

ARSON

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1985—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 3,902 arsons was reported Florida law enforcement agencies for the year 1985.

The number of arsons committed per 100,000 persons was 34.6.

There were 896 arsons cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared. This represents a statewide clearance rate of 23.0 percent.

The age group accounting for the highest percentage of persons arrested for arson was the 25-29 bracket with 14.1 percent. Of all persons arrested for arsons, 86.5 percent were males.

Of all persons arrested for arson 69.7 percent were white, 29.8 percent were black and 0.6 percent were of other races.

Of all property classifications, motor vehicles accounted for the largest number of arsons with 1,151 offenses or 29.5 percent of all arsons. The percentage of arsons involving structures was 60.2 percent as compared to 31.2 percent for mobile property. The remaining percentage involved destruction of crops, timber, signs and other miscellaneous property. Offenses involving uninhabited structures were 481 or 12.3 percent of all arsons.

The value of property damaged by arson totaled \$28,221,511. Other residential consisted of 10.8 percent of the total amount or \$3,053,929. Mobile property consisted of 12.7 percent of the total amount damaged or \$3,575,866.

ARSON BY PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION, 1983-1985

| 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. | 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 |
| | 1985 | 1,062 | - 6.9 | 252 | 42 | 240 | 8,808,561 | - 6.2 |
| Other Residential: Apartments, Tenements, Flats, Hotel, Inns, Dorms, Boarding Houses, etc. | 1983 | 291 | - 4.9 | 94 | 17 | 40 | 1,106,395 | + 34.9 |
| | 1984 | 374 | +28.5 | 103 | 8 | 50 | 3,631,250 | +228.2 |
| | 1985 | 346 | - 7.5 | 100 | 16 | 55 | 3,053,929 | - 15.9 |
| Storage: Barns, Garages, Warehouses, etc. | 1983 | 100 | +31.6 | 17 | 5 | 55 | 3,714,753 | +815.8 |
| | 1984 | 93 | - 7.0 | 19 | 4 | 41 | 1,391,639 | - 62.5 |
| | 1985 | 90 | - 3.2 | 14 | 3 | 36 | 317,980 | - 77.2 |
| Industrial/Manufacturing | 1983 | 36 | 0.0 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4,804,211 | +576.9 |
| | 1984 | 30 | -16.7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 3,106,132 | - 35.3 |
| | 1985 | 28 | - 6.7 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 1,715,367 | - 44.8 |
| Other Commercial: Stores, Restaurants, Offices, etc. | 1983 | 347 | -16.8 | 58 | 13 | 54 | 5,170,366 | - 56.9 |
| | 1984 | 434 | -25.1 | 82 | 13 | 70 | 10,649,306 | +106.0 |
| | 1985 | 425 | - 2.1 | 75 | 21 | 65 | 8,014,799 | - 24.7 |
| Community/Public: Churches, Jails, Schools, Colleges, Hospitals, etc. | 1983 | 206 | + 6.7 | 73 | 37 | 36 | 2,388,298 | + 8.8 |
| | 1984 | 192 | - 6.8 | 68 | 30 | 37 | 542,955 | - 77.3 |
| | 1985 | 270 | +40.6 | 121 | 38 | 33 | 1,423,040 | +162.1 |
| All Other Structure: Out Buildings, Monuments, Buildings Under Construction, etc. | 1983 | 97 | -15.7 | 29 | 12 | 43 | 266,939 | - 42.2 |
| | 1984 | 119 | +22.7 | 34 | 7 | 45 | 1,052,154 | +294.2 |
| | 1985 | 128 | + 7.6 | 41 | 5 | 47 | 951,221 | - 9.6 |
| TOTAL STRUCTURE | 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 |
| | 1985 | 2,349 | - 1.4 | 606 | 125 | 481 | 24,284,897 | - 18.4 |
| Motor Vehicles: Automobiles, Trucks, Buses, Motorcycles, etc. UCR Definition | 1983 | 786 | -22.4 | 119 | 20 | — | \$ 1,733,610 | + 1.4 |
| | 1984 | 927 | +17.9 | 147 | 16 | — | 2,333,958 | + 34.6 |
| | 1985 | 1,151 | +24.2 | 173 | 20 | — | 3,046,785 | + 30.5 |
| Other Mobile Property: Trailers, Recreational Vehicles, Airplanes, Boats, etc. | 1983 | 67 | -14.1 | 12 | 3 | — | 2,353,413 | +394.0 |
| | 1984 | 56 | -16.4 | 7 | 0 | — | 397,343 | - 83.1 |
| | 1985 | 68 | +21.4 | 12 | 4 | — | 529,081 | + 33.2 |
| TOTAL MOBILE | 1983 | 853 | -21.8 | 131 | 23 | — | \$ 4,087,023 | + 87.0 |
| | 1984 | 983 | +15.2 | 154 | 16 | — | 2,731,301 | - 33.2 |
| | 1985 | 1,219 | +24.0 | 185 | 24 | — | 3,575,866 | + 30.9 |
| TOTAL OTHER: Crops, Timber, Fences, Signs, etc. | 1983 | 290 | - 3.3 | 57 | 17 | — | \$ 400,691 | +284.7 |
| | 1984 | 389 | +34.1 | 107 | 33 | — | 483,159 | + 20.6 |
| | 1985 | 334 | -14.1 | 105 | 54 | — | 360,748 | - 25.3 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 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 |
| | 1985 | 3,902 | + 3.9 | 896 | 203 | 481 | 28,221,511 | - 14.4 |