

ARSON

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1986—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 3,971 arsons was reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1986.

The number of arsons committed per 100,000 persons was 34.1.

There were 781 arsons cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared. This represents a statewide clearance rate of 19.7 percent.

The age group accounting for the highest percentage of persons arrested for arson was the 25-29 bracket with 15.5 percent. Of all persons arrested for arson, 84.5 percent were males.

Of all persons arrested for arson 64.8 percent were white, 34.9 percent were black and 0.3 percent were of other races.

Of all property classifications, motor vehicles accounted for the largest number of arsons with 1,273 offenses or 32.1 percent of all arsons. The percentage of arsons involving structures was 58.8 percent as compared to 33.8 percent for mobile property. The remaining percentage involved destruction of crops, timber, signs and other miscellaneous property. Offenses involving uninhabited structures were 293 or 7.4 percent of all arsons.

The value of property damaged by arson totaled \$26,271,532. Other residential consisted of 8.5 percent of the total amount or \$2,235,913. Mobile property consisted of 16.6 percent of the total amount damaged or \$4,359,888.

ARSON BY PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION, 1984-1986

PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION	Year	Actual Offenses	Percent Change	Offenses Cleared	Clearances Involving Juvenile	Arson of Uninhabited Structures	Est. Value of Property Damage	Percent Change
Single Occupancy Residential: Houses, Townhouses, Duplexes, etc.	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
	1986	1,054	- 0.8	247	47	277	7,212,080	- 18.1
Other Residential: Apartments, Tenements, Flats, Hotels, Inns Dorms, Boarding Houses, etc.	1984	374	+28.5	103	8	50	3,631,250	+228.2
	1985	346	- 7.5	100	16	55	3,053,929	- 15.9
	1986	417	+20.5	106	16	64	2,235,913	- 26.8
Storage: Barns, Garages Warehouses, etc.	1984	93	- 7.0	19	4	41	1,391,639	- 62.5
	1985	90	- 3.2	14	3	36	317,980	- 77.2
	1986	92	+ 2.2	20	12	30	412,915	+ 29.9
Industrial/Manufacturing	1984	30	-16.7	4	0	3	3,106,132	- 35.3
	1985	28	- 6.7	3	0	5	1,715,367	- 44.8
	1986	21	-25.0	4	0	3	922,171	- 46.2
Other Commercial: Stores, Restaurants, Offices, etc.	1984	434	-25.1	82	13	70	10,649,306	+106.0
	1985	425	- 2.1	75	21	65	8,014,799	- 24.7
	1986	337	-20.7	53	9	64	9,447,646	+ 17.9
Community/Public: Churches, Jails, Schools, Colleges, Hospitals, etc.	1984	192	- 6.8	68	30	37	542,955	- 77.3
	1985	270	+40.6	121	38	33	1,423,040	+162.1
	1986	264	- 2.2	125	43	31	963,784	- 32.3
All Other Structure: Out Buildings, Monuments, Buildings Under Construction, etc.	1984	119	+22.7	34	7	45	1,052,154	+294.2
	1985	128	+ 7.6	41	5	47	951,221	- 9.6
	1986	149	+16.4	36	3	52	371,381	- 61.0
TOTAL STRUCTURE	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
	1986	2,334	- 0.6	591	130	521	21,565,890	- 11.2
Motor Vehicles: Automobiles, Trucks, Buses, Motorcycles, etc. UCR Definition	1984	927	+17.9	147	16	—	\$ 2,333,958	+ 34.6
	1985	1,151	+24.2	173	20	—	3,046,785	+ 30.5
	1986	1,273	+10.6	115	10	—	2,987,181	- 2.0
Other Mobile Property: Trailers, Recreational Vehicles, Airplanes Boats, etc.	1984	56	-16.4	7	0	—	397,343	- 83.1
	1985	68	+21.4	12	4	—	529,081	+ 33.2
	1986	71	+ 4.4	10	2	—	1,372,707	+159.5
TOTAL MOBILE	1984	983	+15.2	154	16	—	\$ 2,731,301	- 33.2
	1985	1,219	+24.0	185	24	—	3,575,866	+ 30.9
	1986	1,344	+10.3	125	12	—	4,359,888	+ 21.9
TOTAL OTHER: Crops, Timber Fences, Signs, etc.	1984	389	+34.1	107	33	—	\$ 483,159	+ 20.6
	1985	334	-14.1	105	54	—	360,748	- 25.3
	1986	293	-12.3	65	33	—	345,754	- 4.2
GRAND TOTAL	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
	1986	3,971	+ 1.8	781	175	521	26,271,532	- 6.9