc.	1982	115		29	9	33	461,549	
	1983	97	-15.7	29	12	43	266,939	- 42.2
	1984	119	+22.7	34	7	45	1,052,154	+294.2
TOTAL STRUCTURE	1982	2,173		446	94	451	23,388,302	
	1983	2,101	- 3.3	518	136	432	24,388,566	+ 4.3
	1984	2,383	+13.4	583	112	484	29,765,155	+ 22.0
Motor Vehicles: Automobiles, Trucks, Buses, Motorcycles, etc. UCR Definition	1982	1,013		125	7	—	1,709,450	
	1983	786	-22.4	119	20	—	1,733,610	+ 1.4
	1984	927	+17.9	147	16	—	2,333,958	+ 34.6
Other Mobile Property: Trailers, Recreational Vehicles, Airplanes, Boats, etc.	1982	78		7	3	—	476,366	
	1983	67	-14.1	12	3	—	2,353,413	+394.0
	1984	56	-16.4	7	0	—	397,343	- 83.1
TOTAL MOBILE	1982	1,091		132	10	—	2,185,816	
	1983	853	-21.8	131	23	—	4,087,023	+ 87.0
	1984	983	+15.2	154	16	—	2,731,301	- 33.2
TOTAL OTHER: Crops, Timber, Fences, Signs, etc.	1982	300		45	23	—	104,170	
	1983	290	- 3.3	57	17	—	400,691	+284.7
	1984	389	+34.1	107	33	—	483,159	+ 20.6
GRAND TOTAL	1982	3,564		623	127	451	25,678,288	
	1983	3,244	- 9.0	706	176	432	28,876,280	+ 12.5
	1984	3,755	+15.8	844	161	484	32,979,615	+ 14.2