

# LARCENY

Larceny is the taking of the personal property of another with intent to permanently deprive him of ownership.

All larcenies and thefts resulting from pocket picking, purse snatching, shoplifting, larceny from a motor vehicle, larceny of motor vehicle parts and accessories, theft of bicycle, larceny from buildings and from any coin operated machines are included in this category. Embezzlements, illegal conversions, larceny by a bailee, frauds or bad check cases are not included.

Starting in 1973, larcenies under \$50 in value were considered an Index Crime. To facilitate comparison the under \$50 larcenies have been added to the 1971 and 1972 figures.

## 1971—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 214,659 larcenies were reported by law enforcement agencies for 1971.

Reported larcenies accounted for 57.4 percent of crimes against property and 53.8 percent of all index offenses.

The larceny rate for Florida for 1971 amounted to 3,047.9 per 100,000 population.

There were 36,106 larcenies cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared. This represents a clearance rate of 16.8 percent statewide.

The age group responsible for the highest percentage of persons arrested for larceny, 8.7 percent, occurred in the 16 year old age category. Males accounted for 69.4 percent of persons arrested for all categories of larceny.

59.7 percent of all persons arrested for larceny were White, 39.4 percent were Negro, and 0.9 percent were of other races.

During 1971 the value of property stolen in actual offenses of larceny totaled \$30,226,367. This constitutes 28.1 percent of the total value of property stolen.

## 1972—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 206,960 larcenies were reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1972.

Reported larcenies accounted for 56.9 percent of crimes against property and 53.0 percent of all index offenses reported.

The larceny rate for Florida for the year amounted to 2,781.1 per 100,000 population.

There were 38,781 larcenies cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared. This represents a clearance rate of 18.7 percent statewide.

The age group responsible for the highest percentage of persons arrested for larceny, 8.5 percent, occurred in the 15 year old age category. Males accounted for 67.3 percent of persons arrested for all categories of larceny.

61.2 percent of all persons arrested for larceny were White, 38.2 percent were Negro, and 0.6 percent were of other races.

During the year 1972, the value of property stolen in actual offenses of larceny totaled \$31,429,740. This constitutes 28.8 percent of the total value of property stolen.

## 1973—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 234,263 larcenies were reported by law enforcement agencies for the year 1973.

Reported larcenies accounted for 54.7 percent of crimes against property and 51.2 percent of all index offenses reported.

The larceny rate for Florida for the year amounted to 2,986.1 per 100,000 population.

There were 43,817 larcenies cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared. This represents a clearance rate of 18.7 percent statewide.

The age group responsible for the highest percentage of persons arrested for larceny, 8.5 percent, occurred in the 16 year old age category. Males accounted for 65.8 percent of persons arrested for all categories of larceny.

62.4 percent of all persons arrested for larceny were White, 37.1 percent were Negro, and 0.4 percent were of other races.

During the year 1973, the value of property stolen in actual offenses of larceny totaled \$42,807,947. This constitutes 28.7 percent of the total value of property stolen.

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1971-1973

Classification	Year	Number of Offenses	Percent of Distribution*	Total Values	Average Value
Pocket-Picking	1971	1,565	0.7	\$ 143,761	\$ 92
	1972	1,434	0.7	153,474	107
	1973	1,552	0.7	169,043	109
Purse Snatching	1971	3,438	1.6	255,697	74
	1972	3,484	1.7	245,809	71
	1973	4,197	1.8	363,591	87
Shoplifting	1971	21,157	9.9	589,573	28
	1972	22,245	10.4	639,412	29
	1973	25,909	11.1	766,504	30
From Motor Vehicles	1971	36,338	16.9	5,017,347	138
	1972	34,814	16.8	5,504,587	158
	1973	40,157	17.1	6,677,883	166
Motor Vehicle Parts & Accessories	1971	36,443	17.0	2,655,640	73
	1972	31,534	15.2	2,306,531	73
	1973	30,417	13.0	2,341,093	77
Bicycles	1971	36,157	16.8	1,757,584	49
	1972	33,208	16.0	1,953,732	59
	1973	36,412	15.5	2,328,148	64
From Buildings	1971	31,288	14.6	7,229,297	231
	1972	33,435	16.2	7,428,638	222
	1973	39,587	16.9	9,331,758	236
From Any Coin Operated Machines	1971	5,813	2.7	154,555	27
	1972	4,573	2.2	156,025	34
	1973	4,997	2.1	234,156	47
All Other	1971	42,460	19.8	12,422,913	293
	1972	42,233	20.4	13,068,012	309
	1973	51,035	21.8	20,595,771	404
TOTAL for Florida	1971	214,659	100.0	\$30,226,367	\$141
	1972	206,960	100.0	31,456,220	152
	1973	234,263	100.0	42,807,947	183

\*Percent Distribution may not total 100.0 due to rounding.

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